20 October 2021

Dear National Federations,

Please find below a summary of the proposed changes to the General Regulations 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 2021**; and

B. **Proposed Rules changes that have been rejected or deferred to a future Rules revision**.

Finally, when revising the Driving Rules, the AUS NF made the comment that the rules should be made gender neutral. The FEI Board and FEI Headquarters agreed and it should apply to all the FEI Rules. The suggestion is to have the task carried out once the final version of the rules have been approved by the FEI General Assembly and before the final versions are published on [www.inside.fei.org](http://www.inside.fei.org).

Sincerely,

Mikael Rentsch,

FEI Legal Director
### A. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES TO BE VOTED AT THE FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2021

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#### Article Number – Article Name

To be determined - Amateurs

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

**EEF:**

The goal is to find an “Amateur” definition that is valid for international competitions in all three Olympic disciplines of Dressage, Jumping and Eventing. Amateurs should be offered a range of events/competitions that are exclusively open to this target group, where they can compete under fair and equal conditions, at their level and not against professionals.

A new Amateur definition should be part of all three Olympic discipline rules and/or the General Regulations.

**GER NF:**

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The proposal is based on ANNEX XIII RULES FOR AMATEUR OWNER CATEGORY of the FEI Jumping Rules, 26th edition, updates effective 1 January 2021, however it should be part of all three Olympic discipline rules and/or the General Regulations. It is not deemed necessary to define the Amateur status for any of the other FEI disciplines.

The term “Amateur” instead of “Amateur Owner” should be used.

There is no concrete definition what “immediate family members” and “sponsored Horses” are. Therefore it would be best not to use these terms.

**FEI:**

The FEI agrees with the proposal and proposed wording. It is still to be determined if the wording should be included in the FEI General Regulations or in the Disciplines Rules directly as it only concerns Jumping, Dressage and Eventing.

Please note that the Jumping Committee/Department suggest to establish a minimum height allowed of 1.00 m (please refer to the Jumping document).
ARTICLE 1 REQUIREMENTS

1. To be considered an “Amateur Owner”:

1.1. The Athlete must be the owner of the Horse(s) with which he/she competes. Ownership may be extended to the immediate family members.

1.2. The Athlete must possess a valid licence granted by his/her NF and be registered with the FEI. Horses must be registered with the FEI and, if competing in a country outside the Horse’s country of residence, have a valid FEI passport or a national passport with an FEI recognition card. Horses competing in Amateur Events in their country of residence do not need an FEI passport or FEI recognition card but must be registered and identifiable (see GRs 137.2).

1.2.1. An “Amateur Owner’s” license will only be granted by NFs to an Athlete who has formally signed a statement that he/she does not earn money for riding other people’s Horses, giving riding lessons, riding sponsored Horses, or for publicity or commercial purposes, etc. The buying and selling of Horses, as well as receiving prize money in cash, are not forbidden providing they do not constitute the Athlete’s only main source of income.

1.3.2. The “Amateur—Owner” status limits participation in other Competitions and Championships. Athletes having obtained or renewed the “Amateur—Owner” license, will not be allowed to continue participating as an Amateur during the current calendar year if they have taken part in international or national Competitions in which the height of obstacles in the initial round is 1.50 m or greater.

This means for example that a Young Rider who has obtained his/her Amateur license and who reaches the Individual Final Competition at the Continental Championships for Young Riders may no longer participate as an Amateur for the remainder of that year. An Athlete may apply to his/her NF to reinstate his/her Amateur Owner license after a waiting period according to the regulations of the NF but under no circumstances during the same calendar year.

- In Dressage:
  the Athlete/Horse combination has obtained 3 results with a score of at least 73 % in international non-Amateur Grand Prix Competitions.

- In Eventing:
  Currently not applicable, to be determined; could be related to the rider’s category or results of the rider/horse combination.

1.4.3. Age of competitors:

- in Jumping:
  Athletes may participate in all CSI Amateur Competitions from the year in which they reach the age of 14 years.
Athletes from the year in which they reach their 12th birthday until the end of the year in which they reach their 13th birthday may participate in CSI Amateur Competitions providing the height of obstacles does not exceed 1.30 m (see JRs Art. 255.2).

