

## PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF EVENTING RULES 2023

### Introduction

Further to the approval of the FEI Periodical Rules Revision Policy at the 2019 General Assembly (available here: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/about-fei/governance/rules-revision-process>) the full revision of the Eventing Rules took place in 2022. Consequently, for this year's revision process NFs and MOU stakeholders were invited to propose only modifications that fulfilled the following criteria:

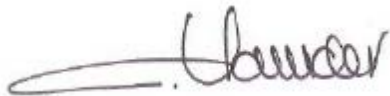
1. Urgent repairs, i.e., changes in the Rules that cannot await because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes; (Risk Management)
2. Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.
3. New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation;
4. Implementation of new technology development(s) relevant to the specific set of Rules;
5. IOC, IPC, WADA, ASOIF and similar organisations' policies' implementation;
6. Other scenarios not foreseen by this Policy as considered and approved by the Board.

In addition, the FEI Headquarters and the Eventing Committee have a number of proposals put forward based also on the above mentioned criteria.

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 addressed by the FEI with the relevant feedback from the Eventing Committee; and
- B. **Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI**

*This version of the Memo has been amended and re-published on 5 July 2023 to fix a typographical error on page [3-4], highlighted in blue.*



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

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
FRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
503.4 Age of Horses
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b><u>1 - Urgent repairs, i.e., changes in the Rules that cannot await because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes; (Risk Management)</u></b></p> <p>We propose to increase of one year the minimum age of horses to participate at a European Championship or a CCI5* in order to emphasise on the progressive pathway needed to access to that level. It contributes to horse welfare measures.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>503.4 Age of Horses</b></p> <p><i>The following minimum age of Horses will apply for all Competitions.</i></p> <p>a) CCI1* Level Competitions: a Horse may compete in 1* Competitions from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Horse reaches the age of five</p> <p>b) CCI2*/3* level Competitions: a Horse may compete in 2*, 3* Competitions from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Horse reaches the age of six.</p> <p>c) CCI4*level Competitions: a Horse may compete in Competitions of four star level from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Horse reaches the age of seven.</p> <p>d) CCI5*level Competitions and Four star Level Championships: a Horse may compete in Competitions of five star level or four star Championship from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Horse reaches the age of <del>eight</del>: nine</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>Extractions provided by the IT Department showed that since 2015 only 4 horses of 8 years of age participated at 4* Championships and 5* competitions and 22 horses of 7 years of age took part in 4* level competitions. It was also confirmed that for Jumping major Championships the minimum age was 9 years old</p> <p>The Committee decided in favour of the proposal of the 9 years of minimum age for 4* Championships and 5* competitions as this change would be beneficial from a horse welfare point of view.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<p><b>503.4 Age of Horses</b></p> <p>d) CCI5*level Competitions and Four star Level Championships: a Horse may compete in Competitions of five star level or four star Championship from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Horse reaches the age of <del>eight</del>: nine</p>

**Rules Proposal Submitted By**

**USA NF**

**Article No.–Article Name**

**513 Appointment of Officials**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

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

The following changes are clarifications and do not contain any substantive changes. These changes remove the potential for misunderstandings and differing interpretations. These proposed changes:

- Clarifies that L1 judges can be used on the Ground Jury for 2\*S since they are permitted for a 2\*L
- Applies the same formatting and language standards across all charts for consistency (Jumping CD references)
- Clarifies that starting 1 January 2024, all stewards will be required to have FEI status, so having the CS instruct someone that doesn't have FEI status will no longer meet the requirements outlined in the charts
- Clarifies that if a national Jumping CD is permitted, FEI Jumping CDs should be permitted as well

**Proposed Wording**

**513.2 Short Format (CCIs-S and CCIOs-S)**

Short format competition	4 star	3 star	2 star
Ground Jury	2 or 3 Judges		
	L2, L3 or L4 Judges President GJ – L3 or L4	<b>L2, L3, or L4 Judges</b> President GJ- L2, L3 or L4	<b>L1, L2, L3, or L4 Judges</b> President GJ- L2, L3 or L4
Jumping Course Designer	Jumping CD from National <b>or FEI</b> List	Jumping CD from National <b>or FEI</b> list recommended	

**513.3 Long Format (CCIs-L and CCIOs-L)**

Long format competition	5 star	4 star	3 star	2 star
Jumping Course Designer	<b>L3 or L4 FEI</b> Jumping CD from FEI 3&4 Jumping list	Jumping CD from National <b>or FEI</b> list	Jumping CD from National <b>or FEI</b> list recommended	

**513.5 Championships & Games**

Championships & Games	W-CH & Olympic Games	4 star	3 star	2 star
Jumping Course Designer	<b>L3 or L4 FEI</b> Jumping CD from 3 & 4 FEI Jumping list	Jumping CD from National <b>or FEI</b> list		

**513.7 Stewards**

**513.7.2 Assistant Stewards**

According to the size (number of overall competitors at the Event) and type of Event, a sufficient number of Assistant Stewards must be appointed by the Organising Committee in consultation with the Chief Steward.

All Assistant Stewards at international Events ~~should preferably~~ **must hold FEI status in accordance with the rules above.** ~~at least a Level 1 status. If this is not the case~~

<p><del>they must have received formal instruction in their specific responsibility from the Chief Steward.</del></p> <p>At CCI 4&amp;5*-L (Long) format international Events, Assistant Stewards to whom important tasks such as warm-up arenas, boot and bandage control, stable duties are allocated, must hold at least a Level 2 status.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The Committee agreed to the proposed changes as it corrected inconsistencies of the review wording.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
As above

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
European Equestrian Federation (EEF)/GER NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>513.8.3 Number of Technical Delegates per Event</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><u>3- New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation.</u></p> <p>This rule change will produce a lot of problems and unnecessary costs for the organisers and will hit especially the CCI2*-S/ CCI3*-S or CCI1*/CCI2*-S events.</p> <p>The TDs have not seen any problem with dealing with these numbers of starters. Furthermore if the number of entries reaches above 100 the OC has to find a second TD maybe at the last minute.</p> <p>In order not to put any further costs on the OCs of especially that level we would welcome an urgent change back to the original wording or just without the sentence.</p> <p>Original wording from 2022: In the case of an Event with 100 or less competitors, in no case more than two Technical Delegates are required.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>513.8.3 Number of Technical Delegates per Event</b></p> <p><i>In the case of more than one Competition (international and national) at the same Event:</i></p> <p>a) <i>One Technical Delegate must be appointed for two Competitions.</i></p> <p>b) <i>Two Technical Delegates must be appointed in the case of three or four Competitions.</i></p> <p>c) <i>Three Technical Delegates must be appointed in the case of five Competitions or more.</i></p> <p><del><i>In the case of an Event with 100 or more competitors, at least two Technical Delegates must be appointed.</i></del></p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>The Committee felt that the key factor was the total number of competitions at a same event rather than the total number of competitors per levels. The appointment of an experienced Ass. TD is also important.</p> <p>The EC agreed on the EEF proposed wording to remove extra sentence.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
As above

**Rules Proposal Submitted By**

**European Equestrian Federation (EEF)/GER NF/ IRL NF/ ITA NF/ POL NF**

**Article No.–Article Name**

**513.8.6 Course Designers**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

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

**EEF:** As it is well understood that organizers want to employ the course designers they want it should be rather a recommendation than a rule. The members of the working group agree with the original meaning of the rule to encourage new course designers and give a chance to the upcoming ones.

