

## ANNEX Pt 18.2

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### PROPOSALS FOR 2022 MODIFICATIONS TO THE PARA DRESSAGE RULES

20 October 2021

Dear National Federations,

Please find below a summary of the proposed changes to the Para Dressage 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 2021;](#)  
and
- B. [Proposed Rules changes that have been rejected or deferred to a future Rules revision.](#)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bettina de Rham'.

Bettina de Rham,

Para Dressage Director

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

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>EEF / GER NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>8422 Conditions of Participation</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>9.4. Horses must be identified by a bridle number, corresponding to the relevant grade, worn at all times when outside the stable.</p> <p>This could be deleted because it states the same and is more detailed in Art. 8428 Equipment and Compensating Aids. However, it must remain clear how to allocate the bridle number for horses that are shared by two riders in different grades.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021</b>
<del>9.4. Horses must be identified by a bridle number, corresponding to the relevant grade, worn at all times when outside the stable.</del>
<b>Comments received by 30 August 2021</b>
No comments received
<b>FEI feedback</b>
PETC agree to remove article 8422.9.4 as it is covered in article 8428.1.6
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2021</b>
No changes to the proposal above.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>EEF / GER NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>8428 Equipment and Compensating Aids</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Correction
<b>Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021</b>
<p><b>1.5 Boots and bandages:</b> At all international Events, boots and/or bandages on the Horse's legs are forbidden while competing in the arena. The boots and/or bandages must be removed before entering the space around the Competition arena or the Athlete will be penalized. See Article <a href="#">8430</a> of the <a href="#">FEI Para</a> Dressage Rules.</p>

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<b>Comments received by 30 August 2021</b>
No comments received
<b>FEI feedback</b>
The PETC agree to this change to fix a typo.
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2021</b>
No changes to proposal above.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>EEF / GER NF</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>8433 Judges’ Sheets</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Art. 8433 Judges’ Sheets</p> <p>1.4 The final results of the class must be signed off by the <b>President of the Ground Jury or the Foreign Judge/TD</b> as appropriate.</p> <p>Clashes with:</p> <p>Art. 8435 Calculation and Publishing of Results</p> <p>4. The <b>President of the Ground Jury or Judge at C</b> must sign an official results sheet for each class. The sheets can then be released to the Athletes.</p> <p>On a separate note we just wish to inform the FEI that in several European countries it is not allowed to hand out the paper sheets to the athletes in times of the Covid-10 pandemic in order to minimize contact between people. An alternative solution needs to be found by the OCs in those cases and the electronic transfer becomes more and more relevant.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021</b>
<p>8433.1.4 The final results of the class must be signed off by the President of the Ground Jury, <del>or the Foreign Judge</del> <u>or Judge at C at CPEDIs, or by the Technical Delegate at Championships and Games/TD as appropriate.</u></p> <p>8435.4. <u>At CPEDIs</u> <del>the</del> President of the Ground Jury, <u>Foreign Judge</u> or Judge at C must sign an official results sheet for each class. <u>At Championships and Games the Technical Delegate must sign the official results sheet for each class.</u> The sheets can then be released to the Athletes.</p>
<b>Comments received by 30 August 2021</b>
No comments received.
<b>FEI feedback</b>

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The PETC agree that this change is needed for clarification.

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

No changes to proposal above.

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

**FEI**

### Article Number – Article Name

**Annex IV – Compensating Aids Summary**

### Explanation for Proposed Change

All Athletes in Grades I – III are allowed to use their voice as an aid in competition. The summary table notes that voice should be marked on the Classification Masterlist, which is not correct. The PETC propose to change this so that it is as per the rules.

### Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

Profile <sup>a</sup>	Grade <sup>a</sup>	Voice <sup>a</sup>
1-6 <sup>x</sup>	I/II <sup>x</sup>	• <sup>x</sup>
7 <sup>x</sup>	I <sup>x</sup>	• <sup>x</sup>
8 <sup>x</sup>	III <sup>x</sup>	• <sup>x</sup>
9 <sup>x</sup>	II <sup>x</sup>	• <sup>x</sup>
10a/b <sup>x</sup>	II/III <sup>x</sup>	• <sup>x</sup>
11a/b <sup>x</sup>	II/III <sup>x</sup>	• <sup>x</sup>
12a/b <sup>x</sup>	I/II <sup>x</sup>	• <sup>x</sup>
13 <sup>x</sup>	I <sup>x</sup>	• <sup>x</sup>
14 <sup>x</sup>	III <sup>x</sup>	• <sup>x</sup>
15 <sup>x</sup>	IV <sup>x</sup>	×
16 <sup>x</sup>	V <sup>x</sup>	×
17a <sup>x</sup>	III <sup>x</sup>	• <sup>x</sup>
17b <sup>x</sup>	IV <sup>x</sup>	×
18a <sup>x</sup>	III <sup>x</sup>	• <sup>x</sup>
18b <sup>x</sup>	IV <sup>x</sup>	×
19a <sup>x</sup>	IV <sup>x</sup>	×
19b <sup>x</sup>	V <sup>x</sup>	×
20 <sup>x</sup>	V <sup>x</sup>	×
21 <sup>x</sup>	IV <sup>x</sup>	×
22 <sup>x</sup>	V <sup>x</sup>	×
23 <sup>x</sup>	V <sup>x</sup>	×
24 <sup>x</sup>	V <sup>x</sup>	×
25 <sup>x</sup>	IV <sup>x</sup>	×
26a <sup>x</sup>	IV <sup>x</sup>	×
26b <sup>x</sup>	V <sup>x</sup>	×
27 <sup>x</sup>	III <sup>x</sup>	• <sup>x</sup>
28 <sup>x</sup>	IV <sup>x</sup>	×
31a/b/32 <sup>x</sup>	II/III <sup>x</sup>	• <sup>x</sup>
36/37a <sup>x</sup>	IV/V <sup>x</sup>	×
38 <sup>x</sup>	N/A <sup>x</sup>	×
39 <sup>x</sup>	N/A <sup>x</sup>	×
On-Master-List <sup>x</sup>	×	YesNo <sup>x</sup>

### Comments received by 30 August 2021

No comments received.

### FEI feedback

N/A

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

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

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
EEF / GER NF
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
8437.6. Ground Jury
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We are really concerned about the current Rules for the Ground Jury. To have a 3* Judge in every GJ in Western Europe has a huge effect on our PD Judges' Education. At the moment it is better to remain at the 3* level because it ensures more invitations. On the other hand, the 4* Judges are less invited because they are not compulsory. However, we need experienced 4* Judges for possible Members of the GJ at Regional Championships and future promotions to 5*. Therefore, we propose:</p> <p>6. For CPEDI3*, the President and the other members of the Ground Jury must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be appointed by <del>the NF and</del> the OC, in agreement with the FEI, from the FEI list of 5*, 4* and 3* Para Dressage Judges. One (1) 3* Judge is mandatory to judge whenever possible at least five (5) competitions (preferably one (1) in every Grade) during a CPEDI3* in Western Europe, and recommended outside Western Europe. Minimum one (1) 4* Judge must be appointed in Western Europe, and recommended outside Western Europe.</li> <li>• be an International Jury (see Art. 8437.10).</li> <li>• when a Ground Jury of five (5) Judges is used, three (3) or more must be 4* or 5*, can have one (1) or two (2) 3* Judges. <del>One (1) 4* Judge is mandatory. In Western Europe, one (1) 3* Judge is also mandatory; outside Western Europe one (1) 3* Judge is recommended.</del></li> </ul> <p>When a Ground Jury of three (3) Judges are used, two (2) or more must be 4* or 5*, one (1) can be 3* Judge. <del>In Western Europe, one (1) 3* Judge is mandatory; outside Western Europe one (1) 3* Judge is recommended.</del></p>
<b>Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021</b>
No proposal made as this is deferred to 2022 Full Rules Revision
<b>Comments received by 30 August 2021</b>
No comments received
<b>FEI feedback</b>

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The PETC agree to take on this comment for the full revision, where consideration will be given to review the requirements for the Ground Jury panel. The PETC recognise the challenges in creating a Ground Jury Panel and will be addressing it in full for 2023. This will not be changed for 2022 though, as it does not fulfil the criteria as noted in the introduction.

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

**EEF / GER NF**

**Article Number – Article Name**

**8434 Calculation of Scores and Results**  
**8453 Tests to be ridden**  
**8461 Paralympic Medals**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Ties:

We would like the PETC to consider if the Rules about the ties in the Individual Tests should remain.

At the moment we still have 4 Collective Marks, but as we understand this will be changed and aligned with Dressage for next year and then there will be only 1 Collective Mark, i.e., this mark of each judge will not be much different and lead to another tie. Even the 1 Collective Mark of the C-Judge might be the same for the top combinations.