- in Dressage:  
  To be determined

- in Eventing:  
  To be determined; currently not applicable

2. Age of Horses:  
- in Jumping:  
  Horses must be minimum six years old to take part in CSI Amateur Events and minimum seven years old to take part in Amateur Championships. *(This should be added to Article 254.1 in order to have a complete overview in one article.)*

- in Dressage:  
  In line with the respective FEI Rules for non-Amateur competitions

- in Eventing:  
  In line with the respective FEI Rules for non-Amateur competitions

ARTICLE 2 INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

1. **Jumping:** International Events for “Amateurs Owners” may be organised as CSIAm Category A events (with prize money) or as CSIAm Category B events (without prize money). The maximum height allowed for Amateur Owner Competitions is 1.40 m, with a proportional spread not exceeding 1.55 m (except the triple bar).

   Dressage: International Events for “Amateurs” may be organised as CDIAm Events at any level.

   Eventing: International Events for “Amateurs” may be organised.

2. International Events are open to individual Athletes of the host NF and a limited number of foreign Athletes.

3. Maximum global entry fee per Horse per Event: € 1500 (one thousand five hundred Euros).

4. International Events must comply with the FEI discipline-specific sport rules for International Jumping Events. All Event draft Schedules must be submitted to the FEI for approval.

*If the definition shall be part of the GRs, the below Articles 3 to 5 are dispensable for the GRs and could be part of the discipline rules.*

ARTICLE 3 CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. When Continental or Regional Championships for this Category are organised, the Competition formula to be used must follow the formula for Continental Championships for Seniors.
**ARTICLE 4 OFFICIALS COURSE DESIGNERS**

1. In Jumping, the Course Designer is appointed by the OC, chosen from the list of FEI Level 3 Course Designers at least.

**ARTICLE 5 FACILITIES**

1. All expenses relating to Competitions, transportation, travel, hotel accommodation and expenses at border crossings are borne by the Athlete.

### Comments received by 30 August 2021

**SUI NF:**
As we do not have a definition of Amateur in our national rules so far how does the FEI intend to control this? Will there be an FEI System or is this up to FN’s and if with FN, what is asked from us.

**GER NF:**
"The DC will review this for the full revision in 2022."
We were asked for patience last year. Now there is a delay again even though general consent was given by the Jumping Committee and the FEI Board. It should be possible to implement this in 2021 to keep the rules in line across the disciplines.

### FEI feedback

National Federations will need to control this on a national level while the FEI will deal with the requirements on an international level.

The definition of Amateurs will be implemented in the General Regulations this year, but the Dressage Committee will review next year, as part of the full review of the Dressage Rules, the requirements for having the Amateur status.

### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2021

As per the above, with a minor modification regarding the provision in Dressage for the age of competitors, as follows:

**In Dressage** – To be determined **In line with the relevant FEI Dressage Rules**

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

**IJOC (International Jumping Officials Club)**

**IRL NF**

**Article Number – Article Name**

Art. 164.2 - Warning

**Explanation for Proposed Change**
**IJOCL**: It should be made clear which officials can issue a warning. Those who can issue a “Yellow warning card” are listed, (Art 164.3) but not who can issue a warning. Proposed wording: “An oral warning may be issued to a Person Responsible by the President of the Ground Jury, the Chief Steward, or the Technical Delegate during the Period of the Event.”

**IRL NF**: IRL NF note that under Article 164.3 it is clear who can issue a Yellow Warning Card. IRL NF feel that there should be consistency in Art 164.2. The IRL NF feel that this proposal is a Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.

Proposed wording

**Art 164.2 Warning**

An oral or written warning is appropriate in cases of minor violations committed unintentionally and without significant consequences. A Warning may be issued to a Person Responsible by the President of the Ground Jury, the Chief Steward, or the Technical Delegate. In the discipline of Eventing, a Recorded Warning may be issued for certain rule violations. If the same Person Responsible receives three Recorded Warning within a 2 year (twenty four month) period, the Person Responsible shall be automatically suspended for a period of two (2) months after official notification from, or on behalf of, the FEI Secretary General.

**FEI**: The FEI agrees to add the clarification and is fine with the above proposal, but that would only apply during the Period of Jurisdiction at an FEI Event. We are therefore adding that the FEI Tribunal or FEI HQ can also issue Warnings. See proposed wording below.

Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

An oral or written warning is appropriate in cases of minor violations committed unintentionally and without significant consequences. A Warning may be issued by the President of the Ground Jury, the Chief Steward, or the Technical Delegate during the Period of Jurisdiction. The FEI Tribunal, FEI Headquarters and/or any other appropriate body may also issue a Warning at any time. In the discipline of Eventing, a Recorded Warning may be issued for certain rule violations. If the same Person Responsible receives three Recorded Warning within a 2 year (twenty four month) period, the Person Responsible shall be automatically suspended for a period of two (2) months after official notification from, or on behalf of, the FEI Secretary General.

