

**PROPOSALS FOR 2020 MODIFICATIONS TO THE
EVENTING RULES**

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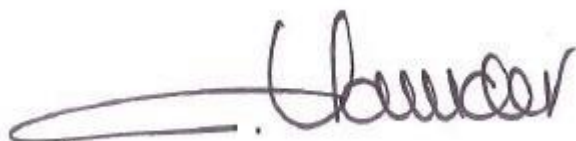
Dear National Federations,

Please find below a summary of the proposed changes to the Eventing Rules together with the corresponding explanations, the comments received as well as the reasoning for accepting or not accepting each proposal.

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

- A.** [Proposed Rules changes to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020](#); and
- B.** [Proposed Rules changes that have been rejected or deferred to a future Rules revision.](#)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Catrin Norinder', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Catrin Norinder,

Director

Eventing & Olympics

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A. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES TO BE VOTED AT THE FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2020

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
501.3.4 World Individual and Team Championships
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from Technical Committee:</p> <p>Further to the FEI GA decision to allow separate or combined World Championships to replace WEG the Eventing Committee recommends to clarify the number of individuals in addition to team per National Federations in World Championships.</p>
Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020
<p>501.3.4 World Individual and Team Championships</p> <p>The World Championships are for Seniors. World Championships can only be held if at least six National Federations are represented.</p> <p>If the World Championships are conducted separately, the number of Athletes will be in accordance with art. 501.3.2 for Championships.</p> <p>Participation <u>to World Championship when combined with other disciplines</u>:</p> <p>a) Maximum 5 Athletes to take part from one nation.</p> <p>b) Maximum of 2 individuals for Nations not represented by a team.</p> <p>c) A Team will consist of 3 or 4 Athletes.</p> <p>Technical Level: a) 5 star level Dressage and Jumping Test, b) Cross-Country Test World CH/Olympic Games level technicality (10min 38-42 efforts)</p>
Comments received by 31 August 2020
<p>- GER NF</p> <p>With the unfortunate reduction of number of riders for the Olympics we must use every possibility to give a chance to the World's best riders and allow 6 riders per NF if the organiser can accommodate a larger number of starters.</p> <p>If e.g. one OC hosts two disciplines and they are either on different weekends or at different venues, the organisers should decide if they can accept 6 rather than 5 riders per NF as a maximum.</p> <p>Proposed wording:</p> <p>(...)</p> <p><i>If the World Championships are conducted separately (including different weekends or venues) the number of Athletes will be in accordance with Art. 501.3.2 for Championships.</i></p> <p><i>Participation to World Championships when combined with other disciplines and number of overall horses at the venue is limited:</i></p> <p>- IEOC</p> <p>Why is there a limit on the number of athletes if the OC is able to host more?</p>
FEI feedback
<p>The Eventing Committee agreed to maintain the maximum number of Athletes per NF to 5 (five) if the World Championships are combined with other Championships and limit to 6 combinations per NF when the Eventing World Championships are held separately from the other disciplines.</p>
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020
As per wording proposed In 1 st draft (see above)

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Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
505.3.1 Distribution (Prizemoney)
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Following a discrepancy between the Eventing Rules (art. 505.3.1) and the General regulations (art.128.1) regarding the distribution of prizemoney, the Eventing Committee proposes to line up with the General regulations and stipulate in the rules that the total amount of money published in the schedule must be distributed.</p> <p>The Eventing Committee also suggests to add in the rules that the Total amount and breakdown should be included based on a defined number of starters with different scenarios to be specified should the number of actual entries differ from the number of starters mentioned in the schedule.</p> <p>This will allow some flexibility to the Organisers regarding the allocation of prize money based on the number of definite entries and allow the competitors to be informed to the prizemoney to be actually distributed.</p>
Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020
<p>505.3.1 Distribution</p> <p>The <u>total</u> amount of prize-money <u>published for each Competition in the schedule</u> must be distributed.</p> <p><u>OCs must state the details of the distribution of prizemoney in the Event schedule. OC may include two prizemoney distribution options in the schedule to enable the amount and number of prizes to be adjusted to the definite number of starters.</u></p> <p>The minimum number of prizes offered for each Competition must be allocated on the basis of one prize for every commenced four Athletes (Dressage starters), with a minimum of five prizes.</p> <p>If less than five Athletes complete the Competition, the minimum number of prizes to be distributed shall be amended to equal the number of Athletes completing.</p> <p>The value of the first prize for individuals, either in cash or in kind easily convertible into cash, may never exceed one third of the total value of the prize money and prizes convertible into cash offered for the Competition.</p>
Comments received by 31 August 2020
<p>GBR NF</p> <p>One of our Organisers has queried the above</p> <p>The above covers the possibility of having less definite number of starters. However, I feel another area that needs covering in the light the current situation (i.e. Covid-19) and that is the possibility that events may still have to run with less spectators or even behind closed doors which in turn could affect sponsorship. All these elements could lead to a high level of prizemoney not being sustainable.</p>
FEI feedback
<p>The Eventing Committee reviewed the comment received from the GBR NF regarding the cost for the OC, which was addressed separately by HQ.</p> <p>The Eventing Committee confirmed that the proposal would be maintained as the proposal was in favour of the organiser if a lower scenario in terms of number of definite entries was included in the approved schedule.</p>
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020
As per wording proposed In 1 st draft (see above)

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
511 Requirements for Promotion

512 Requirements for Maintenance of Status**Explanation for Proposed Change****Proposal from Technical Committee:**

In order to line up with the other sport disciplines and the proposed modifications to the GRs in regard to the requirement for Officials education, the requirement for transfer and maintenance of status will be included in a separate document dedicated to the Education system and removed from the FEI Eventing Rules.

Please note the specific Eventing provisions to be maintained in the FEI Eventing Rules.

Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020**511 Requirements for Promotion**

The Eventing Committee will review the Eventing Education [Programme/System](#) on a yearly basis to ensure the best practice standards. All updates will be published on the FEI website in the beginning of each calendar year.

All requirements for promotion must be clearly documented by the National Federation responsible and be submitted to the FEI with the application for promotion.

511.1 Judges**511.1.1 Level 2 Judges**

~~The requirements to be promoted FEI Level 2 Judge are as follows:~~

~~a) To be listed as a National Approved Dressage Judge at the Medium or equivalent level (including collection and extension in walk, trot and canter, flying changes, half-passes, and shoulder-in) and to be familiar with and fully understand the Training Scale as per the Dressage Rules.~~

~~b) To have some experience in course evaluation, knowledge of Eventing Risk Management, dispute resolution and disciplinary matters.~~

~~c) To have regular practice as a National Eventing Judge over a period of at least two years, including acting as a member of the Ground Jury at a minimum of two international Events of which at least one must be a Long Format Competition.~~

~~d) To have fulfilled the educational requirements with a positive assessment and recommendation for promotion.~~

~~e) To understand English.~~

~~f) To be supported by the National Federation.~~

511.1.2 Level 3 Judges

~~The requirements to be promoted Level 3 Judge are as follows:~~

~~a) To be listed as an FEI Level 2 Judge.~~

~~b) To be nationally certified at Advanced or equivalent level and to have gained experience in judging PSG Dressage including collection and extension in walk, trot and canter, flying changes, half-passes and shoulder-in and to have participated in a national training program on the same level.~~

~~c) To be proficient and practised in course evaluation, with a working knowledge of Eventing Risk Management, dispute resolution and disciplinary matters.~~

~~d) To have judged regularly at both national and international Events with a minimum of four international Events of which at least one must be a Long Format Competition, and one must be outside of own country during the current or preceding two years.~~

~~e) To have fulfilled the educational requirements with a positive assessment and recommendation for promotion.~~

~~f) To understand and speak English.~~

511.2 Technical Delegates**511.2.1 Level 2 Technical Delegates**

~~The requirements to be promoted FEI Level 2 Technical Delegate are as follows:~~

~~a) To have regular practice as a National Technical Delegate over a period of at least three years.~~

~~b) To have gained experience as Technical Delegate at all levels of short and Long Format Competitions. This experience should include working within an Organising Committee and as assistant Course Designer.~~

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- ~~c) To have served as an assistant to a Level 3 star Technical Delegate at an international Long Format Competition.~~
- ~~d) To have fulfilled the educational requirements with a positive assessment and recommendation for promotion.~~
- ~~e) To understand English.~~
- ~~f) To be supported by the National Federation.~~

511.2.2 Level 3 Technical Delegates

The requirements to be promoted FEI Level 3 Technical Delegate are as follows:

- ~~a) To be listed as an FEI Level 2 Technical Delegate.~~
- ~~b) To have acted as a Technical Delegate at two international Events of which at least one must be a Long Format Competition, and one must be outside of own country during the current or preceding two years.~~
- ~~c) To have fulfilled the educational requirements with a positive assessment and recommendation for promotion.~~
- ~~d) To understand and speak English.~~

511.3 Course Designers**511.3.1 Level 2 Course Designers**

The requirements to be promoted FEI Level 2 Course Designers are as follows:

- ~~a) To have regular practice as a National Course Designer over a period of at least three years. This requirement may be reduced if the Course Designer has experience as an international Athlete.~~
- ~~b) To have gained experience as Course Designer at short and Long Format Competitions.~~
- ~~c) To have fulfilled the educational requirements with a positive assessment and recommendation for promotion.~~
- ~~d) To understand English.~~
- ~~e) To be supported by the National Federation.~~

511.3.2 Level 3 Course Designers

The requirements to be promoted FEI Level 3 Course Designers are as follows:

- ~~a) To be listed as an FEI Level 2 Course Designer.~~
- ~~b) To have acted as a Course Designer at two international Events of which at least one must be a Long Format Competition during the current or preceding two years.~~
- ~~c) To have fulfilled the educational requirements with a positive assessment and recommendation for promotion.~~
- ~~d) To understand, and preferably speak English.~~

511.4 Stewards**511.4.1 Level 1 Stewards**

The requirements to be promoted FEI Level 1 Steward are as follows:

- ~~a) To have regular practice as a Steward in National and International events including a minimum of two International Long or Short competitions.~~
- ~~b) To have fulfilled the educational requirements with a positive assessment and recommendation for promotion.~~
- ~~c) To be supported by the National Federation.~~
- ~~d) To be minimum 21 years of age~~

511.1 Stewards

All FEI listed Judges and Technical Delegates will automatically be listed as Level 1 FEI Stewards.

