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 2021;

and

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

Sincerely,

Catrin Norinder,
Director
Eventing & Olympics
## A. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES TO BE VOTED AT THE FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2021

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### Article Number – Article Name

**503 Categories**

### Explanation for Proposed Change

The addition of U-25 category is proposed in the Eventing rules to line up with other Olympic disciplines and with the General Regulations.

### Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

#### 503 Categories

**503.1 Pony, Junior, Young Rider and U25 and U25 Competitions**

Pony, Junior, Young Riders and U25 Competitions may be organised according to the age group of the Athletes.

**503.1.1 Pony Competitions**

An Athlete may compete as a Pony Rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 12 until the end of the year in which he reaches the age of 16. A Pony Rider may compete in Eventing Competitions not limited to Ponies if appropriately qualified without losing his status as a Pony Rider.

**503.1.2 Junior Competitions**

An Athlete may compete as a Junior from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 14 until the end of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 18.

**503.1.3 Young Rider Competitions**

An Athlete may compete as a Young Rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 21.

**503.1.4 U25 Competitions**

An Athlete may compete in the U25 category from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of sixteen (16) until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of twenty five (25).

### Comments received by 30 August 2021

- **USA NF**
  USA Supports the FEI proposal

### FEI feedback

The Eventing Committee maintained the proposal of the addition of a U-25 category.

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

As per wording proposed in 1st draft (see above)
Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

**Article Number – Article Name**

Art. 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)

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

The Eventing Committee proposal is to rearrange the structure in order to have a consistent sequence throughout the rules starting with the lowest level (in this case starting with CCI1 intro, then short format and finally long format).

**Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021**

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**Comments received by 30 August 2021**

No comment received

**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 2021**

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

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Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

**Article Number – Article Name**

513.1 Short Format & 513.2 Long Format (Appointment of Officials)

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

According art.513.7.2 “At CCI 4&5*-L (Long) format international Events, Assistant Stewards to whom important tasks such as warm-up arenas, boot and bandage control, stable duties are allocated, must hold at least a Level 1 status.”, a list of stewards duties must be allocated to at least FEI Level 1 Steward. The proposal is to include this requirement in the Appointment table of art 513.1 and 513.2 for consistency.

**Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021**

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

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Comments received by 30 August 2021

- USA NF

USA requests clarification on the FEI definition of a National Assistant Steward.

FEI feedback

National Assistant Steward: These officials are appointed for International events and registered in the FEI database as “national” stewards. National Assistant Stewards do not require to have FEI level 1, FEI level 2 or FEI level 3 status.

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

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

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

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Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

515.4 Course designers (duties)

Explanation for Proposed Change

Further to a request of Course Designers, the Eventing Committee reviewed the fact that Course Designers were the only Eventing Officials category for whom legal actions could be taken in case of non-observance of being present at the Competition in the FEI Eventing rules.

This had been added further to the enhancement of the role and increased responsibility of Course Designers added in the 2021 Eventing rules.

As Course Designers are subject to the Officials Code of Conduct, the Eventing Committee proposes to adjust the wording of the last sentence as Course Designers infringements of duties are already covered.

Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021
515.4 Course designers (duties)
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.

Comments received by 30 August 2021
No comment received

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 2021
As per wording proposed in 1st draft (see above)

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI

Article Number – Article Name
517 Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER)

Explanation for Proposed Change
The Eventing Committee proposes to add as to clarify in the MER definition that having a
maximum of one missing flag (15 points) will maintain the MER result on Cross Country. In order
to be consistent, the proposal is to add it in the Eventing rules.

Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021
517 Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER)
A Minimum Eligibility Requirement is achieved by completing a Competition within
minimum parameters of all round performance as follows:
a) Dressage Test: not more than 45 penalty points (or 55%).
b) Cross Country Test:
   - A clear round at obstacles (activating a maximum of one frangible device or having
     a maximum of one missing flag will maintain the MER result on Cross Country)
   - Not more than 75 seconds exceeding the optimum time in the Cross Country Test
     for, two, three and four star level Competitions and 100 seconds in the case of five
     star level Competitions.
c) Jumping Test: not more than 16 penalties at obstacles. NOTE: All MERs obtained in
previous years will be counted according to the rules in place at that time

Comments received by 30 August 2021
- NED NF
The NED NF doesn’t agree with this proposal, as this rule change will make promotion to a higher level more easy. The Welfare of the horses should be the first priority in all rules and regulations, and to the opinion of the NED NF this proposal will not be in favour of the Welfare of the horses.

To the opinion of the NED NF the Article No. 517 is good as it is and needs no change.

- USA NF

USA supports the FEI proposal.

### FEI feedback

The Eventing Committee reviewed the comments received and explained that no change to the rules was proposed, the rewording was to provide clarification to the current provision. Any changes to the scoring would need to be considered for the following year.