Comments received by 30 August 2021

N/A

FEI feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2021

As per the above.
### Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

**IJOC (International Jumping Officials Club)**

### Article Number – Article Name

To be determined – Pictures/videos

### Explanation for Proposed Change

Sometimes we do need to take pictures to discuss a certain topic during our meetings, it does not necessarily mean that there is any wrongdoing, but athletes sometimes react strongly when they see us taking pictures. They need to understand it is part of our job, however we also need to provide some guarantees that this is solely for the purpose of our mission and not for other purposes and certainly not to be shared publicly without their consent.

**Proposed wording:** Officials may at any time during the Period of the Event and for the purpose of conducting their missions take pictures or audio or video recordings of Horses and/or Athletes. Any such recording or picture that is taken in a place not accessible to the public may not be shared other than with the FEI and other Officials of the Event unless the Athlete or Person Responsible explicitly agrees otherwise. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the FEI Social Media Guidelines are applicable to any such picture and/or recording.

**FEI Feedback:**
The FEI agrees to add a provision along the above lines. Rather than distinguish between whether or not the recording was taken in a public place, we have proposed to include the clarification that the picture/recording can only be shared in connection with the fulfilment of the Official’s duties. Please see below the proposed wording.

### Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

**Art. 156 Pictures, audio/video recordings taken by Officials**

For the purpose of fulfilling their duties under the FEI Rules and Regulations, while on site Officials may take pictures and/or video/audio recordings of Horses, Persons Responsible, Athletes, Owners, Support Personnel, and/or any other relevant persons, and/or any other relevant matter such as tack or equipment. Any such picture or recording may only be shared in connection with the fulfilment of the Official’s duties.

### Comments received by 30 August 2021

**IRL NF:**
IRL NF note that only authorised officials to be allowed take pictures/videos of anti-doping procedures. Proposed wording:

“Only authorised officials to be allowed take pictures/videos of anti-doping procedures.”

**FEI feedback**
The anti-doping rules already have provisions regarding confidentiality and as “authorised officials” is not defined in the FEI General Regulations or in the other sets of rules, we suggest to keep the wording as initially proposed.

**Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2021**
Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

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**Article Number – Article Name**

Art. 104 – FEI Championships

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

The FEI suggests to specify a minimum number of NFs (6) for FEI World Championships for non-Senior categories.

The FEI also suggests to specify a minimum number of NFs for FEI Continental Championships for non-Senior categories as follows:

- European Championships: A minimum of 6 NFs
- Any other Continental Championships: A minimum of 2 NFs

**Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021**

(....)

1.2. Unless the Sport Rules of the relevant Discipline provide otherwise, at least nine (9) NFs must have been entered in the Definite Entries of an FEI World Championship for Seniors for it to be considered a Championship.

1.3. Unless the Sport Rules of the relevant Discipline provide otherwise, at least six (6) NFs must have been entered in the Definite Entries of an FEI World Championship for non-Senior categories for it to be considered a Championship.

(....)

2. FEI Continental Championships:

2.2.2. There should be a minimum representation of six (46) NFs in Europe. However, outside Europe, FEI Continental Championships may be held with any number of regional teams from at least two (2) NFs. These FEI Championships may be organised in conjunction with CIs under the conditions set forth in the Sport Rules.

**Comments received by 30 August 2021**

**EEF:**

The EEF took note of the proposed rule change for European Championships and requests more information from the FEI with regards to the reasoning for this proposal.

**GER NF:**

If the minimum number of participating countries is to be increased, this should not only apply to Europe. We suggest a minimum of six NFs in Europe and six or four in other Continental Championships. An exception should only be made for North America and Oceania because there are so few countries. Proposed wording: “2.2.2. There should be a minimum representation of six NFs in Europe. However, outside Europe, FEI Continental Championships may be held with any number of regional teams from at least four (4) NFs. An exception can be made for North America and Oceania where there should be a minimum representation of two (2) NFs.”
ITA NF:
The ITA NF supports the comments of the EEF

FEI feedback

The proposed changes to the minimum number of NFs for European Championships were proposed by the EEF Representatives during the Board meeting where the overall matter was discussed. The rationale was that given the number of NFs in Europe, it was not an issue to have a minimum of 6 NFs in that region.

Regarding the GER NF’s comment on the minimum number of NFs in FEI Championships outside of Europe, the FEI proposes not to amend the current number of NFs as the matter had not been raised by the regions concerned.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2021

As per the above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name
Art. 109 – Organisation of Events

Explanation for Proposed Change

Enhanced FEI Secretary General’s jurisdiction: Further to the EHV-1 By-Laws where an enhanced jurisdiction of the FEI Secretary General was approved in case of an EHV-1 outbreak, the FEI suggests to incorporate such concept in the FEI General Regulations.

Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

109.13.1 Notwithstanding art. 109.12 above, the FEI Secretary General shall have the authority to cancel an Event, including an Event that is in progress, with immediate effect, if:
   - an equine disease outbreak has occurred at the Event; or
   - there is one or more suspected cases of an equine disease on site; or
   - based on veterinary/epidemiological advice, cancelling the Event is necessary to prevent an equine disease outbreak occurring.

109.13.2 The Decision of the FEI Secretary General shall be final and not subject to appeal.

109.13.3 Upon the cancellation of the Event, the FEI Officials on site and the OC must:
   - ensure that all Competition related activity (training sessions, warm ups, schooling, etc.) is also stopped immediately; and
- immediately start to apply the measures set out in the biosecurity contingency plan and/or instructions from the FEI or relevant health/veterinary authorities.

109.13.4 Notwithstanding the cancellation of an Event and its related period of jurisdiction, the FEI Officials on site (and any other FEI Officials that the FEI may appoint to assist with containing the outbreak) shall continue to have the authority to act as FEI Officials and represent the FEI onsite until such time as the FEI deems that their presence is no longer required.

Comments received by 30 August 2021

N/A

FEI feedback

One clarification is that the current art. 109.13 (“If allowed at the Event, all dogs must be leashed and affixed to a human or stationary object. Violation of this rule will incur a fine of CHF 100 per offence and, in case of a repeated offence at the Event, may lead to exclusion from the Venue.”) will be renumbered as art. 109.14.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2021

As per the above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Art. 110 (Schedules for CIMs)

Explanation for Proposed Change

Adjustments to be made further to proposed changes in the Jumping Rules.

Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

2.2. CIMs

 Unless the Sport Rules for any Discipline indicate otherwise, the following deadlines apply: (i) Draft Schedules for CIMs which are approved by the FEI must reach the FEI four (4) weeks prior to the Event.
### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2021

As per the above.

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

**FEI**

**Article Number – Article Name**

**Art. 116.7 – Consequences of Late Withdrawal**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

A Jumping specific proposal to handle late withdrawals has been included in the proposed changes to the FEI Jumping Rules. Therefore, it is proposed to add the following carve-out language at the beginning of the Article 116.7 in the General Regulations to make it clear that if a discipline has their own discipline specific way of dealing with withdrawals that will apply rather than the General Regulations provision.

**Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021**

*Except as otherwise specified in the relevant Sports Rules,* Teams or individual Athletes who have been definitely entered by their NFs at any Event and fail to take part without valid excuse must be reported by the Foreign Judge/Technical Delegate to the Secretary General for consideration by the FEI Tribunal. Competing at another Event staged at the same time does not constitute a valid excuse for failure to participate at an Event. Withdrawals after the date of definite entries or no-shows will result in the Person Responsible being liable to reimburse the OC for any financial loss incurred by the OC (i.e. stabling and accommodation if provided by the OC, as mentioned in the schedule) as a result of such late withdrawal or no-show.

**Comments received by 30 August 2021**

N/A

**FEI feedback**

N/A

**Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2021**

As per the above.
Art. 132 – Badges of Honour

Explanation for Proposed Change
Clarifications needed and to align with the provisions in the Veterinary Regulations pertaining to restricted/stable access.

Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

Article 132 - Badge of Honour

1. Owners of Horses present at an Event, who are not Athletes, are entitled to a pass provided by the OC giving them access to the stands and the collecting ring and a special access pass for the stables. OCs must provide one (1) pass for a minimum of two (2) Owners per Horse; however, for stable access refer to the Veterinary Regulations.

2. Members and Honorary Members of the Board, members of the Standing Committees, holders of laissez-passer, and holders of FEI Badges of Honour are entitled to free admission and access to the stands (deemed appropriate by the OC and the FEI, but at a minimum access to the Athletes’ stand) at all Events under the jurisdiction of the FEI, provided that the relevant OC is informed at least a week prior to the Event; however, for stable access refer to the Veterinary Regulations. The Secretary General shall provide certificates to all persons entitled to this privilege upon request.

Comments received by 30 August 2021

N/A

FEI feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2021

As per the above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Art. 137 – Horse Passports

Explanation for Proposed Change
The Jumping Committee is proposing to include CSIPs in the categories of events considered CIMs; If approved by NFs, the reference to CSI-P in Art. 137.2 should be deleted.

Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

2. Notwithstanding the paragraph above, Horses taking part in CIMs (see Appendix E) and in CSI-P in their country of residence are not required to have a FEI Passport or FEI Recognition Card as mentioned in paragraph 1. (…)

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**Article Number – Article Name**

Definitions of Event, Period of Jurisdiction, Category:

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Given the current discrepancies between the definitions in the FEI General Regulations and the IT system, some clarifications are needed.

If the change to the definition of “Period of the Event” to “Period of Jurisdiction” is approved at the FEI General Assembly, the other references to “Period of the Event” in the FEI General Regulations and elsewhere in the other FEI Rules and Regulations will be updated accordingly.

**Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021**

**Disqualification:** Unless the Sport Rules provide otherwise, Disqualification means that an Athlete and/or the Horse(s), is/are disqualified from the Competition at issue or from any further Competition(s) of the Event(s). Disqualification may also be retroactive.

**Elimination:** Unless the Sport Rules provide otherwise, Elimination means that an Athlete and/or a Horse may not continue in the Competition at issue and/or in any further Competition(s) of the Event(s).

**Category:** (a) A defined group of Athletes/Horses for whom the Event or Competition is organised and/or (b) the level at which the Event is organised.

**Event:** A complete meeting, "Show", "Championship" or "Games". Events may be are organised according to Discipline(s) and Categories for one or more than one Discipline.

**Period of an Event Jurisdiction:** commences one hour before the beginning of the first Horse Inspection of the relevant Discipline and terminates half an hour after the announcement of the final results in the relevant Discipline, unless the Sport Rules for the respective Discipline provide otherwise. In the Olympic Games the period of an Event Jurisdiction coincides with the Olympic Sojourn as established by the IOC. In the
Paralympic Games the period of **an Event Jurisdiction** coincides with the Paralympic Sojourn as established by the IPC.

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**Comments received by 30 August 2021**

**IRL NF:**
IRL NF note the proposal to Jumping Regs in relation to Art 200.5 and support the change to 45 mins and that is should be noted here in the definition of Period of Jurisdiction.

Proposed wording: "Period of an Jurisdiction: commences one hour before the beginning of the first Horse Inspection of the relevant Discipline and terminates half an hour 45 mins after the announcement of the final results in the relevant Discipline, unless the Sport Rules for the respective Discipline provide otherwise. In the Olympic Games the period of Jurisdiction coincides with the Olympic Sojourn as established by the IOC. In the Paralympic Games the period of Jurisdiction coincides with the Paralympic Sojourn as established by the IPC.”

**FEI feedback**

The matter had already been discussed during the FEI Board June meeting and the proposal was not accepted as there does not seem to be an issue in practice with the timing to lodge protests (neither in Jumping not in the other Disciplines). The matter was discussed again at the FEI Board meeting and the FEI Board confirmed that the 30 min deadline shall apply across all Disciplines.

**Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2021**

As per the above wording proposed on 12 July 2021.

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

**FEI**

**Article Number – Article Name**

Onsite Preparation Period Definition

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Further to the Driving Committee’s initial suggestion to have the concept of a “Pre-Event Period” in order to ensure that the FEI Officials listed have authority over Athletes/Horses from the moment they arrive on the Showgrounds, please see below the proposed definition and wording. We have proposed the term “On Site Preparation Period” for this new concept as it covers the period from arrival to the Horse Inspection when the athletes/horses are preparing for their competition(s).

**Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021**
The On Site Preparation Period is defined as the period from the opening of the stables until 1 (one) hour before the First Horse Inspection.

During the On Site Preparation Period, the Persons Responsible, Owner and other Support Personnel are supervised by the stable manager, FEI Stewards and/or FEI Veterinarians. Any Person Responsible, Owner and/or other Support Personnel who violates a FEI Rule and Regulation and/or fails to comply with the instructions of the relevant FEI Official(s) during the On Site Preparation Period is liable to be sanctioned, such sanction to be imposed by the Chief Steward, President of the Ground Jury or Technical Delegate (as applicable) once the Period of Jurisdiction has commenced.

Comments received by 30 August 2021

N/A

FEI feedback

The wording of the first sentence is slightly amended to cover the fact that in Eventing for CCI-S a Horse Inspection may take place after the Dressage Test. See the proposed wording with the new addition highlighted in yellow.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2021

The On Site Preparation Period is defined as the period from the opening of the stables until 1 (one) hour before the First Horse Inspection or, if the Event begins before the First Horse Inspection takes place, until 1 (one) hour before the start of the first Competition of the Event.