511.4.2 Level 2 Stewards

The requirements to be promoted FEI Level 2 Steward are as follows:

- ~~a) To be listed as an FEI Level 1 Eventing Steward.~~
- ~~b) To have acted as a Steward at six (6) International events (of which three (3) in the Eventing Discipline) at least one time as a Chief Steward and one time as an Assistant Chief Steward at a 4 or 5 star event within five (5) years.~~
- ~~c) To have fulfilled the educational requirements with a positive assessment and recommendation for promotion.~~
- ~~d) To understand and speak English.~~

511.4.3 Level 3 Stewards

A Level 2 FEI Stewards may be promoted by the FEI to Level 3 status following proposal by their FEI NF Stewards General through their National Federations.

512 Requirements for Maintenance of Status

Please kindly refer to the Eventing Education System document available separately for details on the requirements to maintain a FEI official status.

512.1 Judges

512.1.1 Level 2 Judges

The requirements to be maintained as a FEI Level 2 Judge are as follows:

- a) Completed a yearly on-line competency-based evaluation test with a positive assessment
- b) To have fulfilled the educational requirements (at an in-person maintenance course) every three years with a positive assessment and recommendation for maintenance.
- c) To have regular practice as a National Eventing Judge over the last three years including acting as a member of the Ground Jury at a minimum of two international Events of which at least one must be Long Format Competition.

Level 2 Judges who do not meet the requirements will be dropped from the FEI Judges list.

512.1.2 Level 3 Judges

The requirements to be maintained as a FEI Level 3 Judge are as follows:

- a) Completed a yearly on-line competency-based evaluation test with a positive assessment
- b) To have fulfilled the educational requirements (at an in-person maintenance course) every three years with a positive assessment and recommendation for maintenance.
- c) To have judged regularly at both national and international Events with a minimum of four international Events of which at least one must be Long Format Competition during the last three years.

Level 3 Judges who do not meet the technical requirements may be moved to the Level 2 Judges list or dropped from the list, at the discretion of the FEI Eventing Committee.

512.2 Technical Delegates

512.2.1 Level 2 Technical Delegates

The requirements to be maintained as a FEI Level 2 Technical Delegate are as follows:

- a) Completed a yearly on-line competency-based evaluation test with a positive assessment
- b) To have fulfilled the educational (at an in-person maintenance course) requirements every three years with a positive assessment and recommendation for maintenance.
- c) To have regular practice as a National Technical Delegate over the last three years including acting as Technical Delegate at a minimum of two international Events.

Level 2 Technical Delegates who do not meet the requirements will be dropped from the FEI Technical Delegates list.

512.2.2 Level 3 Technical Delegates

The requirements to be maintained as a FEI Level 3 Technical Delegates are as follows:

- a) Completed a yearly on-line competency bases evaluation test with a positive assessment
- b) To have fulfilled the educational requirements (at an in-person maintenance course) every three years with a positive assessment and recommendation for maintenance.
- c) To have acted as a Technical Delegate at two international Events of which at least one must be a Long Format Competition during the last three years.

Level 3 Technical Delegates who do not meet the technical requirements may be moved to the level 2 Technical Delegates list or dropped from the list, at the discretion of the FEI Eventing Committee.

512.3 Course Designers

512.3.1 Level 2 Course Designers

The requirements to be maintained as a FEI Level 2 Course Designer are as follows:

- a) Completed a yearly on-line competency bases evaluation test with a positive assessment
- b) To have fulfilled the educational requirements (at an in-person maintenance course) every three years with a positive assessment and recommendation for maintenance.
- c) To have regular practice as a National Course Designers over the last three years including acting as Course Designer at a minimum of one international Event.

Level 2 Course Designers who do not meet the requirements will be dropped from the FEI Course Designers list.

512.3.2 Level 3 Course Designers

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~~The requirements to be maintained as a FEI Level 3 Course Designers are as follows:~~
~~a) Completed a yearly on-line competency based evaluation test with a positive assessment~~
~~b) To have fulfilled the educational requirements (at an in-person maintenance course) every three years with a positive assessment and recommendation for maintenance.~~
~~c) To have acted as a Course Designer at two international Events during the last three years.~~

All Course Designers designing a 4 or 5 star course for the first time must be mentored and shadowed by an experienced Course Designer at the same level.

~~Level 3 Course Designer who do not meet the technical requirements may be moved to the Level 2 Course Designers list or dropped from the list at the discretion of the FEI Eventing Committee.~~

Comments received by 31 August 2020

- GER NF

A few single sentences are not deleted and don't make sense staying there alone.
 We think that it is better to just refer to the Education System.

511 Requirements for Promotion

The Eventing Committee will review the Eventing Education Programme/System on a yearly basis to ensure the best practice standards. All updates will be published on the FEI website in the beginning of each calendar year.

All requirements for promotion must be clearly documented by the National Federation responsible and be submitted to the FEI with the application for promotion.

Add:

Please kindly refer to the Eventing Education System document available separately for details on the requirements for promotion of a FEI official status.

Delete all subsequent paras.

512 Requirements for Maintenance of Status

Please kindly refer to the Eventing Education System document available separately for details on the requirements to maintain a FEI official status.

Delete all subsequent paras.

FEI feedback

The Eventing Committee agreed to the proposal of the GER NF to simplify further the reference to the education system in the FEI Eventing rules, see below.

The Eventing Committee agreed that the paragraph related to the shadowing of a course designer designing his first 4* or 5* course would be moved to the course designer role and responsibilities.

The below is shown without the strikethrough of wordings to be transferred to the education system to make proposal clearer (for full text see above)

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

511 Requirements for Officials Transfer

The Eventing Committee will review the Eventing Officials Education System on a yearly basis to ensure the best practice standards. All updates will be published on the FEI website in the beginning of each calendar year.

Transfer requests must be clearly documented by the National Federation responsible in accordance with the published requirements

511.14 Eventing Stewards specifics

All FEI listed Judges and Technical Delegates will automatically be listed as Level 1 FEI Stewards.

512 Requirements for Maintenance of Status

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In addition to the Eventing Official Education system, Officials not fulfilling the requirements will be transferred down or dropped from the Eventing Officials list at the discretion of the Eventing Committee

515.4 Course Designer

All Course Designers designing a 4 or 5 star course for the first time must be mentored and shadowed by an experienced Course Designer at the same level.

The Course Designer must be present at the Cross Country course inspection with the specific Ground Jury for the Cross Country course for which the Course Designer is responsible. If for any serious reason, the appointed Course Designer cannot be present also during the Cross Country Test, this information needs to be reported to the FEI with a proposal for replacement before the start of the Event. Any infringement of this article will be reported to the FEI Secretary General for possible legal action to be considered by the FEI.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

513.1 Short Format (CCIs-S and CCIOs-S), 513.2 Long Format (CCIs-L and CCIOs-L), 513.3 CCI 1*-Intro (Unified Level), 513.5 Championships & Games, 513.5.1 Championships and Games

Explanation for Proposed Change

Further to the update of the Veterinary rules in regard to veterinary officials educations/eligibility the following is proposed:

Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

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513.1 Short Format (CCIs-S and CCI0s-S)

Short format competition	4 star	3 star	2 star
	(....)		
Veterinary Delegate	FEI Official Veterinarian(s) <u>in accordance with the VRs from FEI list of Eventing Veterinarians</u>		
Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)	From FEI list of <u>Level 1 Official Veterinarian Permitted Treating Veterinarians</u> Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required		

513.2 Long Format (CCIs-L and CCI0s-L)

Long format competition	5 star	4 star	3 star	2 star
	(....)			
Veterinary Delegate	FEI Official Veterinarian(s) <u>in accordance with the VRs</u> FEI Official Veterinarian(s) in accordance with the VRs			
Veterinary Services Manager	From FEI list of <u>Level 1 Official Veterinarian Permitted Treating Veterinarian</u> Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required			

513.3 CCI 1*-Intro (Unified Level)

	CCI1*-Intro
	(...)
Veterinary Delegate	FEI Official Veterinarian <u>in accordance with the VRs from FEI list of Eventing Veterinarians</u>
Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)	From FEI list of <u>Level 1 Official Veterinarians Permitted Treating Veterinarians</u> Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required

513.5 Championships & Games

Championships & Games	W-CH & Olympic Games	4 star	3 star	2 star
	(...)			
Veterinary Commission	Foreign Veterinary Delegate and <u>additional Veterinary delegate in accordance with the VRs</u> Assistant Veterinarian from FEI List of Official Veterinarians			
Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)	From FEI list of <u>Level 1 Official Veterinarian Permitted Treating Veterinarian</u> Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required			

513.5.1 Championships and Games

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

Comments received by 31 August 2020

None

FEI feedback

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The Eventing Committee maintained the proposal as it is.

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As per wording proposed In 1st draft (see above)

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

515.3.1 General Duties

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from Technical Committee

Following the deletion of Annex F (Investigation panel) last year, the responsibility of the Serious Incident Management Plan (SIMP) was deleted, it is necessary to include the responsibility of the (SIMP) with the Technical Delegate duties.

Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

515.3.1 General Duties (TD)

The Technical Delegate will approve the technical and administrative arrangements for the conduct of the Competition including, ~~for~~ the examinations and inspections of Horses, ~~for~~ the accommodation of Horses and Athletes, ~~and for~~ the stewarding of the Competition, ~~as well as for liaison~~ ng the liaison with the Chief Medical Officer in regard to the Medical plan as well as for the implementation of the Serious Incident Management Protocol:-

The authority of the Technical Delegate shall be absolute until he has reported to the Ground Jury that he is satisfied with all the arrangements. Thereafter, he will continue to supervise the technical and administrative conduct of the Event and will advise and assist the Ground Jury, Veterinary Commission and the Organising Committee

Comments received by 31 August 2020

- IRL NF

We request the urgent addition under Criteria 1 [Safety of Athlete] & 2 [Correction of Manifest errors] that the Cross Country Controller's attendance be MANDATORY at any/all XC meetings- it is their primary function to "run" the XC and deploy all safety personnel/ procedures as required. This is a long-standing serious omission from the rules.

FEI feedback

The Eventing Committee maintained the proposal to clarify that the TD is in charge of the SIMP. The proposal of the Irish NF was discussed and the EC agreed to include the definition and protocol for the Cross Country control in the FEI Eventing rules when they undergo a full revision in 2022 (to take effect in 2023).

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

515.3.1 General Duties (TD)

The Technical Delegate will approve the technical and administrative arrangements for the conduct of the Competition including, ~~for~~ the examinations and inspections of Horses, ~~for~~ the accommodation of Horses and Athletes, ~~and for~~ the stewarding of the Competition, ~~as well as for liaison~~ ng the liaison with the Chief Medical Officer in regard to the Medical plan as well as for the implementation of the Serious Incident Management Protocol:-

The authority of the Technical Delegate shall be absolute until he has reported to the Ground Jury that he is satisfied with all the arrangements. Thereafter, he will continue to supervise the technical and administrative conduct of the Event and will advise and assist the Ground Jury, Veterinary Commission and the Organising Committee

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

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515.4.1 Course Designer & 515.4.1 Cross Country & 515.4.2 Jumping

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Explanation for Proposed Change**Proposal from Technical Committee**

Further to the Eventing Committee decision to extend the responsibility of the Course Designer during the Cross country test, to work with the TD and GJ in dealing with judging queries, application of sanctions (dangerous riding, abuse of horse, incorrect behaviour, welfare of the horse), reviewing fences during XC in case of repetitive falls or weather situations, the proposal is to include the updated responsibilities in art. 514.4.1.

This proposal is linked to the enhancement of the Risk Management Program.

This includes also the responsibility of fitting of frangible technology with Course Builders lining up with the rules and guidelines.

Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020**515.4.1 Cross Country**

The Course Designer is responsible for the layout, measurement, preparation and marking of the route for the Cross Country and for the design, construction and marking of the obstacles on Cross Country.

The Course Designer role during the Cross country test is to work with the Technical Delegate and Ground Jury to deal with judging queries, sanctions (dangerous riding, abuse of horse, incorrect behaviour, welfare of the horse), reviewing of course/fences during XC in case of repetitive falls or weather situations.

The Course Designers are responsible to ensure that all frangible technologies are fitted in accordance to the rules & guidelines.

Comments received by 31 August 2020**- IRL NF**

IRL NF with the recommendation of an enhanced role to work with TD/GJ during XC but would ask that the wording should state that they are available and visible on course, monitoring footing/pins etc throughout the duration of the competition. [As their SJ counterparts are]

As proposed with additional line:

The Course Designers should be available and visible on course, monitoring footing / pins etc. throughout the duration of the competition.

- USA NF

USEF supports the FEI recommendation, and would like to recognize this as a timely and important change.

FEI feedback

The proposal of the Irish NF was discussed and the Eventing Committee agreed not to include it in the rules as could be misleading and compromise the responsibilities of the TD on Cross Country. The proposal and implications could be further reviewed in the future

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As per wording proposed In 1st draft (see above)

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**FEI****Article Number – Article Name****520.1 Athletes not yet categorised at the level of the Competition****Explanation for Proposed Change**

Proposal from Technical Committee

Based on the recommendations of the FEI Risk Management Steering Group and analysis driven by EquiRatings, the Eventing Committee suggest to strengthen the qualification requirements for less experienced Athletes to participate at Higher level Events.

Further to the postponed Olympic Games and in order to ensure equal conditions through all the Olympic qualifications procedure, the Eventing Committee suggests to implement the below proposed modifications after the Olympic Games deadline for qualification: **1 July 2021**

Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020**520.1 Athletes not yet categorised at the level of the Competition**

For Athletes not yet categorised at the level of the Competition the Minimum Eligibility Requirements must be achieved as a combination according to the following table:

Short format: incl. MER obtained as per NF Requirements

CCI2*-S	All Athletes	NF requirements only
CCI3*-S	Uncategorised Athletes	1 CCI2*-S
	D Athletes	NF requirements only
CCI4*-S	Uncategorised or D or C Athletes	2 <u>3</u> CCI3*-S

Long format: incl. MER obtained as per NF Requirements

CCI2*-L	All Athletes	NF requirements only
CCI3*-L	Uncategorised Athletes	1 <u>2</u> CCI3*-S and (1 CCI2*-L or 1 CCI3*-S)
	D Athletes	1 CCI3*-S or 1 CCI2*-L
CCI4*-L	Uncategorised or D or C Athletes	1 <u>2</u> CCI3*-L and 1 CCI4*-S
CCI5*-L	Uncategorised or D or C Athletes	2 CCI4*-L and 2 <u>3</u> CCI4*-S
	B Athletes	1 CCI4*-L and 3 CCI4*-S

Comments received by 31 August 2020**GER NF**

We generally support changes that are improving the safety in Eventing.

But due to Covid-19 and the lack of CCIs worldwide and the fact that Athletes are planning the next season the year before, we strongly recommend to postpone the implementation of the increase in MERs to **1st January 2022** hoping that there will be more Events next year.

Then every rider/owner can prepare in time.

Keep current (2019) wording, postpone changes

- NED NF

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But due to Covid-19 and the lack of CCIs worldwide and the fact that Athletes are planning the next season the year before, we strongly recommend to postpone the implementation of the increase in MERs to **1st January 2022** hoping that there will be more Events next year.

Then every rider/owner can prepare in time.

- USA NF

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USEF supports the FEI recommendation, and would like to recognize this as a good move and a useful start

FEI feedback

The Eventing Committee maintained the proposal to modify the qualification requirements as **from 1 July 2021** (after the Olympic Games MER period) as the small percentages of participants impacted by the modifications was very low and could reduce significantly the number of horse falls

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	D Athletes	NF requirements only
CCI4*-S	Uncategorised or D or C Athletes	2 <u>3</u> CCI3*-S

Long format: incl. MER obtained as per NF Requirements

CCI2*-L	All Athletes	NF requirements only
CCI3*-L	Uncategorised Athletes	1 <u>2</u> CCI3*-S and (1 CCI2*-L or 1 CCI3*-S)
	D Athletes	1 CCI3*-S or 1 CCI2*-L
CCI4*-L	Uncategorised or D or C Athletes	1 <u>2</u> CCI3*-L and 1 CCI4*-S
CCI5*-L	Uncategorised or D or C Athletes	2 CCI4*-L and 2 <u>3</u> CCI4*-S
	B Athletes	1 CCI4*-L and 3 CCI4*-S

Note: the additional qualification requirements will come into force on 1 July 2021 (after the Olympic Games entries)

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

523.3 Examination after a fall & 524.3.2 Cross Country - Finishing Area

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from Technical Committee

Following the introduction of the new Eventing sanction system in 2020, an inconsistency was identified in that as a principle incorrect behaviour results in a Yellow card and not a specific Eventing sanction.

Further to clarification in art. 527 of the Eventing rules, an Athlete leaving the venue without seeing a doctor or without having his horse checked by the Vet is considered a specific Eventing sanction and therefore, art 523.3 and 524.3.2 need to be updated accordingly.

Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

523.3 Examination After a Fall

All Athletes that have had a fall during training on the Competition site or in Competition must be examined by the Official Medical Officer before they either take part in another test, Competition or leave the venue. The Athlete is fully responsible for ensuring that this examination takes place. Any Athlete who leaves the venue after a fall without submitting to the examination required under this Article will automatically be issued an Eventing Recorded Warning ~~for incorrect behaviour~~, which will be delivered to his or her National Federation.

524.3.2 Cross Country - Finishing Area

A veterinary examination will take place after the Horse has finished the Cross Country. It is conducted by a qualified veterinarian appointed by the Organising Committee in agreement with the Veterinary Delegate. In addition to carrying out any immediate treatment required by an injured or exhausted Horse, this veterinarian will decide if each Horse: a) Is fit to return immediately on foot to its own stable. b) Should remain for further treatment before returning to its stable. c) Should be transported by vehicle either direct to its stable or to a veterinary hospital. This veterinarian has no authority to eliminate any Horse from the Competition, but must report any doubtful case of abuse of horse to the Ground Jury and to the Veterinary Delegate. An Athlete who has retired, has been eliminated or stopped during the Cross Country Test is responsible to make sure his Horse has been checked by the Veterinary Delegate or an appointed veterinarian before leaving the venue. Any Athlete who leaves the venue without submitting to the veterinary check required under this Article will automatically be issued an Eventing Recorded Warning ~~for incorrect behaviour~~, which will be delivered to his or her National Federation.

Comments received by 31 August 2020

None

FEI feedback

The Eventing Committee maintained both proposals as no further comments were received

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

As per wording proposed in 1st draft (see above)

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name**525.2 Warnings and Penalties (Dangerous riding)****Explanation for Proposed Change****Proposal from Technical Committee**

Further to the introduction of the new Eventing Sanction system and the definition of the measure applicable for Dangerous riding, the Eventing Committee proposes to clarify that in case of Dangerous riding, the sanction is either 25 penalties or elimination.

Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020**525.2 Warnings and Penalties**

All cases of Dangerous Riding will incur an Eventing Recorded Warning. In addition, depending on the circumstances of the case, ~~one or both~~ either of the following measures may be imposed:

- a) 25 penalties
- b) Elimination

Note: 25 penalties are considered as an addition to scores and can be given at any time during the competition. The penalties must be reported in the results as a Cross Country obstacle penalties, Dressage penalties or Jumping obstacle penalties Any of the above sanctions applied must always be reported by the Technical Delegate to the FEI and added on the Athlete sanction list.