The EEF WG therefore does not favour a major change in this article and also supports the proposal from the POL NF concerning an assistant course designer and a mentoring system for CCI4\*-L and CCI5\*-L as it could be freshening up the system.

**GER NF:** The GER NF agrees with the original meaning of the rule to encourage new course designers and give more officiating chances to the upcoming ones.

The GER NF therefore supports the idea in this article and also the proposal from the POL NF concerning an assistant course designer and a mentoring system for CCI4\*-L and CCI5\*-L.

From an organiser’s point of view it should rather be a strong recommendation than a strictly applied rule as the CDs are usually employed by the OCs and especially at the higher levels it often takes several years until the CD is fully familiar with the venue and the right level of the XC.

**IRL NF:** The IRL NF propose an amendment to this rule under Criteria 3. New/recently introduced rule(s) that has(ve) proven to be problematic in its implementation. The IRL NF agree with the original meaning of the rule to encourage new course designers and give more officiating chances to the upcoming ones.

**ITA NF:** It is very difficult to implement this art. to the rules as this fundamentally changes the principles in relationship between OC and CD.

**POL NF:** Unfortunately this it's impossible to implement to the rules as this its change fundamental principles in relationship between OC and CD.

**ITA NF/ POL NF:**

It’s understood that the intention of new art. 513.8.6 for Course Designers is to encourage the development of new Course Designers.

But the application of this new rule raises different concerns and, more importantly, will not produce any effect before 6 or even 8 years!!! and this is far too late. We need more urgent action.

New article 513.8.6 similar to restrictions already set out in the Eventing Rules for the appointment of Ground Juries and Technical Delegates sets out new restrictions also for the appointment of Course Designers.

This is, in our opinion, not feasible for the very different nature of Course Designers and other Officials and for the substantial difference in their relationship with the Organising Committee.

While Ground Juries, Technical Delegates, Stewards, and Course Designers are all FEI Officials they have a very different working status and relationship with the Organising Committees:

1. FEI Ground Juries, Technical Delegates or Stewards are volunteers that receive a “per-diem” fixed by the FEI and reimbursement of expenses for officiating the competition on behalf of the FEI.

2. Course Designers, in addition of being FEI Officials, are also professionals contracted and paid for their services according to private agreements with the Organising Committee.

For these clear differences, while it is reasonable and acceptable for the FEI to impose restrictions for the appointment of all other Officials, we find that it is not acceptable and may be not legally possible for the FEI to impose restrictions on the appointment of Course Designers.

In fact, limiting the possible duration of their professional contract with the Organising Committee the FEI is limiting their “right to work” (Article 23.1 Universal Declaration of Human Rights) and this cannot be satisfactory.

Once Course Designers have fulfilled all their obligations to be on the FEI list only the free market can decide where they will be working and for how long.

For this reason, a different approach when dealing with Course Designers compared to other Officials is not new to the FEI who purposely appoints directly Ground Juries and Technical Delegates for Major Championships and Olympic Games while leaving the choice for Course Designer to the Organising Committee (also if, in the case of the Olympic Games from a restricted list).

Additionally we have to remember:

- ⇒ Special close relationship between CD and Organising Committee is very important and should not be dictated by the FEI.
- ⇒ There is also a concern that instead of increasing access to competitions for the next generation, experienced CDs will switch places in different OCs, while increasing only the already high costs of organising competitions.
- ⇒ Risk management – venue knowledge, understanding different ground conditions is a fundamental part of risk management.

Just like the FEI, we see the need to support the education of the next generations of CDs.

**For these reasons and to be proactive we would like to propose a different approach to fulfil the same intention. This approach is intended to produce immediate results while avoiding the abovementioned concerns.**

**Proposed Wording**

**EEF: 513.8.6 Course Designers**

*A Course Designer must not officiate at the same Venue for more than six (6) consecutive years at CCI4\*-S and CCI4\*-L including Championships and for more than eight (8) consecutive years at CCI5\*-L. The Course Designer may officiate again after a break of 3 years.*

*Note: this requirement is included as of 1st January 2023 and will not apply retroactively.*

*All CCI4\*-L and CCI5\*-L must appoint an assistant Course Designer. The role of the Assistant CD should include a pre-visit when putting out and setting out fences.*

**GER NF/IRL NF : 513.8.6 Course Designers**

*A Course Designer **should** not officiate at the same Venue for more than six (6) consecutive years at CCI4\*-S and CCI4\*-L including Championships and for more than eight (8) consecutive years at CCI5\*-L. The Course Designer may officiate again after a break of 3 years.*

*Note: this requirement is included as of 1st January 2023 and will not apply retroactively.*

*All CCI4\*-L and CCI5\*-L must appoint an assistant Course Designer. The role of the Assistant CD should include a pre-visit when putting out and setting out fences.*

**ITA NF/ POL NF : 513.8.6 Course Designers**

~~*A Course Designer must not officiate at the same Venue for more than six (6) consecutive years at CCI4\*-S and CCI4\*-L including Championships and for more than eight (8) consecutive years at CCI5\*-L. The Course Designer may officiate again after a break of 3 years.*~~

~~*Note: this requirement is included as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 and will not apply retroactively.*~~

~~*All CCI4\* (L) and CCI5\* must appoint an assistant Course Designer. The role of the Assistant CD has to include a pre-visit when putting out and setting out fences.*~~

**FEI Feedback**

The implementation of this requirement would not be effective until 2029 and 2030, the EC recommended to review it for the statutory rules revision in 2024.

The reason for the proposal is to encourage more new comers and increase turnover of Course Designers.

It was confirmed that the position of the Ass. CD is now an integral part of the new Education System for transfer up and maintenance and the integration of this function would be beneficial for the sport. The definition of the exact role and function of the Ass. CD is in the education system (job description).

It was agreed to include an Assistant Course Designer for CCI4\*-L and CCI5\*-L. Practicalities in regard to the pre-visits would need to be defined between the OC and the CD.

**FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)**

**513.8.6 Course Designers**

*A Course Designer must not officiate at the same Venue for more than six (6) consecutive years at CCI4\*-S and CCI4\*-L including Championships and for more than eight (8) consecutive years at CCI5\*-L. The Course Designer may officiate again after a break of 3 years.*

*Note: this requirement is included as of 1st January 2023 and will not apply retroactively.*

*An assistant Course Designer is required for all CCI4\*-L and CCI5\*-L.*

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
European Equestrian Federation (EEF)/GER NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>513.10 Conflict of interest</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>3- <u>New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation</u></b></p> <p><b>EEF/GER NF:</b> The current conflict of interest rule in the sport rules is referring to the sport rules and therefore showing loop as the sport rules refer to “the relevant sport rules”. For Eventing the rule should be more open due to eventing being a smaller community and to still secure the expertise in the officiating team concerning the severity or the impact of the possible conflict of interest. It is agreed that Course Designers, TDs and Stewards should be treated less strict than Judges and Veterinary Delegates, who have a much higher impact on the decision-making process. Furthermore, it is important that officials that are affected use the common sense and try to not bring themselves into difficult situations.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>513.10 Conflict of Interest</b></p> <p><i>Conflicts must be avoided whenever practicable. However, conflicts may be linked to experience and expertise that is necessary to qualify Officials.</i></p> <p><del><i>The specific balance between conflict and expertise shall be regulated by the relevant Sport Rules. (FEI General Regulations, Appendix H-FEI Officials’ code of conduct).</i></del></p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>The EC does not propose to significantly amend the Conflict of Interest rules. The FEI is aware of the issues regarding the relatively small pool of Officials in Eventing but it is important to maintain the general Conflict of Interest principles for all Officials. In practice TDs can have a significant influence on a competition given that they have the power under the rules to stop a combination during Cross Country. The FEI is aware of some specific issues that have arisen with Course Designers particularly in regions where there is a shortage of Course Designers. Therefore, the FEI proposes to add the following clarification which would apply where the conflict is unavoidable and is declared in advance.</p> <p>We have deleted the reference to the balance being regulated in the Sports Rules as this wording is only required in the FEI GRs, not the Eventing Rules.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<p><b>513.10 Conflict of Interest</b></p> <p><i>Conflicts must be avoided whenever practicable. However, conflicts may be linked to experience and expertise that is necessary to qualify Officials.</i></p> <p><del><i>The specific balance between conflict and expertise shall be regulated by the relevant Sport Rules. (FEI General Regulations, Appendix H-FEI Officials’ code of conduct</i></del></p> <p><del>The FEI will review requests (on a case by case basis) from Officials to act as a Course Designer at a lower level Event (i.e. below 4* level) in a situation where they might otherwise have an actual or perceived conflict of interest (as described in the FEI Officials’ Code of Conduct) and where the conflict is unavoidable provided that the Course Designer declares the conflict and makes the request in writing to the FEI Eventing Department in good time (and no later than 4 weeks prior to the Event).</del></p>



<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
European Equestrian Federation (EEF)/GER NF/IRL NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>514 Officials Remunerations</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>3- <u>New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation</u></b></p> <p><b>EEF/GER NF:</b> This should not be a recommendation, but a rule at least at CC14*/5*-competitions. It is important that both travel expenses as well as daily fees are paid to the officials to respect their pressure and responsibility and allow more professional officials. The new generations of Eventing Officials must be motivated and encouraged to “stay on board” without having to spend their money on travels/officiating often at week days away from work and families. At times officiating at 1-3* can be even more busy and challenging as OC’s, athletes, trainers and families are often volunteers and sometimes not so experienced. Nevertheless, as a starting point it could be a rule for CC14*/CC15* and a strong recommendation for the lower levels where OCs often have a lower budget as well.</p> <p><b>IRL NF:</b> The IRL NF propose an amendment to this rule under Criteria 3. New/recently introduced rule(s) that has(ve) proven to be problematic in its implementation. The IRL NF feel that this should not be a recommendation, but a must at least at CC14*/5*-competitions. It is important that both travel expenses as well as daily fees are paid to the officials to respect their pressure and responsibility and allow more professional officials.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>EEF/IRL NF: 514 Officials Remunerations</b></p> <p><i>Per-Diem for Judges, Technical Delegates and Chief Stewards:</i></p> <p><i>Next to the payment of all travel expenses a per diem of EUR 100 per day (remuneration for miscellaneous costs) is compulsory for all FEI Eventing competitions at all levels. This amount is net after relevant taxes being borne by the OC). The per diem is due for all officiating days, plus one. <del>At the discretion of the Official, the per-diem may be forfeited</del></i></p> <p><b>GER NF: 514 Officials Remunerations</b></p> <p><i>Per-Diem for Judges, Technical Delegates (CC11*-CC13*) and Chief Stewards:</i></p> <p><i>Next to the payment of all travel expenses a per diem of EUR 100 per day (remuneration for miscellaneous costs) is compulsory for CC14*/CC15*-competitions and strongly recommended for all other FEI classes <del>(remuneration for miscellaneous costs)</del>. This amount is net after relevant taxes being borne by the OC). The per diem is due for all officiating days, plus one. <del>At the discretion of the Official, the per-diem may be forfeited</del></i></p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The FEI can only make this change further to consultation/agreement with the Eventing Organisers. The FEI will consult with Eventing Organisers and subject to their feedback for inclusion in the rules revision for the following year.”
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<b>No change proposed until discussions with other stakeholders has taken place.</b>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
FRA NF
<b>Article No.—Article Name</b>
<b>517 Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER)</b> <b>547.5.3 Black Flagged Alternatives</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b><u>1 - Urgent repairs, i.e., changes in the Rules that cannot await because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes; (Risk Management)</u></b></p> <p>We would like to add in the minimum parameters for the Minimum Eligibility Requirement, that they have to achieve the Cross Country Test with using all of the direct way and not using the black flagged alternatives. It contributes to rider safety and horse welfare measures.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>547.5.3 Black Flagged Alternatives</b></p> <p><i>Alternative obstacles or elements may be flagged separately and must be identified by the same number/letter as on the direct route. In this case, both sets of flags must be marked with a black line on both sides of the flag. If the black flagged alternative is used, the performance will not count as a MER.</i></p> <p><b>517 Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER)</b></p> <p><i>A Minimum Eligibility Requirement is achieved by completing a Competition within minimum parameters of all round performance as follows:</i></p> <p><i>a) Dressage Test: not more than 45 penalty points (or 55%).</i></p> <p><i>b) Cross Country test:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Cross Country Test: A clear round at obstacles (activating a maximum of one frangible device or having a maximum of one missing flag will maintain the MER result on Cross Country)</i></li> <li>- <i>Not more than 75 seconds exceeding the optimum time in the Cross Country Test for, two, three and four star level Competitions and 100 seconds in the case of five star level Competitions.</i></li> <li>- <i>Not using the black flagged alternatives</i></li> </ul> <p><i>c) Jumping test: not more than 16 penalties at obstacles. NOTE: All MERs obtained in previous years will be counted according to the rules in place at that time.</i></p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>The Committee clarified that black flagged alternative were defined as options at the same level of difficulty and did not necessarily mean an easier alternative. For Risk Management reasons, the CD could offer different obstacle options which were not necessarily related to time.</p> <p>The Committee did not support the proposal of a MER not to be granted if a black flagged alternative was used, due to difficulty of implementation on the ground creating much inconsistency in fence judging worldwide.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<b>No change proposed</b>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
FRA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>532 Allocation of Starting Positions (CIOs and Championships)</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b><u>3- New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation</u></b>
We would remind that for all CIOs and Championships the same rule must be applied. It is not always respected in some Nations Cup.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<b><i>532 Allocation of Starting Positions (CIOs and Championships)</i></b>
<i>If there is a Team and an Individual Classification the allocation of the starting positions for all Athletes in the Competition will be made after the first Horse Inspection, in the presence of the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Chefs d'Equipe, according to the following method. The total starting places will be divided into eight blocks (A to H) and the Athletes will be allocated to each block as follows:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>a) Block A - first Athlete in each team</i></li> <li><i>b) Block B - twenty five percent (25) of individual Athletes</i></li> <li><i>c) Block C - second Athlete in each team</i></li> <li><i>d) Block D - twenty five percent (25) of individual Athletes</i></li> <li><i>e) Block E - twenty five percent (25) of individual Athletes</i></li> <li><i>f) Block F - third Athlete in each team</i></li> <li><i>g) Block G - twenty five percent (25) of individual Athletes</i></li> <li><i>h) Block H - fourth Athlete in each team</i></li> </ul>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
It was commented that there seemed to be some confusion and that there was a difference in the rules between the allocation of starting positions in Championships (alternate individuals and team members in a specific block, see ERs) and Eventing Nations Cup (team members starting in one block and individuals separately) – see specific NC Rules with the objective to bring more attention and focus on the team concept for the public).
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<b>No change proposed</b>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
European Equestrian Federation (EEF)/GER NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>538 Dress of riders</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b><u>2- Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.</u></b>
<b>IRL NF:</b> The IRL NF propose an amendment to this rule under Criteria 2 Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.
<b>EEF/ IRL NF:</b> A conflict has been created between art. 538.1.4 Boots and the specification on boots in the next discipline specific articles. Also, an unclear situation between the guidelines on tack and equipment and dress P36 where the boot must have a clear heel (for all disciplines) as the guidance on laces and chaps and short boots and the wording now in the articles.