During the On Site Preparation Period, the Persons Responsible, Owner and other Support Personnel are supervised by the stable manager, FEI Stewards and/or FEI Veterinarians. Any Person Responsible, Owner and/or other Support Personnel who violates a FEI Rule and Regulation and/or fails to comply with the instructions of the relevant FEI Official(s) during the On Site Preparation Period is liable to be sanctioned, such sanction to be imposed by the Chief Steward, President of the Ground Jury or Technical Delegate (as applicable) once the Period of Jurisdiction has commenced.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

Art. 157 - Statutes of Limitation

Explanation for Proposed Change

To clarify that there is no statute of limitation for Horse Abuse matters.

Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021
Article 157 – Statute of Limitations
157.1 There is a statute of limitation on prosecution by the FEI, which is time-barred after:

(d) Horse Abuse, Match-fixing, bribery and corruption and offences falling under the FEI Safeguarding Policy against Harassment and Abuse are not subject to a statute of limitations.

Comments received by 30 August 2021

N/A

FEI feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2021

As per the above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

Provisional Suspensions and violation of a Suspension

Explanation for Proposed Change

To clarify when the FEI can impose a Provisional Suspension and to clarify what happens if a Person does not comply with a Provisional Suspension or Suspension/Ineligibility period (what are the additional sanctions, and we suggest to apply similar provisions to the ones already included in the FEI anti-doping rules).

Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

163.11 Notwithstanding the foregoing, in urgent cases the FEI may impose an immediate Provisional Suspension via the Minor Offence Notice of Charge or via a Notification Letter in Claim proceedings. The Provisional Suspension will remain in effect until such time as FEI Headquarters or the FEI Tribunal (as the case may be) issues its Decision or unless and until the Provisional Suspension is lifted in accordance with Article 163.12 below.
163.12 Where an immediate Provisional Suspension is imposed via the Minor Offence Notice of Charge or via the Notification in Claim proceedings, the suspended person may file an application to the FEI Tribunal to have the Provisional Suspension lifted.

Art. 164.7

(…)

(e) Where a Person who has been Suspended or whose Horse has been Suspended violates the prohibition against participation or attendance during the Suspension, the results of any such participation shall be Disqualified and a new period of Suspension equal in length to the original period of Suspension shall be added to the end of the original period of Suspension. The new period of Suspension may be adjusted based on the Person’s degree of Fault or other circumstances of the case. In addition, further sanctions may be imposed if appropriate. The determination of whether any Person has violated the prohibition against participation or attendance, and whether an adjustment shall be made by the FEI Tribunal. This Decision may be appealed as per the FEI General Regulations.

A Person or a Horse who violates the prohibition against participation during a Provisional Suspension shall receive no credit for any period of Provisional Suspension served and the results of such participation shall be Disqualified.

Comments received by 30 August 2021
N/A

FEI feedback
N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2021
As per the above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name
Appendix E - CIMs

Explanation for Proposed Change
The FEI suggests to remove CEI2* from the category of CIM in order to reflect the fact that from a sporting/technical perspective CEI2* events, which can go up to 139km, are not “minor” events. Additional changes to be made in Jumping and Eventing based on the proposed changes from the relevant Technical Committees/FEI Departments, see below.

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Comments received by 30 August 2021

NZL NF:
We oppose the proposed changes, to remove CEI2* from the CIMs list, and our primary concerns are as follows:
1) The proposed change is inconsistent as CEIYJ2* events will remain as CIMs, yet are the same distance and criteria.
2) The proposed change is inconsistent across the disciplines as no other discipline is removing 2* (and 3* in the case of Eventing) events from the CIMs. One could easily argue that 3* Eventing is not “minor”, yet it remains classified as a CIM.
3) The ever-growing burden of costs related to the FEI system in order to maintain compliance is having an enormous impact on the sport in New Zealand and, we understand, on many other smaller Endurance nations. On top of this, the associated costs of passporting horses have always been seen as a significant barrier to potential and existing competitors.
in New Zealand. Allowing CEI2* competitions to be classified as CIMs in New Zealand eased this barrier and concern significantly, thus engaging more newer riders with the discipline. Further, CIM classified events are allowed a shorter time for sending in draft and definite schedules, and allow for applications and modifications to be submitted in a much shorter timeframe, therefore allowing NFs to add them to calendars with less forward planning. In many countries, such as New Zealand, FEI passports only become a requirement for competing in CIs, as International travel is not readily available, so these horses are only passported once they are eligible to compete at CEI3* level. Finally, there is also concern that if CEI2* events are no longer classified as CIMs that a further foreign official (that being a Foreign Judge) will also be required. New Zealand is already one of the most disadvantaged countries in the world when it comes to the foreign official requirement with FEI Endurance. We only have one time zone across our whole country, and we don’t share a land border with any other country, so the closest a foreign official is to us is at least a three hour International flight (and cost) away. Unless significant changes are made in order to ease the cost constraints surrounding passporting of horses, the ability to run CEI2* events as CIMs should remain.