Comments received by 31 August 2020

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None
FEI feedback
The Eventing Committee maintained the proposal as no further comments were received
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020
As per wording proposed in 1 st draft (see above)

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
526.1 Definition (abuse of Horse)
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from Technical Committee</p> <p>Further to the introduction of the new Eventing sanction system, the Eventing Committee recommends that a serious case of Dangerous Riding should be sanctioned by a Yellow Warning Card and therefore add it to the list of Abuse of Horse.</p>
Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020
<p>526.1 Definition</p> <p>Abuse of Horse means an action or omission which causes or is likely to cause pain or unnecessary discomfort to a Horse included but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Rapping. b) Riding an exhausted Horse. c) Excessive pressing of a tired Horse. d) Riding an obviously lame Horse. e) Excessive use of whip, bit and/or spurs. f) Horses bleeding indicating excessive use of the whip and/or spurs. g) Overriding: abuse of horse that does not necessarily induce visible marks <u>h) Serious case of dangerous riding</u> <p>If not directly witnessed by the Ground Jury, the incident must be reported as soon as possible to the Ground Jury through the Secretary of the Organising Committee or Cross Country Control Centre as appropriate. Where possible the report should be supported by a statement from one or more witnesses.</p> <p>The Ground Jury must decide if there is a case to be answered.</p>
Comments received by 31 August 2020
<p>- USA NF</p> <p>USEF supports the FEI recommendation, with the comment that if a serious case of dangerous riding is serious enough to be considered abuse of a horse, it should also be considered as grounds for automatic elimination.</p>
FEI feedback
The Eventing Committee maintains the proposal as no further comments were received
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020
As per wording proposed in 1 st draft (see above)

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
SWE
Article Number – Article Name
538.1.1 Protective Headgear (Dress) & 538.2.1 Civilian (Dressage Test) & 538.2.2 Members and employees of military establishments and national studs
Explanation for Proposed Change

23 November 2020

SWE

Due to the safety of the Athletes and the recent accident during the Longines FEI World Cup™ Prize giving ceremony at the Gothenburg Horse Show, the SWE NF believes that properly fastened Protective Headgears must be mandatory for all Athletes during the Prize giving ceremony. Therefore we suggest the following modifications to the General Regulations, Jumping-, Dressage - and Eventing rules.

Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020**538.1.1 Protective Headgear ***

While riding anywhere on the show grounds, the use of a properly fastened Protective Headgear ~~will be~~ mandatory. Protective headgear must comply with any of the European (EN), British (PAS), North American (ASTM), Australian/New Zealand tested standards applicable at the time of the competition.

Failure to wear such Protective Headgear where and when required after being notified to do so by an Official, shall result in a Yellow Warning Card, being issued to the Athlete unless exceptional circumstances apply.

As an exception, Senior Athletes may be allowed to remove their Headgear while accepting prizes or during the national anthem. It is recommended that Athletes not remove their Headgear during the lap of honour.

~~Note*: As of 1 January 2021, amendments to article 140 of the FEI General Regulations regarding Protective Headgear take effect.~~

538.2.2 Members and employees of military establishments and national studs

Service dress and gloves, ~~regulation-protective~~ headgear are compulsory for members and employees of military establishments and national studs.

~~Please refer to Dressage Rules in regard to use of protective headgear and top hat/bowler~~

Comments received by 31 August 2020

None

FEI feedback

The Eventing Committee maintains the proposal as no further comments were received.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

As per wording proposed in 1st draft (see above)

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**NED****Article Number – Article Name****538.2.1 Civilian (Dress) & 538.4.1 Civilian (Dress)****Explanation for Proposed Change**

This proposal is based on Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc. In the different Olympic and Paralympic disciplines the following can be found about clothing. We strongly suggest for this to be harmonised for all disciplines: athletes shall wear the official clothing of their NF.

General regulations

2.2.1.1 Unless stated otherwise in the Sport Rules, Athletes shall wear **the official clothing of their NF** throughout all stages of competition (team and individual) during the FEI Championships and/or CIOs.

2.2.1.2 Should a NF not have an official clothing, the Athlete(s) of such NF shall be entitled to wear their own clothing, subject to the relevant Discipline Rules and requirements of this Article.

(...)

Jumping Rules

Article 256

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1.5. Civilians are required to wear **the uniform or clothing approved by their NF**, a jacket (Competition jackets may be any colour but must have a lapel collar and outward facing buttons; the collar may be the same colour as the jacket or a different colour), white or light fawn breeches, black or brown boots. Other dark coloured boots may be approved at the discretion of the FEI. (...)

Dressage Rules

Article 427

2. Civilians. The following is compulsory at all CDIYH (7yo) / CDIJ / CDIY / CDIU25 / CDI3* / CDI4* / CDI5* / CDI-W and CDI Os, FEI Championships, Regional and Olympic Games: **a black or dark blue tail coat or jacket, or other dark colours may be worn within in the international HSV colour scale**. Colours having a value for "V" smaller than thirty two percent (32%) according to the HSV model may be approved through application to the FEI. Contrast colouring and piping is allowed.

(...)

Art. 427 2.1

For Grand Prix Freestyle only, any single colour tailcoat or jacket will be allowed. Striped or multi-coloured coats or jackets are not permitted. Tasteful and discreet accents, such as a collar of a different hue or modest piping or crystal decorations, are acceptable.

Eventing rules

538.2 Dressage Test

538.2.1 Civilian

Hunting dress or uniform of a riding club; white shirt and tie; gloves; white, fawn or cream breeches; long riding boots (or short boots with matching full grain smooth leather chaps); hunting cap, protective headgear or top hat. At CCIs-S 1, 2&3 star level civilian may also wear a tweed jacket with fawn or beige breeches and black or brown boots.

538.4 Jumping Test

538.4.1 Civilian

Hunting dress or uniform of a riding club; white shirt and tie; white, fawn or cream breeches; boots are compulsory for this Test. At CCI1*-Intro and CCI2*-L and 3*-L level civilian may also wear a tweed jacket with fawn or beige breeches and black or brown boots.

Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

538.2 Dressage Test

538.2.1 Civilian

Hunting dress or uniform of a riding club; white shirt and tie; gloves; white, fawn or cream breeches; long riding boots (or short boots with matching full grain smooth leather chaps); ~~hunting cap, protective headgear or top hat.~~

At ~~CCIs-S 1, 2&3 star level~~ lower level Events civilian may also wear a tweed jacket with fawn or beige breeches and black or brown boots.

Please refer to Dressage Rules in regard to use of protective headgear and top hat/bowler, as well as entering the arena with whip, with boots on Horse's leg or with discrepancy in dress.

~~Note*: As of 1 January 2021, amendments to article 140 of the FEI General Regulations regarding Protective Headgear take effect.~~

538.4 Jumping Test

538.4.1 Civilian

Hunting dress or uniform of a riding club; white shirt and tie; white, fawn or cream breeches; boots are compulsory for this Test. At ~~CCI1*-Intro and CCI2*-L and 3*-L level~~ lower level Events civilian may also wear a tweed jacket with fawn or beige breeches and black or brown boots

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- NED NF

There is an evident inconsistency in the rules. According to the General Regulations, the Jumping Rules and the Eventing Rules the riders are allowed to compete in the NF clothing. According to the dressage rules NF clothing is not allowed in the team competition (GP and GPS) but only in the Freestyle. The NED NF proposal is that a jacket approved by their home NF can be worn by Athletes. The rules for all Olympic and Paralympic disciplines have to be harmonised with regards to official clothing approved by the NF.

NF clothing should be promoted in the team competitions to create a team/nation atmosphere. We would like to address this topic in the 2021 rules revision, more specific towards the Olympic Games 2021.

FEI feedback

The Eventing Committee agreed to the proposal to harmonize the Dress between Olympic discipline and HQ would further coordinate with the other disciplines Technical committees.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020**538.2 Dressage Test****538.2.1 Civilian**

Hunting dress or uniform of a riding club; a tail coat or jacket approved by the Athlete's NF (contrast colouring and pipping is allowed), -white shirt and tie; gloves; white, fawn or cream breeches; long riding boots (or short boots with matching full grain smooth leather chaps); ~~hunting cap~~, protective headgear ~~or top hat~~.

At ~~CCIs S 1, 2&3 star level~~ lower level Events civilian may also wear a tweed jacket with fawn or beige breeches and black or brown boots.

Please refer to Dressage Rules in regard to use of protective headgear and top hat/bowler, as well as entering the arena with whip, with boots on Horse's leg or with discrepancy in dress.

~~Note*: As of 1 January 2021, amendments to article 140 of the FEI General Regulations regarding Protective Headgear take effect.~~

538.4 Jumping Test**538.4.1 Civilian**

Hunting dress or uniform of a riding club; a uniform or jacket approved by the Athlete's NF (contrast colouring and pipping is allowed), white shirt and tie; white, fawn or cream breeches; boots are compulsory for this Test. At ~~CCI1* Intro and CCI2* L and 3* L level~~ lower level Events civilian may also wear a tweed jacket with fawn or beige breeches and black or brown boots

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**FEI****Article Number – Article Name**

539.1.2 Permitted (Training and exercising saddlery), 539.1.4 Forbidden (Training and exercising saddlery), 539.2.2 Permitted (Dressage test), 539.2.3 Forbidden (Dressage test), 539.3.2 Forbidden (Cross Country and Jumping test saddlery) & Annex A 1.4 Illegal bits & 1.5 Permitted Mouthpieces

Explanation for Proposed Change**Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reasons:**

- Following an inconsistency, the use of blinkers for training, for the Cross Country test and for the Jumping test needs to be clarified: for the Cross Country test, any form of Blinkers is not allowed. For the Jumping test, the Eventing Committee has agreed to follow the Jumping rules.
- Further to the Eventing Rules update last year including a differentiated list of bits allowed for Eventing compared to Dressage, the following needs to be clarified:

Leather bit are included in Annex A, and were omitted in the reference article, therefore needs to be included in art. 539.2.2..