We propose to use Art. 538.1.4 for those items that span all disciplines. And only leave colour differentiations in the sport specific articles.

Black is a dark colour and should not be named specifically when naming dark colour.

Referral to "at the discretion of the FEI" is an impossible rule to apply on competition as FEI is not present but the steward and ground Jury decide in name of FEI under their mandate.

This adaptation suggestion is focussed on avoiding conflicting interpretations and does not tackle the proposed allowed colour schemes, even though this might also have to be reconsidered.

**GER NF:** A conflict has been created between art. 538.1.4 Boots and the specification on boots in the next discipline specific articles. This should be clarified as per proposal of the EEF Eventing WG as follows:

### Proposed Wording

#### 538 Dress

##### 538.1 General

##### 538.1.4 Boots

Boots ~~worn during the Dressage and Jumping Tests (other than as part of regulation service dress) must be black, brown or black with a brown top~~ must have a well-defined heel to avoid slipping through the stirrup. Riding boots with lacing up of the same colour as the boot – are allowed, as well as the combination of short boots and matching full leather chaps of same colour as the boots.

##### 538.2 Dressage Test

##### 538.2.1 Civilian

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Riding boots: ~~must be plain and of uniform black or dark colour~~...

...

##### 538.3 Cross-Country Test

~~... Boots must have a well-defined heel to avoid slipping through the stirrup. \*...\*~~

##### 538.4 Jumping Test

##### 538.4.1 Civilian

~~...black or brown boots. Other~~ Dark coloured boots ~~may be approved at the discretion of the FEI~~; boots may have one contrasting colour only, around the top, heel and/or toe.

~~Boots must have a well-defined heel to avoid slipping through the stirrup. ...~~

### FEI Feedback

The inconsistencies have been noted and update will be included in the rules revision for the following year. In regard to the boots with heels, the Committee felt strongly that the sentence "*boots must have a well-defined heel to avoid slipping through the stirrup*" must remain for risk Management reasons.

### FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

**No change for 2024 rules proposed**

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
European Equestrian Federation (EEF)/GER NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>539.2 Dressage Test</b> <b>539.2.3 Forbidden</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<u>2- Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.</u> <b>EEF/GER NF:</b> This has probably been overseen and is a contradiction to the rules in Art.539.2.2 g) and the Guidelines for tack and saddlery.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<b>539.2.3 Forbidden</b> Martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running or balancing reins, etc.), any form of blinkers, earplugs, <del>nose covers</del> and saddle covers, are under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
It was specified that nose nets were already permitted for Eventing Dressage since 2023. The EEF consider that the term “nose cover” and “nose-net” means the same thing. <b>Decision:</b> The Committee agreed to the proposal to remove the “nose cover” mention as there seems to be a confusion of terms.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<b>539.2.3 Forbidden</b> Martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running or balancing reins, etc.), any form of blinkers, earplugs, <del>nose covers</del> and saddle covers, are under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden.

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
European Equestrian Federation (EEF)/GER NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>Annex I Indoor / Arena Cross Country Rules</b> <b>1 Rules for National and International competitions</b> <b>5.FEI Officials</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<u>1 - Urgent repairs, i.e., changes in the Rules that cannot await because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes; (Risk Management)</u> <b>(EEF)/GER NF:</b> For indoor competitions a Veterinary Delegate with an Eventing qualification is required. This is not seen as necessary, and it is felt that a jumping vet can do the job in the same good way and would be much cheaper for the OC.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<b>5. FEI Officials:</b> One experienced FEI Eventing Course Designer or FEI Eventing Technical Delegate. Veterinarians: it is mandatory that the VSM or TV appointed be regularly involved in the treatment of horses in Eventing competitions. <del>It is necessary for the VD appointed to the CIX Event to be listed as a VD for Eventing.</del>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
It was questioned if this would represent an additional cost for the Organiser. The Committee felt however that it was important to appoint a Veterinary Officials who was familiar with the discipline of Eventing. Confirmation was also given that the Veterinary Dept. did not support the change the wording.

It was confirmed that the appointment of a VD with an Eventing background was important, all the more so if indoor Eventing was to grow in future years.  
The Committee agreed to keep the actual requirement.

**FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)**

**No change of current wording proposed**

**Rules Proposal Submitted By**

**GER NF/IRL NF**

**Article No.–Article Name**

**U25 European Championship**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

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

The GER/IRL NF strongly recommends the implementation of a U25 European Eventing Championship most preferably at CCI4\*-L Level and would very much appreciate support of this idea by the FEI and offers any help to realize this idea as soon as possible.

**Proposed Wording**

No proposed wording

**FEI Feedback**

The Committee agreed that adding a U25 Championship was a good proposal to bridge the age gap. The proposal to be included in the Eventing Rules for the next revision and a level needed to be defined.

According to the data on the number of federations with Athletes under the age of 25 (available data on U25 riders at 4\*-L competitions).

A total of 19 NFs had riders under the age of 25 competed and qualified for 4\*-L. GBR NF had the most riders (45) under 25 who competed at 4\* level followed by the GER NF (16) and USA NF (14). Overall 5-6 nations could currently form a team. Data including the info of the past 8 years (since 2015).

The level to be CCI4\*-S level/category to ensure participation and bridging the gap. The current Eventing Rules required Championships to be organised in the long format.

In the Eventing Rules a Category of age exist for "U25" (Art. 503.1.4 U25 Competitions) but no mention or description of the levels of competitions and the possibility to have a Championship.

For Risk management reasons this addition could provide an intermediate level between Young Riders and Seniors competitions.

The proposal would need review by the FEI Board as creating new Championships has cost implications for the FEI. A cross discipline discussion among the disciplines would be necessary to define when such Championships would be held– each year, every 2 years etc.

**FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)**

**No change proposed for the 2024 rules postponed for the full revision**

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
European Equestrian Federation (EEF)/GER NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>Veterinary Regulations: Article 1039 Morning Re-Inspection</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b><u>1 - Urgent repairs, i.e., changes in the Rules that cannot await because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes; (Risk Management)</u></b></p> <p>Especially due to high costs of the whole participation and possible issues after travelling it is agreed that giving horses a second chance (including the possibility of taking an MCP control) is easy to realize and like in most other disciplines could be very helpful.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>Article 1039 Morning Re-Inspection</b></p> <p>1. In Dressage, Para-Equestrian Dressage, Jumping, <i>Eventing</i>, Driving and Vaulting Events a Morning Re-inspections may be permitted on the morning of the first Competition.</p> <p>2. Morning Re-inspections must be carried out as described in Article 10386 No re-inspection is permitted following the Morning Re-inspection.</p> <p>3. The Inspection Panel's decision is final and binding; no appeal can be lodged.</p> <p>4. Horses that are accepted at Morning Re-inspections may undergo EADCM sampling</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>The Eventing and Veterinary Committee agreed that a next morning re-inspection for Eventing should not be allowed. The current Eventing rules, art.524.3 Horse Welfare During the Competition and art. 515.2.1, allow the Ground Jury the possibility to review any horses whose fitness is doubtful with the possibility of eliminating them for this reason during the Dressage taking place the day after the 1st HI and at any stage of the competition.</p> <p>The Eventing Committee supported the commitment of Eventing to be transparent and the public viewing of the Horse Inspection.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<b>No change to the current wording is proposed</b>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
European Equestrian Federation (EEF)/GER NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>Veterinary Regulations: BANDAGES AND TACK</b>
<b>Article 1044 Bandages and Tack</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b><u>3- New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation</u></b></p> <p>The new rule regarding bits will cause confusion. The Veterinary regulations should not mix with the relevant sport rules and only restrict horse welfare issues etc.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>BANDAGES AND TACK</b></p> <p><b>Article 1044 Bandages and Tack</b></p> <p>1. In addition to these VRs, the prohibitions and requirements regarding specific types of tack are also regulated according to the various Sport Rules.</p> <p>2. The FVD/VD may be required to advise on health and welfare matters concerning tack.</p> <p>3. The following items of tack are prohibited for use at any time during the Period of the Event:</p> <p>a) tongue ties</p> <p>b) mouth guards which cover the teeth</p>

4. Throat support devices such as Cornell collars are allowed for use during Events however a written statement from a veterinarian must be provided to certify that the Horse requires such a device for welfare reasons. The statement must be received by the FEI Veterinary Department at least 4 weeks before first use at an Event. A copy of the statement must be retained at all times for inspection during an Event.

5. Tongue guards are only allowed for use during Events provided they are correctly used. They are prohibited for use in Dressage Events. ~~Additional items or changes made to the bit that affects its function are not permitted.~~

6. Horses are not permitted to wear glasses or visors outside the FEI Stables Area

#### FEI Feedback

The Veterinary Committee (meeting 21 March 2023) and the Eventing Committee did not support the proposal. It was suggested that this rule could be reinforced / clarified that no changes can be made to the bits.

#### FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

**No change to current wording is proposed**

#### Rules Proposal Submitted By

NOR NF

#### Article No.–Article Name

**Eventing Annex H.1.2 Pony Measurement and 503.5.1 Definition**

**FEI General Regulations**

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

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

Regulations valid across disciplines should be given only once to avoid inconsistencies and contradictions.

For pony height and measuring, the full text is given in the Veterinary Regulations

The reference should be given with the same wording – ref FEI Driving rules Chapter VI Article 930.1 as an example.

#### Proposed Wording

*Dressage: "For maximum height and measuring, please refer to the FEI Veterinary Regulations CHAPTER IX - PONY MEASURING. »*

*Jumping : "For maximum height and measuring, please refer to the FEI Veterinary Regulations CHAPTER IX - PONY MEASURING. »*

*Eventing : "For maximum height and measuring, please refer to the FEI Veterinary Regulations CHAPTER IX - PONY MEASURING. »*

#### FEI Feedback

FEI Veterinary Department confirmed that the proposed wording is appropriate.

#### FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

**Above to be added in the Eventing Rules**



**Rules Proposal Submitted By**

NOR NF

**Article No.–Article Name**

**Eventing: Article 503.1 Pony, Junior, Young Rider and U25 Competitions  
FEI General Regulations**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

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

Regulations valid across disciplines should be given only once to avoid inconsistencies and contradictions.

In the Dressage Rules, the definitions of Athletes' Ages are inaccurate.

For Endurance, there are no definitions and no reference.

For Driving, the max age limit is unclear

For rider's age (pony, junior, Young rider, U25, children) the definition is given in the General Regulations Appendix A - Definitions. Reference should rather be given to these definitions in each rule book and with the same wording, instead of the variation in the current texts.

**Proposed Wording**

**Dressage:**

429.3 Young Riders:

*“For Young Rider’s age, please refer to the FEI General Regulations Appendix A – Definitions.”*

429.4. Juniors:

*“For Junior Rider’s age, please refer to the FEI General Regulations Appendix A – Definitions.”*

429.5 Pony Riders

*“For Pony Rider’s age, please refer to the FEI General Regulations Appendix A – Definitions”.*

429.6 Children

*« For Children Riders’ age, please refer to the FEI General Regulations Appendix A – Definitions. »*

429.7 U25

*« For U25 Rider’s age, please refer to the FEI General Regulations Appendix A – Definitions. »*

**Jumping**

Annex XI Chapter II Article 3.1 Pony competitor:

*« For Pony Rider’s age, please refer to the FEI General Regulations Appendix A – Definitions. »*

Annex IX Article 3 Definition of U25, Young riders and junior athletes :

1. first sentence : *« For U25 Rider’s age, please refer to the FEI General Regulations Appendix A – Definitions. »*

2. *« For Young Rider’s age, please refer to the FEI General Regulations Appendix A – Definitions. »*

3. *« For Junior Rider’s age, please refer to the FEI General Regulations Appendix A – Definitions. »*

Annex XII Chapter II Article 3.1 Definition of Children :

*« For Children Riders’ age, please refer to the FEI General Regulations Appendix A – Definitions. »*

**Eventing :**

*503.1.1: «For Pony Rider’s age, please refer to the FEI General Regulations Appendix A – Definitions. »*

*503.1.2: « For Junior Rider’s age, please refer to the FEI General Regulations Appendix A – Definitions. »*

*503.1.3: “For Young Rider’s age, please refer to the FEI General Regulations Appendix A – Definitions.”*

*503.1.4: "For U25 Rider's age, please refer to the FEI General Regulations Appendix A – Definitions."*

**Endurance:**

*The relevant references to rider's age seem to belong to article 826. Example for junior riders:*

*"For Junior Rider's age, please refer to the FEI General Regulations Appendix A – Definitions."*

**Driving:**

*Article 912.5 Age: How to determine the upper age limit is unclear and should be defined:*

*"Age is determined from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Athlete and Grooms reach the minimum designated age and until the end of the calendar year in which the Athlete and Grooms reach the maximum designated age. »*

**FEI Feedback**

There is no need to introduce this change into the FEI Eventing Rules. The ages in the Eventing Rules are aligned with the ages in the FEI GRs.

**FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)**

**No change proposed**

## B. Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI

Article No.–Article Name
<p><b>PREAMBLE</b>  <b>539 Saddlery / Dress</b>  <b>Annex H Rules for Eventing Pony Rider &amp; Events</b></p>
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><b><u>2- Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.</u></b></p> <p>With the release of the FEI TackApp and FEI Tack, Equipment and Dress database in April 2023, the Guidelines for the use of Tack, Equipment and Dress will no longer be used or published from 1 January 2024, so as not to have duplicates.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p><b>PREAMBLE</b></p> <p>Although these Eventing Rules set out the detailed rules of the FEI for international Eventing Competitions, they must be read in conjunction with any other FEI Rules and Regulations, including but not limited to:</p> <p><del>FEI Eventing Guidelines on Use of Tack, Equipment and Dress- FEI Tack App</del></p> <p><b>539 Saddlery / Dress</b></p> <p>Please also refer to <del>FEI TackApp FEI Eventing Guidelines on Use of Tack, Equipment and Dress for latest clarifications, published on the FEI website.</del> See also Art. 538.2.1.</p> <p><b>Annex H Rules for Eventing Pony Rider &amp; Events</b></p> <p><b>3. Saddlery</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>Cross-country and Jumping Tests - Article 539.3 applies except that curb, double bridle, hackamores, bit less bridle, wire, double wire and chain bits are not allowed. <del>(See reference in FEI Eventing Guidelines on Use of Tack, Equipment and Dress on Eventing Rules page published on FEI Website).</del> (Please refer to FEI TackApp)</p>

Article No.–Article Name
<p><b>552.1 Type of Obstacles</b></p>
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><b><u>1 - Urgent repairs, i.e., changes in the Rules that cannot await because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes;</u></b></p> <p>According to <b>Art. 550 “FEI Jumping Rules” from Eventing Rules</b>, The FEI Jumping Rules apply for the Eventing Jumping Test except where otherwise provided in these Eventing Rules. <b>Any modification introduced to the FEI Jumping Rules during the year will be evaluated for inclusion in these Eventing Rules from 1st January the following year.</b></p> <p><b>FEI Jumping Rules Art. 208.6:</b>  As of 1 January 2023, the support must have a depth of <b>minimum 18 mm and a depth of 20 mm maximum</b>. This also applies for safety cups (refer to Art. 210.1 for details). For special obstacle material and planks, balustrades, barriers, gates, etc. the diameter of the supports must be more open or even flat.</p> <p><b>FEI Eventing memorandum:</b>  CHAPTER IV- JUMPING TEST</p>

1. Obstacles. c) Check the construction of the obstacles (secured); check that the cups are neither too shallow nor too deep - **a depth of 2.5cm is recommended**; safety cups must be used for back poles of spread obstacles according to the Rules for Jumping. In case of mishap, check that all the obstacles can be repaired without affecting their solidity for the competitors to follow. For the parts of the artificial walls that can be knocked down, it is necessary that they be sufficiently heavy that they do not fall too easily and fit together so that they can be put back in the exact place after each fault.

The lining up to the Jumping Rules regarding depth of Cups must be reviewed by the Eventing committee.

While standard cups were available on the market, it was understood that the cups should not be too deep. This parameter should also be understood in correlation with the length or the weight of the pole.

The EC agreed to 20 mm as minimum depth and 25 mm as maximum depth for the jumping cups. It was also agreed to delete the recommendation in the memorandum.

#### Proposed Wording

##### **552.1 Type of Obstacles**

The obstacles will be standard Jumping obstacles.

The obstacles should have a balance of vertical and spread obstacles and shall include two or three doubles or a double and a treble.

Closed combinations are not permitted. A water jump is not permitted, but a water ditch with rails over is allowed.

FEI approved safety cups must be used as support for back poles of spread obstacles, and in the case of a triple bar, to support the centre and back pole of the obstacle.

**The jumping cups must have a depth of minimum 20 mm and maximum 25 mm. This also applies for safety cups.**

Alternative obstacles are permitted. These jumps are to be marked on the course plan with the same number and with the word "Alternative".

#### Article No.–Article Name

##### **New Article Art. 515.4.3 Reporting to the FEI**

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

##### **2- Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.**

To line up with the responsibilities given to the Course designers.

#### Proposed Wording

##### **Course Designer**

##### **Art. 515.4.3 Reporting to the FEI**

**The Course Designer is responsible for providing the Cross Country related reports to FEI Headquarters within 10 days following the end of the Event.**

Article No.–Article Name
<b>Art 541.2 f. and General Regs art 135.2.2.1, ix</b>
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><b><u>2- Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.</u></b></p> <p>For the dressage phase in eventing, it does not specify the alignment of the logo on the helmet. Proposal from Stewards to including the possibly that the sponsor logo may appear horizontally or vertically on the protective headgear also for the Eventing Dressage test in the Eventing Rules Art 541.2 f. and General Regs art 135.2.2.1, ix</p> <p><b>Art 541.2 f:</b> f) One hundred twenty five square centimetres (125 cm<sup>2</sup>) vertically in the middle of the hard hat for the <b>Dressage</b>, Jumping and Cross-Country tests of Eventing;</p> <p><b>Art 135.2.2.1:</b> (ix) one hundred twenty five square centimeters (125 cm<sup>2</sup>) (maximum twenty five centimeters - 25 cm- long, maximum five centimeters -5 cm- wide) vertically in the middle part of the hard hat for the Jumping Events and for the Jumping and Cross Country tests of Eventing and for the Endurance Events; Note: The name and/or logo may appear horizontally, provided the dimensions are complied with.</p>
FEI Feedback EC
Included in General Regulations amendments.
Proposed Wording
<b>As Above.</b>

Article No.–Article Name
<b>NEW Art. 549.4.1 Representing a frangible fence after a Disobedience</b>
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><b><u>1 - Urgent repairs, i.e., changes in the Rules that cannot await because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes; (Risk Management)</u></b></p> <p>No activated frangible fence element should be jumped if not correctly set up. Principle temporary covered by the “FAQ Judging fences with frangible technology”.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p><b>Art. 549.4. Representing after a Disobedience</b></p> <p>After being penalised for a refusal, run-out or circle, an Athlete, in order to make another attempt, is permitted to circle one or more times without penalty, until the Athlete again presents their Horse at the obstacle.</p> <p>At an obstacle composed of several elements if the Athlete refuses, runs out or circles at any element, the Athlete is permitted to retake any elements already jumped, although the Athlete is liable to be penalised for any fault even if the Athlete has previously jumped an element successfully.</p> <p>If after a refusal, run-out or circle, the Athlete wishes to pass through flags in the wrong direction in order to retake an element, the Athlete may do so without penalty.</p> <p><b>NEW Art. 549.4.1 Representing a frangible fence after a Disobedience</b></p> <p>Jumping an activated frangible fence element not correctly set up will result in elimination.</p>