Proposed wording: That CEI2* events remain classified as a CIM.

**SWE NF:**
Appendix E – CIMs
To remove CEI2* from the category of CIM will raise the costs for Organisers with less participants.
The number of participants at CEI2* in Sweden are rarely above 30. The SWE NF have a few organisers that are willing to organise international events despite the number of participants. We need the CEI2* to develop the Sport and give our national Athletes an opportunity to compete in their home region. But if CEI2* will be removed from the category CIM we fear that we will lose Organisers due to the costs of Organising CI events.

**UAE NF:**
It is recommended that the CEI 2* from CIM to CI should be postponed at the moment as we feel it needs further study and the change should be done only after consultation with Endurance Technical Committee

**Remarks:**
1. The approval for change or classification of the CIM to a higher-level event its purely technical matter and must come from the Endurance Technical Committee, as we have noted that the changes for Jumping, and eventing are after approval from the technical committees of the respective disciplines.

2. The change or classification of the CIM to a higher-level event will affect the whole support and will have negative impact as the requirements for the CIs are more difficult for the small NFs.

3. According to FEI Periodical Rules Revision Policy, FEI Rules and Regulations should only be reviewed every 4 years. The last full Endurance rule & General regulations amendments were in 2019 and these rules can only be modified in cases of:
- Urgent repairs, i.e., changes in the Rules that cannot await because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes.
- Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.
- New/recently introduced rule(s) that has(ve) proven to be problematic in its implementation.

4. This amendment must be addressed in FEI Sports Forum and have consultation of all NFs and concerns in order to have their feedback to promote the sport in the best interest for all concerns.
5. In endurance events, currently, as per FEI Endurance rules, events are classified as per star level, there being just three-star levels 1 star, 2 star and 3 star, (3 star being the highest level even for Championships), In 2017 at FEI Endurance Forum held in Barcelona it was discussed about ensuring and setting a different standard for Championship in order to have a better competition level with the best athlete and horse, by introducing new star system and to have CEIs classified into five different star levels. There was general agreement in that forum and support for the creation of a new 5 star level of competition after progressing from the 4 star to the 5 star. This was a good proposal to be in the same line with other FEI disciplines

**JOR NF:**
This would highly affect the progress of the sport for small NF’s. This amendment must be addressed in FEI Sports Forum with the consultation of all NFs in order to have their feedback to promote the sport in the best interest for all.

### FEI feedback

The FEI Board acknowledged the comments/concerns raised by the National Federations and acknowledged that the Endurance Committee was trying to find a potential alternative proposal. While the matter will be further discussed at the Rules Session during the FEI General Assembly, the FEI Board agreed to keep the proposal as presented in the First Draft sent to National Federations on 12 July 2021, meaning that the CEI2* should no longer be considered as CIM. It is important to clarify that even if the CEI2* is removed as a CIM, CEI2* would still benefit from the exception to the minimum stabiling requirements in Article 1008.10 of the FEI Veterinary Regulations.

### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2021

As per the above.

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

**FEI**

**Article Number – Article Name**

**FEI World and Continental Championships in Vaulting**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Introduction of FEI World (uneven years) and Continental (even years) Championships for Young Vaulters – this category will have to be added to the GRs and bidding process.

**Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021**
### Comments received by 30 August 2021

N/A

### FEI feedback

N/A

### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2021

As per the above.
### B. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN REJECTED OR DEFERRED TO A FUTURE RULES REVISION

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<td>Following the events at the Tokyo Olympic Games and in order to protect horse welfare, the social license and public acceptance of equestrian sport, the current blood rules must be debated again. Instead of revising only the blood rule in Jumping it would be desirable to aim for a general blood rule (for all disciplines). Switzerland and Sweden already have a general blood rule in place. Due to the short time between the Tokyo Games and the deadline to provide feedback to the proposed rule changes, there has not been sufficient time to agree upon one specific EEF proposal for a general blood rule. However, the examples from Sweden and Switzerland could serve as a good starting point for discussions.</td>
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<td>Given the short timeframe prior to the 2021 FEI General Assembly and the complexity of potentially amending the blood rules across all Disciplines, the FEI Board tasked the Technical Chairs to discuss/review the existing blood rules within the discipline-specific Rules and Veterinary Regulations in consultation with the FEI Legal Department. The matter will be further discussed after such review, acknowledging that changes to the blood rules, if any, would be deferred to a later stage.</td>
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### Article 118 – Person Responsible

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

It is not clear what procedure has to be followed to regard a person as an additional person responsible. For example, how to regard a trainer as additional person responsible and then the GJ to apply the same procedures/sanctions to him as to the main PR.

**Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021**

N/A

**Comments received by 30 August 2021**

N/A

**FEI feedback**

The current definition is in the FEI’s view clear and there is no need to amend the provision. IJOC’s comment is more on the practicalities/implementation but the provision is mainly meant to be applied by the FEI HQ/Legal Department for disciplinary or anti-doping matters for example.

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

IDRC
IDEO
POL NF
EEF

Please see Dressage documents

### Article 140 – Protective Headgear

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Please see the Dressage documents for the details.

Request to have an exception for Dressage regarding the mandatory requirements to wear a Protective Headgear.

**FEI Feedback:**

The FEI does not agree to amend the mandatory Protective Headgear requirements for Dressage. The FEI Board reviewed the request and was unanimously opposed to any relaxation of the Protective Headgear requirements. The FEI’s role is to protect the welfare of all athletes. The FEI has a duty of care to put measures in place that can assist in the prevention of injuries as much as possible.

The FEI believes that anyone riding a horse should wear a Protective Headgear for safety reasons, regardless of skill level. Horse behaviour can be unpredictable and horses can...
Trip, react to unexpected external stimuli or suffer a medical incident, which could result in an athlete fall at any time. It is the FEI's view that rules on safety cannot be optional. Wearing a Protective Headgear is not only about preventing a fatality, it is also about preventing and limiting the risk of skull and traumatic brain injuries in the event of a fall. Even unspectacular falls can result in serious, life-changing head injuries.

Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

N/A

Comments received by 30 August 2021

**GER NF:**
Although the FEI Board opposed our proposal to have an exception for Dressage regarding the mandatory requirements to wear a protective headgear, we uphold our proposal because it comes from a significant number of NFs and stakeholders. See Dressage as well proposed wording: See Dressage Rules Art. 427:

1.1 As a general rule, a properly fastened Protective Headgear* has to be worn by all Athletes (as well as any other person) at all times when mounted and by Children, Pony riders, Juniors, Young riders and U25 for the Horse inspection. It is recommended to be worn by any other person presenting the Horse in a Horse Inspection. As an exemption from the above rule, Athletes of the age category U25 and older can decide to wear a top hat or a helmet while riding in a Grand Prix level competition at a CDI4*, CDI5*, Championship or at Games.

1.2 Any Athlete (as well as any other person) violating this provision must immediately be prohibited from further riding until the Protective Headgear is properly in place. If an Athlete chooses to remove his Headgear at any time, whether permitted or not by these rules, such removal shall always be entirely at his own risk.

1.3 A Protective Headgear formed as a top hat may be used.

**GBR NF (British Dressage):**
In line with previous submissions, British Dressage fully supports this rule and agree that it should remain in place, with due respect for the vote at the General Assembly. The welfare of our athletes is of paramount importance and tradition should not be put above the health and safety of the rider.

**FEI feedback**

While there is still some opposition in the Dressage community to the requirement to wear protective headgear, the FEI Board with the support of the FEI Medical Committee agreed that protecting the welfare of athletes was paramount and it did not support exceptions to the application of this rule.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

**USA NF**
### Article Number – Article Name

**Definition - Children**

### Explanation for Proposed Change

Please refer to the document submitted as part of the Jumping Rules. The USA NF requests that the FEI consider raising the age of Children athletes from 14 to 15.

**FEI Feedback:**

The FEI does not support such proposal. This matter has already been raised and discussed in the past years and the FEI’s position has not changed. The FEI is not in favour of an overlap between the Children’s category and the Junior Category.

**Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021**

N/A

**Comments received by 30 August 2021**

N/A

**FEI feedback**

N/A

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

**Dressage and Para Dressage Officials**

### Article Number – Article Name

**Chapter VII - Event Officials (Level of Officials)**

### Explanation for Proposed Change

The Dressage and Para Dressage Officials wish to keep the star rating system (2* to 5*) and not change to the level system (Level 1 to 4).

**FEI Feedback:**

The FEI does not support the above proposal as the Chapter VII on Officials was updated and approved at the last FEI General Assembly and thus the Level 1 to 4 system must apply to all Disciplines.

**Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021**

N/A

**Comments received by 30 August 2021**

N/A

**FEI feedback**
| N/A |