Allowance to use leather like material for bridles the Dressage test needs to be added to line up with the Dressage rules

- For safety reason, the Eventing Committee also suggests to clarify that throat lashes are compulsory for the Cross Country test
- The Eventing Committee agreed to remove the diagram number 13 (Sliding Hanging Cheek) as the mouthpiece can slide vertically and induced a gag effect. The Eventing Committee agreed to clarify that the bit cannot slide vertically and that the rein must be able to move freely in the ring of the bit.
- The Eventing Committee proposes to clarify that bit covered with leather are allowed for the Dressage test to line up with annex A (as bit made of leather is allowed).
- According to the current rules, a bit may have a curved port. The height of the deviation is defined in the Eventing rules but the width is not. In order to clarify this, the Eventing Committee proposal is to line with the Dressage rules and use the same wording.
- The Eventing Committee proposes to clarify what type of mouthpiece/cheekpiece can be used for a Bridoon when a double bridle is used (see diagram below).

Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

539.1.2 Permitted (Training and exercising saddlery)

Running martingales, Irish martingales, bit guards, boots, bandages, fly shields, nose covers and saddle covers are permitted.

Leather, sheepskin or similar material may be used on each cheek piece of the bridle providing the material does not exceed three centimeters in diameter measured from the Horse's cheek.

539.2.2 Permitted (Dressage test)

(...)

- A snaffle bridle of which the bit is made of metal, flexible rubber or synthetic, or plastic or leather material is also permitted as authorised in Annex A. Snaffles are permitted and must have a minimum diameter of fourteen millimetres (14 mm). For Ponies the minimum diameter shall be ten millimetres (10 mm). The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece. The reins must be attached to the bit.
- The bridle must be made entirely of leather or leather-like material, except for a small disc of sheepskin, which may be used under the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband.

(...)

539.2.3 Forbidden

Martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running or balancing reins, etc.), any form of blinkers, earplugs, nose covers and saddle covers, are under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden. False tails are permitted provided they are not weighted or otherwise enhanced in any way whatsoever.

Bits where the mouthpieces rings restrict the reins to move freely are not permitted as well as bits that can slide vertically creating a gag effect.

539.3.2 Forbidden (Cross Country and Jumping test saddlery)

Any form of blinkers, side, running or balancing reins; tongue straps and/or tying down the Horse's tongue; any other restrictions, any bit or other item of saddlery likely to wound a Horse are forbidden. ~~Sheepskin (or other material) may not be used as addition on cheek pieces of the bridle.~~

For Cross Country, any addition to the cheekpiece is forbidden (sheepskin or additional material).

For Jumping only, leather, sheepskin or similar material may be used on each cheek piece of the bridle providing the material does not exceed three centimeters in diameter measured from the Horse's cheek.

Any device which does not allow an immediate and unrestricted separation of the Athlete's boot from the stirrup in case of a fall is forbidden. Any gadget which does not allow an immediate and unrestricted separation of the Athlete in case of a fall, is forbidden.

Neck straps, if used on Cross Country, must be attached either to the breastplate or to the saddle.

For Cross Country, a throat lash is compulsory

For Cross Country, hackamores without bits are not allowed and the lower cheek (lever arm) may not exceed 10 cm on any bit.

For Cross Country, bitless bridles are not allowed.

Annex A

1.2 Material

(...)

d) Snaffles: can be made of metal, flexible rubber or synthetic, or plastic or leather material, and may be covered with rubber/latex or leather.

(...)

1.3 Permitted Snaffles (see diagrams)

(...)

c) May have a slightly curved port, allowing more room for the tongue. The maximum height is 30mm from the lower part of the side of the tongue to the highest point of the deviation.

The widest part of the deviation must be where the mouthpiece contacts the tongue and must have a minimum width of 30mm. The mouthpiece of a jointed or unjointed snaffle may be shaped in a curve within the dimensions specified above.

(...)

1.4 Illegal Bits

(...)

d) bits that can slide vertically creating a gag effect


e) Mouthpieces rings that restrict the reins to move freely

(...)

1.5 a. Snaffles:



Permitted Mouthpieces

(...)

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1.6 b. Permitted Cheek pieces

(...)

6. Hanging-cheek		13. Hanging-cheek	
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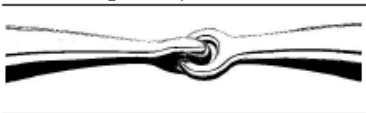








1.6 Double Bridle

Permitted Curb Mouthpieces:	Permitted Curb Cheekpieces:
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No change to table of permitted Curb Mouth and cheekpieces for Double bridle

Permitted mouthpieces for Bridoon (added)

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1. single-jointed 	5. double jointed with rotating middle-piece 
2. double-jointed 	6. double jointed with plastic middle piece 
3. shaped single-jointed 	7. ball jointed 
4. single-jointed with rubber coating 	8. multiple ball jointed 
	9. shaped double jointed 

Permitted Cheekpieces for Bridoon

1. Loose Ring 	3. Egg-Butt 
2. Egg-Butt 	9. Loose ring with sleeves 

Comments received by 31 August 2020**- GBR NF**

GBR support the wording and the addition of the image (Annex A – 1.5)

- IRL NF

FEI propose additional line "For Cross Country, a throat lash is compulsory". IRL NF brings the FEI attention to Annex 2 and picture 5, Micklem Bridle and picture 6 Stotzem, neither of which we consider to have a traditional throat lash. IRL NF therefore ask that the FEI provide a proactive definition & clarification of a "throat lash" from the FEI Eventing Committee before the rules go to print, to forewarn the Athlete and aid the Stewards in implementation of same in 2021.

- IEOC

(Art. 539.2.2)

Riders use gel or neoprene pads on the headpiece which are often difficult to see. Are these allowed?

If these are allowed, should sheepskin covers (which are leather and have the same protection purpose as gel pads) also be allowed?

The bridle must be made entirely of leather, ~~except for a small disc of sheepskin~~, A small disc of sheepskin which may be used under the intersection of the leather straps of a crossed noseband or a headpiece can be used.

(Annex A.1.2)

Some snaffles are also originally covered with leather. There has been a discussion regarding the wording made of –which is allowed and covered with –which is not allowed.

d) Snaffles: can be made of metal, flexible rubber or synthetic, or plastic or leather material, and may be covered with rubber/latex. Snaffles cannot be covered with leather or Snaffles can be originally covered with leather.

(Annex A.1.5)

An example of confusion: dressage rules Article 428.3 state “snaffles must have a minimum diameter of 12mm for horses”. Eventing rules 539.22b state “snaffles must have a minimum diameter of 14mm”

Pictures from dressage rules should apply

- **NOR NF**

(Art. 539.2.2 C)

Material for bridles in Eventing should be the same for dressage and para-dressage as well.

(Art. 539.3.2 Forbidden)

We think it is not so logical to include what is permitted under this paragraph. We therefore suggest that the following wording is added under what is permitted rather than forbidden:

“For Jumping only, leather, sheepskin or similar material may be used on each cheek piece of the bridle providing the material does not exceed three centimeters in diameter measured from the Horse’s cheek.”

(Annex A 1.2)

Regarding the descriptions and images of dressage bits, we strongly suggest that these should be the same for dressage, eventing–dressage, and para-dressage. If eventing wants to introduce a certain measure for the length of the centre piece(max. 4,5 cm), this should be the same for dressage and para-dressage too. It would also be preferable if the three disciplines could use the same images for the same bits. If there have to any differences this should be well reasoned.

(Annex A.2 Permitted noseband for Dressage tests)

We fully agree that this should be the same as for dressage. However, the term; “which produce the same effect”, will always give room for discussions. Although the different nosebands are described both by words and images, the effect is not described. This may not be a matter for this year rules revision, but maybe something to look into in the main revision next year.

- **USA NF**

USEF supports the FEI recommendation and would like to recognize the clarity it provides to the current Rule.

FEI feedback

The Eventing Committee reviewed the proposals received from the Irish NF and the IEOC regarding the throat lash. It was agreed to not change the rules but to clarify the necessity of a throat lash to keep the bridle in place in the tack & equipment FAQ.

In regard to the padding of the nosebands the EC concluded that the rules needed be adapted and a small disc of soft padding would be included in the rules to allow for crossed nosebands, under the noseband and on the poll.

The wording of snaffle made of and covered by leather would remain as proposed and the IEOC wording would be postponed to the 2021 rules proposals.

The Eventing Committee also agreed to maintain the minimum width of bits to 14 mm.

Further to several questions raised by Officials in the last months, the Eventing Committee agreed that a correction of typo regarding hackamore and length of lever arm was necessary to clarify that a hackamore was not considered a bit.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

539.1.2 Permitted (Training and exercising saddlery)

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Leather, sheepskin or similar material may be used on each cheek piece of the bridle providing the material does not exceed three centimeters in diameter measured from the Horse's cheek.

539.2.2 Permitted (Dressage test)

(...)

- b) A snaffle bridle of which the bit is made of metal, flexible rubber or synthetic, or plastic or leather material is also permitted as authorised in Annex A. Snaffles are permitted and must have a minimum diameter of fourteen millimetres (14 mm). For Ponies the minimum diameter shall be ten millimetres (10 mm). The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece. The reins must be attached to the bit.
- c) The bridle must be made entirely of leather or leather-like material, except for a small disc of soft padding sheepskin, which may be used under the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband, on the poll or underneath the noseband.

(...)

539.2.3 Forbidden

Martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running or balancing reins, etc.), any form of blinkers, earplugs, nose covers and saddle covers, are under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden. False tails are permitted provided they are not weighted or otherwise enhanced in any way whatsoever.

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539.3.2 Forbidden (Cross Country and Jumping test saddlery)

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For Cross Country, any addition to the cheekpiece is forbidden (sheepskin or additional material).