Article No.–Article Name
<b>FEI Eventing Rules: Dressage (Annex A) – Noseband Tightness</b>
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><b><u>1 - Urgent repairs, i.e., changes in the Rules that cannot await because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes;</u></b></p> <p>This is a request further to the <u>Ethics and Horse wellbeing commission recommendation</u> approved by the <u>Board (6 June 2023)</u> for inclusion and implementation in the General Regulations as a principle and in the discipline rules as of 2024:</p> <p>“Noseband: To add a harmonised provision on the measurement of the tightness of the noseband in the Rules and the use of an FEI approved measuring device (probably best to include it in each Discipline Rules). The protocols describing how and when to measure the tightness of the noseband can be Discipline specific and not in the Rules so that there is flexibility in adjusting such protocols as needed.</p> <p>The consequences of a tight noseband need to be agreed and added in the Rules as well:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Pre-Competition</u>: The horse should not be allowed to start if it is not adjusted</li> <li>- <u>During Competition</u>: The horse should be eliminated and a Yellow Warning Card.</li> </ul>
Proposed Wording
<p>Please refer to the memo on the Proposed Changes to the FEI General Regulations for the explanation of the proposed new rule in relation to Nosebands.</p> <p>If you have comments on the proposal in relation to nosebands, please include them as part of your NF’s feedback on the General Regulations.</p>

Article No.–Article Name
<b>Annex E Organising Requirements for Eventing 5 star Level Events</b>
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><b><u>2- Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.</u></b></p> <p>The Committee agreed at the online Eventing Committee meeting held on 7 September 2022 on the proposal to reintroduce the minimum amount of prize money requirement of EUR 125’000 for 2023 and 2024 and to increase it to EUR 150’000 from 2025 onwards.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p><b>Annex E</b></p> <p>Requirements:</p> <p>k) Minimum level of prize money: €125’000 for <del>2020</del> <b>2024</b> and <del>2021</del>, € 150’000 by <del>2022</del> <b>2025</b>.</p>

Article No.–Article Name
<b>Art. 513 Appointment of Officials</b>
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><b><u>2- Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.</u></b></p> <p>To line up with the FEI Eventing Officials Education System implemented in 2023. Reference to the below updates was included in the Rules Revision for 2023</p>
Proposed Wording

## 513 Appointment of Officials

Officials will be appointed by the FEI or by the Organising Committee according to the different types and level of Competitions and in accordance with the following tables.

~~\*Note: National Officials can only be appointed for CCI1\*, 2\* and 3\* if specifically mentioned in the tables below until 31.12.2023. If National Officials are appointed, these must be from the Host country (except for Assistant Technical Delegate, Assistant Course Designer & Assistant Steward providing they have insurance coverage) unless if directly appointed by the FEI for the purpose of Educational Programmes.~~

**Note:** For events with several competitions/sections, Organising Committees can offer alternative composition of Officials to the requirements listed in the below tables and/or provisions in Art 513.9 with the objective to reduce costs. Such proposals shall be provided with the Schedule and approved by FEI HQ.

~~To ensure that International standards are respected, proposals must comply with the following minimum requirements:~~

~~a) For the overall event, a minimum of one International Official shall be appointed for each category of Officials (Judge, TD and Course Designer) of the level of the highest competition organised. These Officials will be responsible and will report back to FEI on the overall event.~~

~~\*Note: National Officials can still be appointed where specified in the tables below until 31.12.2023~~

~~**Note:** Transition Period: from 01 January 2023 until the 14 December 2023.~~

~~Existing Level 3 Eventing Judges, Technical Delegates & Course Designers fulfilling the L4 Transfer-up requirements can officiate as Level 4 Officials.~~

~~Such provision does not apply for Championships and Games of any level.~~

### 513.1 CCI 1\* -Intro (Unified Level)

	CCI 1*-Intro
	2 or 3 Judges
<b>Ground Jury</b>	L2, L3 or L4 Judges list (all Judges can be <del>national*/L1</del> Judges if a FEI TD L2, or L4 is appointed).
<b>Technical Delegate</b>	L2, L3 or L4 TD list (or <del>national*/L1</del> TD if one Judge L2, L3 or L4 is appointed) Foreign requirements not compulsory
<b>Course Designer</b>	<del>Can be national* CD or</del> From FEI list
<b>Jumping Course Designer</b>	Jumping CD from National list recommended
<b>Veterinary Delegate</b>	FEI Official Veterinarian in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations
<b>Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)</b>	From FEI list of Level 1 Official Veterinarians Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Cour Veterinarian(s), as required
<b>Chief Steward</b>	From FEI list
<b>Assistant Steward</b>	<del>Can be national* or</del> From FEI list

~~\*Note: National Officials can still be appointed where specified in the tables until 31.12.2023~~

### 513.2 Short Format (CCIs-S and CCIOs-S)

Short format competition	4 star	3 star	2 star

<b>Ground Jury</b>	2 or 3 Judges		
	L2, L3 or L4 Judges President GJ – L3 or L4	<b>FEI list Judges</b> President GJ: L2, L3 or L4	
<b>Technical Delegate</b>	L3 or L4 TD	L2, L3 or L4 TD	From FEI list
	Either Foreign TD or Foreign Member of GJ compulsory	Foreign requirement not compulsory	
<b>Assistant Technical Delegate</b>	L2, L3 or L4 TD	If appointed, TD from FEI list <del>or national* Technical Delegate</del>	
<b>AUS &amp; NZL Exceptional case only for cost reasons</b>	Foreign requirement not compulsory, however 2 Judges, TD and CD must L3 or L4		
<b>Course Designer</b>	L3 or L4 CD	L2, L3 or L4 CD	<del>National* CD or</del> From FEI list
<b>Jumping Course Designer</b>	Jumping CD from National List	Jumping CD from National list recommended	
<b>Veterinary Delegate</b>	FEI Official Veterinarian(s) in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations.		
<b>Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)</b>	From FEI list of Level 1 Official Veterinarians Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required		
<b>Chief Steward</b>	L3 or L4 Eventing Steward	L2, L3 or L4 Eventing Steward	
<b>Assistant Steward</b>	From FEI list	<del>National* Assistant Stewards or</del> From FEI list	

~~\*Note: National Officials can still be appointed where specified in the tables until 31.12.2023~~

### 513.3 Long Format (CCIs-L and CCIOs-L)

Long format competition	5 star	4 star	3 star	2 star
<b>Ground Jury</b>	3 Judges		2 or 3 Judges	
	L3 or L4 Judges President GJ – L4	L3 or L4 Judges	Judges from L2, L3 or L4 List	<del>National*/L1</del> FEI list Judge President GJ L3 or L4
	Foreign member of GJ compulsory		Foreign Official compulsory (either GJ, TD or CD)	
<b>Technical Delegate</b>	L4 TD	L3 or L4 TD	L2, L3 or L4 TD	