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

#### 517 Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER)

A Minimum Eligibility Requirement is achieved by completing a Competition within minimum parameters of all round performance as follows:

a) **Dressage Test:** not more than 45 penalty points (or 55%).

b) **Cross Country Test:**
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c) **Jumping Test:** not more than 16 penalties at obstacles. NOTE: All MERs obtained in previous years will be counted according to the rules in place at that time.

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

#### FEI

**Article Number – Article Name**

**519 Athletes Categories**

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

To compensate the cancellation of almost all events during the first semester of 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Eventing Committee are proposing to extend the period of Athlete Categorisation of 6 months as stated in the Covid-19 resolutions.

#### Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

**519 Athletes Categories**

FEI Athlete categories for Eventing define a recognition of proven competence of the Athlete at a certain level.

Athletes will be categorised (Uncategorised International, D, C, B, A) according to their performance in a rolling eight years period as defined in the following table.

W-CH and OG to count as 5star level MER towards Athlete categorisation.
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**ANNEX Pt 19.2**  
17 November 2021, Antwerp (BEL)

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The Athlete category will be updated according to the performances on 1st of July and at the end of each calendar year taking into account the rolling eight years/eight and a half years (8.5) in order to take into consideration the cancellation of events due to the 2020 Covid pandemic.

### Comments received by 30 August 2021

No comment received

### 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 2021

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

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

**NZL NF**

**Article Number – Article Name**

520.1 Athletes not yet categorized at the level of competition.

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

The 2020 amendment effective 1 July 2021 required uncategorised, D or C athletes to obtain an additional MER at CCI3*L to qualify for CCI4*-L. We propose an adjustment to only 1 part of this rule change (see below) under Section 2 and Section 3 of the FEI Periodical Rules Revision Policy dated 1 January 2020.

- **Rules Revision Policy Case 2:** We consider the proposal is inconsistent with other parts of the rule change which provide an alternate pathway for achieving MERs for the next level up.
- **Rules Revision Policy Case 3:** We also consider that this change will be problematic in its implementation as it may cause major delays in the pathway to CCI 4*-L for athletes in countries with limited CCI3*-L opportunities. This will potentially make CCI 4*-L a non-viable class for many organising committees due to small numbers of competitors and may discourage riders from pursuing an eventing career. We believe that there is a compromise which will achieve the FEI intent without compromise.
Each country must be given equal opportunity to compete, yet CCI3*-L events are not common in many parts of the world, therefore this new requirement places further restrictions on combinations wishing to progress to CCI4*-L. In NZL there are only three CCI3*-L events in a calendar year, meaning an opportunity to qualify can be delayed for a full 6-12 months if an event is missed. Giving athletes the alternate pathway with one CCI 3*-L and 2 CCI4*-S will provide a greater opportunity for progression in the eventing discipline.

We believe that the FEI has access through Equiratings to data that will show that our recommendation is backed with a measure of statistical significance.

We are trying to address the threat of adding a calendar year of qualifying into a horse’s pathway while still recognizing the safety concerns being addressed. Most definitely we are not trying to undo what the FEI has proposed but rather simply offer a safe and progressively thought out "or". These types of options exist for other FEI qualifications.

**Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021**

**520.1: Athletes not yet categorized at the level of competition.**

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Comments received by 30 August 2021

- **GBR NF**
  
  We would like to fully support the 4*-L proposal by the NZL Federation for implementation for 1st January 2022.

- **SUI NF**
  
  SUI NF supports the proposed changes in particular Art 520.1

- **USA NF**
  
  USA supports the NZL proposal.

**FEI feedback**

The Eventing Committee agreed with the NZL proposal

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

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

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

**FEI**

**Article Number – Article Name**

520.1 Athletes not yet categorised & 520.2 Athletes already categorised at the level of the Competition
Explanation for Proposed Change
The Eventing Committee proposes to rearrange the structure of the MER tables of art. 520.1 and 520.2 in order to have a consistent sequence throughout the rules starting with the lowest level (in this case starting with CCI1 intro, then short format and finally long format) and to identify quickly the MER depending on the categorization of the athlete.

Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

520 Minimum Eligibility Requirements for CIs and CIOs
The following table details the requirements needed to be entered in the different formats, categories and levels of international Competitions. NFs are required to set national participation requirements as per Art 516 to apply for all categorisations.

Exceptions for MERs:
- a) The 1st activation of a frangible/deformable device (11 penalties) will still allow a MER.
- b) When multiple Minimum Eligibility Requirements are required (for CIs and CIOs), one of the Minimum Eligibility Requirements can be achieved incurring 20 penalties at the obstacles of the Cross Country Test (See below for Minimum Eligibility Requirements for Championships & Games).