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For Cross Country, hackamores without bits are not allowed. and ~~t~~ The lower cheek (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed 10 cm on any bit.

For Cross Country, bitless bridles are not allowed.

Annex A**1.2 Material**

(...)

- d) Snaffles: can be made of metal, flexible rubber or synthetic, or plastic or leather material, and may be covered with rubber/latex or leather.

(...)

1.3 Permitted Snaffles (see diagrams)

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(...)

- c) May have a slightly curved port, allowing more room for the tongue. The maximum height is 30mm from the lower part of the side of the tongue to the highest point of the deviation. The widest part of the deviation must be where the mouthpiece contacts the tongue and must have a minimum width of 30mm. The mouthpiece of a jointed or unjointed snaffle may be shaped in a curve within the dimensions specified above.

(...)

1.4 Illegal Bits


(...)

d) bits that can slide vertically creating a gag effect



e) Mouthpieces rings that restrict the reins to move freely

(...)

1.5 a. Snaffles:**Permitted Mouthpieces**

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	19 add 

1.6 b. Permitted Cheek pieces










(...)	
6. Hanging-cheek 	13. Hanging-cheek 

1.6 Double Bridle





Permitted Curb Mouthpieces:	Permitted Curb Cheekpieces:
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No change to table of permitted Curb Mouth and cheekpieces for Double bridle

Permitted mouthpieces for Bridoon (added)

1. __single-jointed 	5. double jointed with rotating middle-piece 
2. double-jointed 	6. double jointed with plastic middle piece 
3. shaped single-jointed 	7. ball jointed 
4. single-jointed with rubber coating 	8. multiple ball jointed 
	9. shaped double jointed 

Permitted Cheekpieces for Bridoon

1. Loose Ring		3. Egg-Butt	
2. Egg-Butt		9. Loose ring with sleeves	

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**GER****Article Number – Article Name****544.1.2 Scoring Flying Change****Explanation for Proposed Change**

The Eventing Committee had agreed to review the rule proposal on a yearly basis. Now that the Dressage Tests have been modified, it should be easier to judge the flying change and therefore it should not be necessary to review a video. The whole paragraph can be deleted.

Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020**~~544.1.2 Scoring Flying Change~~**

~~For 4* Championships and higher level Events, if the score for a flying change varies by 3 points or more between the Judges, the Ground Jury will review the official video as soon as possible after the Dressage test. The review must be on the same day. Corrections may only be made to the flying change score with the agreement of the Ground Jury and should be based on one or more of the original score(s)~~

Comments received by 31 August 2020**- IRL NF**

IRL NF do not agree with the FEI Feedback, while yes- new tests offer improved visibility for all judges but suggest continuing the current system of recording tests and review rule next year. 'Expense' is not a valid excuse, when recording is a commercial enterprise already running at these levels of competitions.

Retain existing wording

FEI feedback

The Eventing Committee agreed to withdraw the proposal and would review the number of tests with modified marks in 2021 with the new 5 star Dressage test before removing the requirement of video review for the flying changes. The flying change video review would therefore apply for the upcoming Olympic Games.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

No change to current art 544.1.2 of the FEI Eventing Rules 2020

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**FEI****Article Number – Article Name****547.2.4 Frangible/Deformable Obstacles****Explanation for Proposed Change**

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Proposal from Technical Committee

Further to the FEI Risk Management Steering Group recommendation and the introduction of mandatory frangible devices for higher level events in 2020, the Eventing Committee proposed to extend this to all levels as it was announced and make frangible device mandatory across all levels **for 2021**.

Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

547.2.4 Frangible/Deformable Obstacles

Obstacles can be provided with frangible/deformable technology only if such technology has been approved by the FEI according to the FEI Standard for the minimum strength of frangible/deformable cross country fences. A list of approved technologies is published on the FEI website.

~~Note: As of 2020, for all levels, 4*/5* and championships~~, all open oxers, open corners, verticals or near verticals with open rails, top rail on triple bars and gates where the rail dimensions and weight fit the acceptable parameters of an FEI approved frangible device, must be fitted with frangible devices

Comments received by 31 August 2020

- USA NF

USEF strongly supports the FEI recommendation, and would like to recognize the direction that the FEI is heading with this change.

FEI feedback

The Eventing Committee maintained the proposal to have mandatory frangible technologies at all levels as of 1st January 2021 for risk management reasons.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

As per wording proposed in 1st draft (see above)

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

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547.2.5 Water Crossings

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from Technical Committee

For risk management reason the Eventing Committee proposes to have water fences mandatory for each course and ensure a consistent pathway across the different levels of competitions. This modification will also line up with a modification of the Cross Country Design Guide for Officials which will recommend core element for each level of competition.

Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

547.2.5 ~~Fences related to w~~Water Crossings

~~Each cross-country course must include water fences~~

In all water crossings the bottom should be firm and consistent.

Comments received by 31 August 2020

- GER NF

There could be a misunderstanding – is more than one water fence required? What about a Trakehner?

Proposed wording

Fences related to Water Crossings

Each cross-country course must include at least one water crossing with a fence related to the water.

In all water crossings the bottom should be firm and consistent.

- IEOC

Is more than one water fence required?

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Does a trakehner count as a water fence?

- **USA NF**

USEF supports the FEI recommendation in principle, but would like to note that water jumps are sometimes one of the first jumps to be removed from a course if there are footing or flooding concerns. There have also been situations where water jumps have been removed due to failures in the base of the water jump.

Please can confirmation be included in the Rule change regarding;

- If the water jump is removed by the Ground Jury, on welfare / safety grounds, the Event can still proceed.
- If the water jump is removed, the Event can still be counted as an MER.

These confirmations are especially important in areas where there are limited competition opportunities at each * level.

Confirmation wording added

FEI feedback

The Eventing Committee reviewed the comments received and decided to update the proposal to include that "each Cross Country course must have at least one obstacle (effort) related to water."

The Eventing Committee agreed to add a clarification in the Cross Country guide as well and to move the following sentence "In all water crossings, the bottom should be firm and consistent" from the rules to the Cross Country guide

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

547.2.5 Fences related to wWater Crossings

Each cross-country course must have at least one obstacle (effort) related to water. In all water crossings the bottom should be firm and consistent.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

547.2.7 Ground Lines (NEW)

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from Technical Committee

Proposal to make ground line mandatory for Cross Country fences at every level as part of the Risk Management recommendations. Further definition of Ground lines is included in the Cross Country guide for Officials.

Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

547.2.7 Ground Lines (NEW)

Ground lines must be used on fences at all levels.

Note: Please refer to the Cross Country guide for Officials for further information about the use of Ground lines

Comments received by 31 August 2020

- **USA NF**

USEF supports the FEI recommendation, and would like to recognize the direction that the FEI is heading with this change.

FEI feedback


The EC maintained the proposal as no further comments were received

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

As per wording proposed in 1st draft (see above)

23 November 2020

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
547.5.2 Obstacles with Alternatives
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from Technical Committee</p> <p>For risk management reason, the Eventing Committee supports the proposal from the FEI Risk Management Steering Group and Cross Country Design Guide working group regarding the position of alternative obstacles after a refusal that should be included as a rule.</p>
Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020
<p>547.5.2 Obstacles with Alternatives</p> <p>Where an obstacle may be jumped in one effort but has alternatives involving two or more efforts, each of these alternatives must be lettered or numbered as an element.</p> <p><u>An alternative obstacle must be sited in such a way that the horse/ rider must make a new attempt/approach after a refusal or run out'</u></p>
Comments received by 31 August 2020
<p>- USA NF</p> <p>USEF supports the FEI recommendation</p>
FEI feedback
The Eventing Committee maintained the proposal as no further comments were received
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020
As per wording proposed in 1 st draft (see above)

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)	
AUS NF, GBR NF, IEOC	
Article Number – Article Name	
Annex A 1.2 & 1. 5 (Dressage bits)	
Explanation for Proposed Change	
Following an inconsistent application of the interpretation of central pieces of a bit allowed worldwide for the Dressage test, it has been clarified that the 2020 Rules Annex A does not include any diagram under “permitted mouthpieces” of the “French link “bit and therefore this bit is not allowed for Eventing Dressage.	
AUS NF, GBR NF and IEOC support the use the French Link snaffle for Eventing Dressage and strongly recommend to allow the French link.	
Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020	
1.3 Permitted Snaffles (see diagrams)	
a) May have one or two joints	
b) May be double-jointed with rounded or rotating mouthpiece allowing for better fit and comfort. <u>The edges must be rounded and the length of the centre link must be 4.5cm long as a maximum.</u>	
(…)	
1.5 a. Permitted Mouthpiece - snaffles	
(…)	(…)
	
	Add 19
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-GBR NF
GBR supports permitting the French Link mouthpiece.
FEI feedback
The Eventing Committee maintained the proposal to include the "French link" in the list of allowed bits for the Dressage test
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020
As per wording proposed in 1 st draft (see above)

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
Annex A.2 Permitted Nosebands for the Dressage Test
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from the Eventing Committee</p> <p>Currently this Annex referred to only permitted nosebands and not complete bridles. The Dressage Rules refers to permitted bridles and to the use of similar bridles which produced the same effect on the horse. The Eventing Committee proposes to line up with the Dressage Rules, referring to permitted Bridles rather than just nosebands.</p> <p>In addition and according to the written rules in art. 539, a double bridle is permitted with a cavesson noseband only. The Eventing Committee suggests to clarify Annex A.2 accordingly.</p>
Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020
<p>2 Permitted Nosebands<u>Bridles</u> for the Dressage Test</p> <p><u>The images below are examples only, and similar bridles which produce the same effect on the horse are also allowed if they adhere to the written rules.</u></p> <p>All Nosebands must be correctly fitted, and cannot be so tight to cause unnecessary discomfort to the Horse, ref. Code of Conduct.</p> <p>(...)</p> <p>Nosebands 2, 3, 4 and 5 and 6 are not permitted when a double bridle is used</p> <p>Noseband 6 if used as a double bridle, the lower strap of the nose band is not allowed</p>
Comments received by 31 August 2020
None
FEI feedback
The Eventing Committee maintained the proposal as no further comments were received
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020
As per wording proposed in 1 st draft (see above)