<b>Assistant Technical Delegate</b>	L2, L3 or L4 TD		If appointed, TD from FEI list <del>or national* Technical Delegate</del>		
<b>Course Designer</b>	L4 CD	L3 or L4 CD	L2, L3 or L4 CD	<del>CD may be national* or FEI list</del>	From
<b>Assistant Course Designer</b>	From FEI List				
<b>Jumping Course Designer</b>	Jumping CD from FEI 3&4 Jumping list	Jumping CD from National list	Jumping CD from National list recommended		
<b>Veterinary Delegate</b>	FEI Official Veterinarian(s) in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations.				
<b>Veterinary Services Manager</b>	From FEI list of Level 1 Official Veterinarians Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required				
<b>Chief Steward</b>	L4 Eventing Steward	L3 or L4 Eventing Steward	L2, L3 or L4 Eventing Steward		
<b>Assistant Steward</b>	L2, L3 or L4 Eventing Steward	From FEI list <del>or National* Eventing Steward</del>	From FEI list <del>or National* Eventing Steward</del>		

~~\*Note: National Officials can still be appointed where specified in the tables until 31.12.2023~~

## 513.4 Ground Jury President Appointment - Additional Requirements

For 4&5 star Competitions the highest FEI Level 3 or 4 Judge must be appointed as President of the Ground Jury.

### 513.4.1 CCI5\*-L

The Ground Jury and Technical Delegate for 5 star events will be appointed by the Organising Committee in consultation with the FEI according to requirements set by the Eventing Committee and published on the FEI Website.

## 513.5 Championships & Games

Championships & Games	W-CH & Olympic Games	4 star	3 star	2 star
<b>Ground Jury</b>	L4 Judges	L3 or L4 Judges President GJ –L4	L3 or L4 Judges	
	Minimum one Foreign GJ member			
	Jumping Judge from FEI list is compulsory			
<b>Technical Delegate</b>	L4 TD		L3 or L4 TD	
<b>Assistant Technical</b>	L2, L3 or L4 TD		From FEI TD list <del>or national Technical Delegate</del>	

<b>Delegate</b>		
<b>Course Designer</b>	L4 CD	L3 or L4 CD
<b>Assistant Course Designer</b>	From FEI List	
<b>Jumping Course Designer</b>	Jumping CD from 3 & 4 FEI Jumping list	Jumping CD from national list
<b>Veterinary Commission</b>	Foreign Veterinary Delegate and additional Veterinary delegate in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations	
<b>Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)</b>	From FEI list of Level 1 Official Veterinarian Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required	
<b>Chief Steward</b>	L4 Eventing Steward	L3 or L4 Eventing Steward
<b>Assistant Steward</b>	L2, L3 or L4 Eventing Steward	

~~\*Note: National Officials can still be appointed where specified in the tables until 31.12.2023~~

### 513.5.1 Championships and Games

The Ground Jury, Foreign Technical Delegate will be appointed by the FEI in consultation with the Organising Committee. All Eventing Officials must be selected from the FEI Level 3 and 4 list. The Veterinary Commission and/or Foreign Veterinary Delegate will be appointed in accordance with the VRs.

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### 513.8.3 Number of Technical Delegates per Event

In the case of more than one Competition (international and national) at the same Event:

- a) One Technical Delegate must be appointed for two Competitions.
- b) Two Technical Delegates must be appointed in the case of three or four Competitions.
- c) Three Technical Delegates must be appointed in the case of five Competitions or more.

In the case of an Event with 100 or more competitors, at least two Technical Delegates must be appointed.

The main Technical Delegate must be selected from the FEI TD list in accordance with the requirements set out in this Article 513, additional Technical Delegates can be appointed from ~~the national\* list or the~~ FEI Technical Delegates list (L1 to L4).

~~\*Note: national TD still allowed until 31.12.2023~~

Different sections are considered to be the same Competition.

In case of more than one Technical Delegate appointed at the same Event, one overall Technical Delegate must be selected. The Technical Delegate will be responsible for coordinating the job of the Technical Delegates and the reporting to the FEI for the whole Event.

### 513.8.4 Assistant Technical Delegate

An Assistant Technical Delegate must be appointed by the Organising Committee for all Games, Championships, Series Finals, CIOs and 4&5 star level CCIs and may be appointed at other international Competitions.

The Assistant Technical Delegate ~~may~~ must be selected from the FEI lists ~~or may be a national\* Technical Delegate.~~ ~~\*Note: national TD still allowed until 31.12.2023~~

At Games, Championships, Series Finals and 5 star level Competitions the Assistant Technical Delegate must be of a different nationality to the Technical Delegate

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### **513.9 1, 2 & 3 star Competitions with Several Sections of the Same Level**

One, two and three star Competitions can be divided in several sections of the same level and be treated as a single entity according to specific provisions.

If several sections of Competitions at the same level are organised, the whole Competition will be treated as a single entity and Officials will be appointed as follows:

- a) Where there is more than one section of an Event, it is possible to appoint only one Ground Jury for the Event, consisting of a President and one or two members who will be responsible for all decisions common to the various sections.
- b) Additional **Dressage Judges (not Ground Jury Member)** will be appointed to assist in the judging of the Dressage Test, if necessary to make up the Horse Inspection panels and if required, to help judge the Jumping Test. ~~These additional Judges may be taken from the FEI lists of Officials, or may be national\* Judges.~~
- ~~\*Note: national Officials still allowed until 31.12.2023~~
- c) At a Long Format Competition (CCIs-L), at least one member of the Ground Jury must officiate at each Horse Inspection. All Horses in any section must be inspected by the same Veterinarian and Ground Jury member at all inspections.
- d) There must be only one Technical Delegate to officiate in all sections of an Event organised at the same star level.

The Ground Jury must consist of members selected by the Organising Committee in accordance with the rules for the relevant star level.

Article No.–Article Name
<b>518.3 CCI4*-S/L and CCI5*-L additional requirements</b>
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><b><u>3- New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation</u></b></p> <p>The implementation of this rule beginning 2023 has caused confusion. The following clarification is proposed by the EC to address the “cascading effect” of the requirement to complete two competitions before entering a CCI4*-L and CCI5*-L after a break of 13 months.</p> <p>The proposal is to include a clarification to adjust the requirement depending of the level completed and the MER obtained by the Horse.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p><b>518.3 CCI4*-S/L and CCI5*-L additional requirements</b></p> <p>Horses having not <del>competed</del> <b>completed</b> at a FEI Competition for a period of 13 consecutive months or more will have to complete an event at a lower level before entering a CCI4*-S/L or CCI5*-L event as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>– CCI4*-S: must complete a CCI3*-S/L</del></li> <li><del>– CCI4*-L: must complete a CCI4*-S</del></li> <li><del>– CCI5*-L: must complete a CCI4*-S/L</del></li> </ul> <p><b>Horses having obtained a MER at <u>CCI4*-S or CCI3*-S/L</u>:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to enter a CCI4*-S: must complete a CCI3*-S/L</li> </ul> <p><b>Horses having obtained a MER at <u>CCI4*-L</u>:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to enter a CCI4*-L or CCI5*: must complete a CCI4*-S</li> </ul> <p><b>Horses having obtained a MER at <u>CCI5*-L</u>:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to enter a CCI5*-L: must complete a CCI4*-S/L</li> </ul>