Athletes already categorised at the corresponding level or above, can either use the full requirements for uncategorised Athletes as per Art 520.1 as a combination or the Minimum Eligibility Requirements according to their athlete’s categorisation to the following table:

520.1 Athletes not yet categorised at the level of the Competition
The Minimum Eligibility Requirements must be achieved as a combination according to the following tables.

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### Note:
The additional qualification requirements approved by the FEI General Assembly on 23 November 2020 will come into force on 1 July 2021.

## 520.2 Athletes already categorised at the level of the Competition

Athletes already categorised at the corresponding level or above, can either use the full requirements for uncategorised Athletes as per Art 520.1 as a combination or the Minimum Eligibility Requirements according to the following table:

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### NOTE: NFs have the option to apply to use CNs (National Competitions) for qualification purposes only to replace events cancelled due weather conditions and/or exceptional circumstances.
Targeted CNs are those for which the FEI has received and approved a request from the relevant NF for this specific purpose. MERs obtained at the specific targeted national Events will only count for upgrade in the same year and not for Athletes categorisation. The application must be sent a minimum of 4 weeks before the Event. An FEI Level 3 Technical Delegate must function at the Event taking responsibility for the technical standards/level of the Competition and must report to the FEI (TD report) including full results.

**Unified Format:**

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**Comments received by 30 August 2021**

- **GBR NF**
  
  We support FEI rule changes with the added addition of 4*L proposal from NZL for implementation for 1st January 2022 – as per section A.
  
  The Note that appears at the end of the table will need deleting – as note required
  
  Note: the additional qualification requirements approved by the FEI General Assembly on 23 November 2020 will come into force on 1 July 2021
  
  Also – GBR would like to add that changing rules halfway through the year has been challenging as it penalises riders who have qualified and competed at one event pre 1st July but not gained an MER but post 1st July are now not qualified to compete at that same level. We realise that this was done for Olympic qualifications but not ideal across the discipline, especially the small number of 3*-L competitions available to Athletes.
  
  Proposed wording
  
  *Note: the additional qualification requirements approved by the FEI General Assembly on 23 November 2020 will come into force on 1 July 2021*

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- **USA NF**

  USA supports the FEI proposal.

**FEI feedback**

The Eventing Committee clarified that the proposal did not include any rule changes but only a rearrangement of the structure of the MER tables of art. 520.1 and 520.2. to line up with other articles

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

As per wording proposed in 1st draft (see above)
The proposal is only a correction of Inconsistency: as there is only “one” reverse qualification, it should read “the” reverse qualification instead of “a”.

### Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

#### 522.1 Reverse Qualification - Horse

(...)

In the case of a reverse qualification at certain level the Horse must obtain a Minimum Eligibility Requirement in an international Competition at the lower level before being allowed to compete again at the original level (e.g. Horse with 2 eliminations at 3 star level (any format) must obtain MER at 2 star level (any format) before going back to 3 star level (any format).

(...)

### Comments received by 30 August 2021

No comment received

### 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 2021

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

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

IRL NF

#### Article Number – Article Name

523.3 Examination after a Fall

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

The IRL NF note that it is not noted that a rider should not re-mount after a fall during the cross-country section. The IRL NF feel that until such time that the athlete has been checked and cleared by a medical officer, they should not re-mount their horse. IRL NF feel that this is an Urgent repair, 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

#### Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

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. **Athletes should not re-mount their horse until this examination has been completed.** 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, which will be delivered to his or her National Federation.

#### Comments received by 30 August 2021
We support the IRL proposal and understand the reasoning behind it but having discussed this at our National level, it was said in some instances a rider should be allowed to re-mount and leave the course at a walk from a safety point of view that a rider would have more control of a horse being ridden than in-hand if the horse was excited or had been spooked by crowds, etc...

Concerns has also been flagged by FEI OCs that additional medical provision would be required to cover this and would therefore increase the costs of running an International event.

- **GER NF**

There is concern from the Organisers: It is well established that a doctor is called to the preparation area if there was a fall where the rider looked like he/she should be checked before remounting. In all other cases it worked well so far, that the rider could remount and continue his/her preparation until the doctor arrived or the rider could be sent to the start area to be checked there.

As the current rule (check before start XC) worked well, OCs question the real necessity for a change because for some events it could affect the running of the XC and maybe cause the need of one more doctor which increases the costs. The very most of the OCs are already on their financial limit due to less sponsors and entry fees are already higher than ever before.

The GER NF supports the current wording.

- **USA NF**

USA supports the FEI proposed wording for IRL proposal.