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
Annex B Cross Country – Annexes
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:</p> <p>In order to have the technicality defined for all levels in the rules, the Eventing Committee proposes to add the technicality for World Championships and Olympic Games in Annex B of the Eventing Rules</p>
Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

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Annex B Cross Country – Annexes**1 Cross Country Obstacles Maximum Dimensions**

	One star	Two star	Three star	Four star	Five star	W-CH/Olympic Games
Fixed	1.05 m	1.10 m	1.15 m	1.20 m	1.20 m	1.20 m
Brush	1.25m	1.30 m	1.35 m	1.40 m	1.45 m	1.40 m
Top Spread	1.20m	1.40 m	1.60 m	1.80 m	2.00 m	1.80 m
Base Spread	1.80m	2.10 m	2.40 m	2.70 m	3.00 m	2.70 m
Without Height	2.40m	2.80 m	3.20 m	3.60 m	4.00 m	3.60 m
Drop	1.40m	1.60 m	1.80 m	2.00 m	2.00 m	2.00 m

Comments received by 31 August 2020

None

FEI feedback

The Eventing Committee maintained the proposal as no further comments were received

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020As per wording proposed in 1st draft (see above)**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)****FEI****Article Number – Article Name****Annex D - Medical Services****Explanation for Proposed Change**

The Medical Committee with the agreement of the Eventing Committee have reviewed the recommendations for Medical services at FEI Eventing Events including specific requirements for the Cross Country test.

It is suggested that these requirements be considered as **guidelines** for two years before being implemented as mandatory.

Feedback in regard to the implementation will be reviewed by the Eventing Committee together with the Medical Committee to understand any issues with the implementation as well as how NFs with less events can be supported to reach the guidelines' standard.

Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020**Annex D Medical Services****Recommendations for Medical Service coverage at FEI Competitions (Separate recommendations are published for Olympic Games and World Games)**

These recommendations should be read in combination with "Guidelines for the Medical Coverage at Events" accessed via the FEI website

1. Medical Services at Events (General)

On-site qualified medical personnel as described below must be available during the hours of competition and training periods covering all riding and competition areas as well as stables and on-site accommodations.

A Chief Medical Officer (CMO) must be appointed well in advance of the event to work closely with the Organizing Committee when planning for event medical coverage and participate in the preparation of the Serious Incident Management Plan (SIMP) for the event. This person does not necessarily need to be a physician but should be suitably experienced in the planning of medical coverage for equestrian events and have knowledge of available local emergency medical resources and applicable local regulations.

In the case of championships where international team doctors or other medical personnel are present, the CMO will arrange a meeting of these medical providers to familiarise them with the venue and available medical resources and provide appropriate contact information to access medical services.

First aid for spectators and workforce must also be provided in line with local guidelines and/or in consultation with the CMO and local emergency medical service personnel.

2. Qualifications of Medical Personnel and Ambulances

It is recommended at each event during the Cross Country test to have at least one Advanced Medical Response Team consisting of a minimum of two medical providers, one of whom has the minimum skills and experience to i) perform advanced airway management, preferably with rapid sequence anesthesia, intubation and rescue airway techniques; ii) decompress a tension pneumothorax; iii) insert intravenous and intraosseous lines to administer fluids and analgesia; and iv) apply pelvic binders, cervical collars and place suitable splints for fractures; v) perform procedural sedation to allow rapid and humane limb reduction, splintage, extraction and transport. Additional Standard Medical Response Teams ideally consisting of two members each with training in immediate care and appropriate equipment for airway support, wound, bleeding and fracture management should be available at the arena for the Dressage and Jumping tests of the competition and provide additional medical coverage during the Cross Country test.

Ambulances are medically equipped vehicles designed to transport an injured or sick patient to an appropriate medical treatment facility. Specifically, for events, ambulances should contain equipment for: advanced airway support including oxygen, treatment of pneumothorax, intravenous access and fluids, management of cervical spine and other back injuries, long bone fractures. Medical personnel must be adequately trained to use all such equipment.

It is essential that all medical personnel with their emergency equipment and transport have credentials and access to the entire venue at all times including the stable area and finish during the competition. They must be familiar prior to the competition with all access routes to the competition areas and anticipate alternatives in the event of inclement weather conditions which may necessitate the use of all-terrain vehicles for transport to ensure rapid evacuation. Reliable radios must be available to ensure coordination with competition officials.

3. Cross Country, Dressage and Jumping Test Requirements

Throughout the entire competition, radio communications must be made available to alert the on-site emergency medical providers and a telephone line or cell phone must be reserved for immediate communication with the designated local emergency medical service and emergency hospital for additional needed resources or notification of transport from the event site.

During the Cross Country test of the competition, at least one Advanced Medical Response Team must be available on site and [should](#) have the capability of rapid deployment to any part of the course (including warm-up area) and all obstacles on the cross country course with a response time of less than five minutes upon notification of an accident requiring their services. Provisions should be clearly established before the start of the competition for intermediate transport of the injured rider off the field of play to the transport ambulance anticipating possible adverse transport conditions due to weather conditions. This may include all wheel drive transport options which will require pre-positioning at the direction of the CMO and on-site medical providers.

During the Cross Country Test, the required number of medical personnel in addition to the Advanced Medical Response Team will depend on the layout of the Cross Country courses and the accessibility of the site as determined by the CMO and OC prior to the start of the competition. However, there [must-should](#) be at least one Advanced Medical Response Team present at all times during the cross-country competition and warm up.

During the Cross Country test and warm-up, an ambulance [must-should](#) be established on site for the treatment of minor ailments and for the observation and initial treatment of serious injuries or illness or transport to appropriate medical facilities. In determining the number of

ambulances, the CMO and OC should also establish the distance to the nearest trauma hospital in case an ambulance has to leave the competition site, making sure that another appropriately equipped ambulance is still readily available to cover the competition otherwise the competition must be delayed until a replacement ambulance is on-site. Rapid routes for access and departure must be prepared in advance and safeguarded during the competition for the expeditious transfer of the seriously injured to an appropriate medical facility. This should also include pre-determined plans for access and egress for jumps that are deemed potentially high risk.

During the Dressage and Jumping tests (including designated warm-up times), at least one Standard Medical Response Team must be available on site and ~~must~~should have the immediate access to any part of the competition and warm up area with a response time of less than three minutes upon notification of an accident requiring their services. The number of additional medical personnel required for adequate coverage depending on layout and number of arenas will be pre-determined by the CMO. It is recommended, if possible, that an ambulance be established on site for the treatment of minor ailments and for the observation and initial treatment of serious injuries or illness or transport to appropriate medical facilities.

Depending on the access to the site and the distance to a trauma hospital (greater than 60 minutes by land transport), helicopter evacuation should be strongly considered for seriously injured riders at the discretion of on-site medical personnel. A suitable landing zone should be identified and secured in advance for the medical evacuation helicopter. This information should be relayed by the CMO to the appropriate medical evacuation helicopter service in advance of the competition.

If an Athlete falls at a Competition, he will not be allowed to continue without a medical assessment by on-site medical personnel, even if the Athlete has no obvious injury. Please see applicable FEI rules if a rider refuses medical evaluation which will result in immediate elimination for the remainder of the competition.

Comments received by 31 August 2020

- GER NF

If the rationale behind using "should" instead of "must" and reference to a guideline is a legal one, assuming that third-party claims cannot be put forward that way: our legal counsel advised us that this does not necessarily make a difference for the liability of Organisers. OCs could be held liable for „should" requirements and it is not relevant whether these are laid down in rules or in guidelines.

- IEOC

Are guidelines and FAQs the same as rules, and carry the same legal importance? If so,, they should be in the Eventing Rules rather than an annex so their legal importance is clear.

- USA NF

The Committee supports the FEI recommendation, with the comment that moving forward, "should" is not wording they would like to see implemented in instances where safety and lives are at stake.

FEI feedback

The Eventing Committee have followed-up on the above comments with HQ and the Annex has been restructured to clarify between the compulsory and recommended requirements. See below clean version, as the Annex has been completely reworded.

As per the initial proposal these requirements be considered as **guidelines** for two years before full implementation.

This will allow NF and OCs to provide feedback in regard to the implementation, to be reviewed by the Eventing Committee together with the Medical Committee to understand any issues with the implementation.

NOTE: The contents of the Medical Services has been rearranged for ease of reading. The newly introduced requirements are identified as such in footnotes in the document:

- 1) Advanced Medical Response Team
- 2) Appointment of an event CMO

3) Response time requirements for Advanced and Standard Medical Teams to an incident

It is suggested that Annex D be considered as a recommendations for two years before being implemented as mandatory.

Feedback in regard to the implementation will be reviewed by the Eventing Committee together with the Medical Committee to understand any issues with the implementation as well as how NFs with less events can be supported to reach the guidelines' standard.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

Annex D - Medical Service coverage at FEI Eventing Events

This document outlines the medical service coverage to be implemented by Organising Committees (OCs) of FEI Eventing Events. It must be read in conjunction with the "Guidelines for the Medical Coverage at Events" available on the FEI website.

I. MEDICAL SERVICES REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE THROUGHOUT THE EVENT

1. Chief Medical Officer (CMO)

1.1 Role

The CMO is appointed well in advance of the event and works closely with the Organizing Committee when planning for event medical coverage and participate in the preparation of the Serious Incident Management Plan (SIMP) for the event.

At Championships where, the CMO will arrange a meeting for the international team doctors and medical personnel in order to Familiarise them with the venue and available medical resources provide the necessary contact information to access the medical services.

1.2 Qualifications

The CMO does not have to be a physician, but is suitably experienced in the planning of medical coverage for equestrian events and has knowledge of the available local emergency medical resources and applicable local regulations.