**Current Rule for CPEDIs:**

Art. 8434 Calculation of Scores and Results

3.2. In case of equality of percentages for the first three (3) places, the higher collective marks will decide on the better placing. In the case of equality of collective marks for the first three (3) places, and in case of equality of percentages for remaining places, the Athletes are given the same placing.

**Current Rule for World and Continental Individual and Team Championships:**

Art. 8453 Tests to be ridden

3. Ties:

Individual Tests: In case of equality of percentage in the first three places, the higher collective marks will decide on the better placing. If the collective marks are equal, the collective mark of the Judge at C will be decisive.

**Current Rule for Paralympic Games:**

Art. 8461 Paralympic Medals

2. Ties:

Individual Tests: In case of equality of percentage, the higher collective marks will decide on the better placing. If the collective marks are equal, the collective marks of the Judge at C will be decisive.

We think it would be fairer to use the same system as in Dressage and use the Median Score. It reflects the whole performance and not just one mark. In addition, it would not always be the same Judge whose marks would be the decisive ones.

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Therefore, we propose to take over and align with Dressage Rules Art. 434.3.1 Classification.

### Align with Dressage Rules Art. 434 Classification

3.1. (...)

Ties. In case of equality of percentage for the first three (3) places, the highest total median score of the Judges will decide the placing. The median score is the middle number. To calculate the median of a set of scores, the scores need to be put in ascending numerical order. E.g. 68.5% - 69% - **70%** - 70.5% - 71%; 70% is the median score in this case.

### Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

No proposal made until Rules revision 2022.

### Comments received by 30 August 2021

No comments received.

### FEI feedback

The PETC agreed to look into this at the full rules revision, as it did not fulfil the criteria to be a change this year. They agreed this should align with Dressage.

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

**GER NF**

### Article Number – Article Name

**Annex II, 6**  
**Annex X, Per Diem**

### Explanation for Proposed Change

There should be a clearer regulation of the remuneration and the arrangements of travel, accommodation and meals for FEI Para Dressage Judges. There have obviously been some differences and misunderstandings between some OCs and Officials about it. Therefore, this needs clarification for both parties. We propose to align with Dressage (deviation to the wording in the Dressage Rules in **dark red**).

Referring to Dressage Rules, Annex 2, International Dressage Judges, General Conditions: 7.Reimbursement of Judges - it could replace Para Dressage Rules Annex II, 6.

### Annex II

6.-Judges, acting at an International **Para Dressage** Event will be paid as follows by the OC: ~~reimbursement of all transportation costs, full board and lodging. Per Diem for Judges in CPEDI3\* and above: EUR 100 per day, as remuneration for miscellaneous costs. This amount is net after relevant taxes being borne by the OC.~~

1. ~~Reimbursement of all transportation costs. Judges should be offered a convenient travel solution, where total travel time and number of stops are minimised. Proposed travel plan must be submitted to the Judge for approval before bookings are made. For 6 and more hours nonstop flights, Business Class is recommended.~~



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In any case an individual air travel arrangement can be made between the OC and the Judge, ~~e.g. higher judges per diem for travelling Economy Class.~~

2. Transportation - Suitable arrangements for airport and hotel transportation should be made in advance with the Judges. Transportation to and from the home airport and parking expenses at the home airport must be reimbursed by the OC.
3. Two (2) proper meals a day (in addition to breakfast). If OCs fail to do so, the Judges will be entitled to an additional daily allowance of EUR 25 per meal.
4. Accommodation - Accommodation provided in a minimum 3\* hotel including breakfast (Western European standard) or equivalent outside Western Europe. No sharing with other Officials.
5. Per diem of EUR 100.- per day (remuneration for miscellaneous costs. This amount is net after relevant taxes being borne by the OC), The per diem is due for all officiating days (including rest days between competitions) ~~plus one. At the discretion of the Official, the per diem for this additional day may be forfeited if the Official can conveniently travel on the officiating days.~~
6. Officials must have proper seating to watch the Competitions during the show whilst not officiating.

### **Para Dressage Rules Annex X, Per Diem**

Add: *"The per diem is due for all officiating days (including rest days between competitions)"*

#### **Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021**

No proposal made until Rules revision 2022.

#### **Comments received by 30 August 2021**

No comments received.

#### **FEI feedback**

The PETC recognise that there are discrepancies between Dressage and Para Dressage, but there are also reasons for this. This will be reviewed in the full rules revision, as it does not meet the criteria for an urgent change. The annex will be reviewed for all Officials, not only for Judges.