2. First aid for spectators and workforce

First aid services for spectators and workforce must be provided in compliance with the locally applicable legislation and guidelines and following consultation with the CMO and local emergency medical service personnel.

3. On-site medical personnel

On-site medical personnel as detailed below must be available during the hours of competition and training periods.

They must be able to cover all riding and competition areas, stables, and on-site accommodations.

AVAILABILITY	MEDICAL PERSONNEL	NUMBERS	QUALIFICATIONS
Cross-Country test: at least 1 ¹	Advanced Medical Response Team	At least: 2	At least: 1 member with the minimum necessary skills and experience to: i. perform advanced airway management, preferably with rapid sequence anaesthesia, intubation and rescue airway techniques; ii. decompress a tension pneumothorax;

¹ This requirement is a recommendation until 1 January 2023, after which it will be mandatory.

			ii. insert intravenous and intraosseous lines to administer fluids and analgesia; and, iv. apply pelvic binders, cervical collars and place suitable splints for fractures; v) perform procedural sedation to allow rapid and humane limb reduction, splintage, extraction and transport.	
Dressage, Jumping and Cross Country tests: At least 1	Standard Medical Response Teams	Minimum: 1 Ideally: 2	Training in immediate care and appropriate equipment for airway support, wound, bleeding and fracture management.	
At all times	Ambulance or equivalent ² for the transportation of injured or sick athletes to an appropriate treatment facility		- For events, ambulances should contain equipment for advanced airway support including oxygen, treatment of pneumothorax, intravenous access and fluids, management of cervical spine and other back injuries, long bone fractures. - The ambulance personnel must be adequately trained to use all such equipment.	
<p>4. Medical personnel access to the venue</p> <p>All medical personnel with their emergency equipment and transport must have credentials and access to the entire venue at all times, including the stable area and finish during the competition.</p> <p>They must be familiar prior to the competition with all access routes to the competition areas and anticipate alternatives in the event of inclement weather conditions which may necessitate the use of all-terrain vehicles for transport to ensure rapid evacuation.</p> <p>Reliable radios must be available to ensure coordination with competition officials.</p> <p>5. Radio & telephone communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radio communications must be made available throughout the entire competition, to alert the on-site emergency medical providers • A telephone line or cell phone must be reserved for immediate communication with the designated local emergency medical service and emergency hospital for additional needed resources or notification of transport from the event site. <p>II. MEDICAL SERVICES REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE DURING COMPETITION TIME (INCLUDING DESIGNATED WARM-UP TIMES)</p>				

² Ambulances are medically equipped vehicles designed to transport an injured or sick patient to an appropriate medical treatment facility.

In countries where stationing ambulances at an event is not permitted by the law, a plan must be in place in order to enable a similar rapid evacuation service.

1. Medical response - DRESSAGE and JUMPING tests**MINIMUM REQUIREMENT**

Medical personnel type	Response time	Logistical considerations
1 x Standard Medical Response Team available on site	Strongly recommended: maximum 3 minutes from notification of accident	Should have an immediate access to any part of the competition arena and warm up areas.
+		
Additional medical personnel required for adequate coverage		
As pre-determined by the CMO and OC depending on the layout and number of arenas		
+		
If possible: ambulance or equivalent arrangement (see table in II.3 for details) for:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Treatment of minor ailments - Observation and initial treatment of serious injuries or illness - Transportation to appropriate medical facilities. 		

2. Medical response – CROSS COUNTRY test**MINIMUM REQUIREMENT**

Medical personnel type	Response time	Logistical considerations
1 x Advanced Medical Response Team ³ available at all times on site	Strongly recommended: maximum 5 minutes from notification of accident	Capability of rapid deployment to any part of the course (including warm-up area) and all obstacles on the cross country course
+		
Additional medical personnel required for adequate coverage		
As pre- determined by the CMO depending on the layout of the Cross Country courses and the accessibility of the site.		
+		
If possible: ambulance or equivalent arrangement (see table in II.3 for details) for:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Treatment of minor ailments - Observation and initial treatment of serious injuries or illness - Transportation to appropriate medical facilities. 		

³ This requirement is a recommendation until 1 January 2023, after which it will be mandatory.

3.1 Evacuation of injured athletes from the field of play

Provisions should be clearly established before the start of the competition for intermediate transport of any injured athletes off the field of play to the transport ambulance.

Possible adverse transport conditions due to weather conditions should be anticipated. This may include all wheel drive transport options which will require pre-positioning at the direction of the CMO and on-site medical providers.

3.2 Plan for the transportation of injured athletes to hospital

- In determining the number of ambulances, the CMO and OC should consider the distance to the nearest trauma hospital in case an ambulance has to leave the competition site, making sure that another appropriately equipped ambulance is still readily available to cover the competition. Otherwise the competition must be delayed until a replacement ambulance is on-site.
- Rapid routes for access and departure must be prepared in advance and safeguarded during the competition for the expeditious transfer of the seriously injured to an appropriate medical facility. This should also include pre-determined plans for access and egress for jumps that are deemed potentially high risk.
- Depending on the access to the site and the distance to a trauma hospital (greater than 60 minutes by land transport), helicopter evacuation should be strongly considered for seriously injured riders at the discretion of on-site medical personnel. A suitable landing zone should be identified and secured in advance for the medical evacuation helicopter. This information should be relayed by the CMO to the appropriate medical evacuation helicopter service in advance of the competition.

III. MANDATORY MEDICAL ASSESSMENT AFTER A FALL

If an Athlete falls at a Competition, he will not be allowed to continue without a medical assessment by on-site medical personnel, even if the Athlete has no obvious injury. Please see applicable FEI rules if a rider refuses medical evaluation which will result in immediate elimination for the remainder of the competition

Article 523.3 All Athletes that have had a fall during training on the Competition site or in Competition must be examined by the Official Medical Officer before they either take part in another test, Competition or leave the venue. The Athlete is fully responsible for ensuring that this examination takes place.

Article 527.1.d: Any Athlete who leaves the venue after a fall without submitting to the examination required under this Article will automatically be issued an Eventing Recorded Warning for incorrect behaviour, which will be delivered to his or her National Federation.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
GER
Article Number – Article Name
Annex H.1.2 – International Pony Events and Qualification
Explanation for Proposed Change
CCIP2-S results should also count as a qualification for Championships. We cannot identify different requirements for CCIP2-S and CCIP2-L in the Rules, the only possible difference seems to be the order of tests. But this cannot be a valid reason because CC12*-S and CC12*-S for Ponies also count as qualifiers
Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

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1.2 Qualifications

Pony Riders and ponies must be certified by their national federation as qualified to compete at the required level. For Championships, Pony Riders and Ponies must have obtained as a combination a Minimum Eligibility result at a CCIP2-L or S, CCI2*-Long or Short.

Comments received by 31 August 2020

None

FEI feedback

The Eventing Committee maintained the proposal to adapt the pony qualification system for the European Pony Championships to the current pony competition structure as no comments were received from NFs.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

As per wording proposed in 1st draft (see above)

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B. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN REJECTED OR DEFERRED TO A FUTURE RULES REVISION

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
CZE NF
Article Number – Article Name
501.3.3 Levels of difficulty & 503 Categories
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposition from the CZE NF to create a new category of U-25 with athletes aged from 16 to 25 years old for events and championships run on CCI3*-L
Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020
N/A
Comments received by 31 August 2020
<p>- NED NF</p> <p>The KNHS would like to add the "Children" category (12-14 years) as well as a new category for the Eventing sport. Hopefully the FEI can consider it in the full Eventing rules revision that will take place in 2022 for 2023.</p>
FEI feedback
<p>The proposal submitted by the CZE NF is a new concept does not fall in one of the Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria, it is postponed to be considered as part of the rules revision process for the full Eventing Rules revision in 2022 for 2023.</p> <p>Further to the IRL NF comment, the Eventing Committee agreed that the inclusion of the Children category would be further discussed during the full Eventing rules revision for a potential application in 2023. The future of the successful pony divisions would be reviewed simultaneously.</p>

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
ITA NF
Article Number – Article Name
503.5.2 Age of Pony
Explanation for Proposed Change
If a 5 year old ponies can compete in CCI1*-Intro, is it possible to allow them to compete in CCIP1-L as well, seeing as the CCIP1-L has a lower technical level than Intro?
Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020
N/A
Comments received by 31 August 2020
None
FEI feedback
<p>The proposal submitted by the ITA NF is a new concept does not fall in one of the Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria, it is postponed to be considered as part of the rules revision process for the full Eventing Rules revision in 2022 for 2023. The Eventing Committee agrees to review the minimum age limit for ponies competing at CCIP1* competition as part of the FEI Eventing full revision to be implemented on 1 January 2023. The Eventing Committee would consider the review of the minimum age of Athletes for Horse and Pony competitions for the full rules revision to be applied in 2023.</p>

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
IEOC

23 November 2020

Article Number – Article Name
535.6 Dressage Familiarization
535.6.1 Dressage familiarization
Explanation for Proposed Change
Often horses appear in just a head collar which could be unsafe. Please add if the horse is led in hand it must wear a bridle
Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020
N/A
Comments received by 31 August 2020
N/A
FEI feedback
The Eventing Committee agreed that the point would be further discussed during the full Eventing rules revision for a potential application in 2023 but cannot be included for the 2021 rules revision as it was not submitted by 1 st March 2020

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
IEOC
Article Number – Article Name
541 Advertising and Publicity on Athletes and Horses
541.2 Identification of a Sponsor
Explanation for Proposed Change
Athletes are always searching for sponsors and cross country is the best day to loosen the advertising policy. Formula One, speedway, cycling etc all allow competitors to show their sponsors. During XC day athletes are permitted to display sponsor logos without restrictions on dimensions
Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020
N/A
Comments received by 31 August 2020
N/A
FEI feedback
The Eventing Committee agreed to include point for discussion during the full Eventing rules revision for a potential application in 2023 but cannot be included for the 2021 rules revision as it was not submitted by 1 st March 2020