**FEI feedback**

The Eventing Committee reviewed and agreed with the proposal received from the IRL NF: the proposal was in line with the current logic that after a fall, athletes need to be checked by a doctor before they remount their horses, regardless if the fall happened during the warm-up or during the course.

The addition did not imply any modification to the Medical Services requirements at events.

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

As per wording proposed in 1st draft (see above).
### 531.3 CIOs and Championships

If there is a Team and an Individual Classification the draw will take place to determine the order of countries for the first and second Horse Inspection. This order is also the team nations running order for the Dressage and Cross Country Tests.

This draw will take place prior to the first Horse Inspection, in the presence of the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Chefs d’Equipe. All countries participating in the Competition, whether by teams or individuals, will be included in this draw.

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**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 2021**

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

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

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**Explanation for Proposed Change**

The current Rules do not provide for the necessary details on the order of go in short CCIs with the traditional order of tests Dressage – Cross-Country – Jumping. Also, uniform rules should be laid down as to how to handle the starting order of Athletes with multiple rides.

**Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021**
533 Starting Order

533.1 CCI-L and CCI-S with order of tests Dressage – Cross Country – Jumping

Long Competitions

533.1.1 Dressage and Cross Country Tests
The drawn starting order will be used for both these tests.

533.1.2 Jumping Test
The starting order must follow the reverse order of classification at the end of the Cross Country Test (i.e. the lowest placed Athlete will start first, and the last Athlete to jump will be the one placed highest).

533.2 CCI-S with order of tests Dressage – Jumping – Cross Country

Short Competitions

533.2.1 Dressage and Jumping Tests
The drawn starting order will be used for both these tests.

533.2.2 Cross Country Test
At the discretion of the Organising Committee:
   a) May follow the same draw starting order of the Dressage and Jumping Tests.
   b) May be run in reverse order of classification for the best 25 percent of competitors.
      The same draw starting order of the Dressage and Jumping Tests will be followed for the remaining competitors.

If two Horses ridden by the same Athlete are classified too close to each other, the starting order of the lower placed one must be adjusted.

533.2.3 Athletes with multiple rides
An athlete with multiple rides cannot change the relative order of his horses. However, if required by the timetable and agreed by the Ground Jury and the Technical Delegate, he may start one or more horses at other than the normally scheduled starting time for both Jumping and Cross Country tests.

If two Horses ridden by the same Athlete are classified too close to each other, the starting order of the lower placed one must be adjusted.

If an athlete is starting multiple horses in different classes, if possible the starting time of the lower class should be adjusted.

Comments received by 30 August 2021

- GBR NF

We do not understand why this has been asked for and little explanation as to why this change is needed from the GER NF. Drawn order restrictions should be “fair” across all competitions and if a seeded draw is to occur then it is done once and under the agreed FEI terms which are advertised in the schedule. Riders would not want to see CCI Long having seeded draws.

We would also disagree that all CCI Short events should be prescribed in either DR-XC-SJ or DR-SJ-XC and that that either XC or SJ should be prescribed by the FEI and not by the NF or the OC. This rule discourages the use of ERM style “order of merit” competitions. Not as commercially interesting or audience focused.

For Art.533.3, We agree that multiple riders at Short events need a formal structure. Agree that riders should not be able to change their drawn horse position.

FEI feedback
The Eventing Committee supported the update of titles of art.533.1 and 533.2 as proposed as a clarification. The order of the tests for short format remains open. The Eventing Committee agreed to maintain the current wording in regard to the starting order of multiples rides as it was felt that the decision needed to remain with the Ground Jury and Technical Delegate to accommodate all different scenarios.

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### Explanation for Proposed Change

This modification is proposed to align the Eventing Rules with the GRs definition of Protective Headgear, article 538.1.1 should be modified as follows:
### Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

#### 538.1.1 Protective Headgear *

While riding anywhere on the show grounds, the use of a properly fastened Protective Headgear is mandatory. Such Protective headgear must comply with the list of the applicable international testing standards published on the FEI website any of the European (EN), British (PAS), North American (ASTM), Australian/New Zealand tested standards applicable at the time of the competition.

### Comments received by 30 August 2021

- **USA NF**
  
  USA supports the FEI proposal.

### 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 2021

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

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

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#### Explanation for Proposed Change

Specifically, a spelling error: Replace “Pipping” with “Piping”

### Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

#### 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 piping is allowed);

#### 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 piping is allowed);

### Comments received by 30 August 2021

No comment received

### FEI feedback

The Eventing Committee agreed with the proposal (typo).

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

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

- **FEI**

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#### Explanation for Proposed Change
The Eventing Committee supports the proposal of Eventing Risk Management Steering based on different studies available on the use of air vests, to add to the Eventing rules that the use of air vests is recommended.

### Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

**538.3 Cross-Country Test**

Body protectors are compulsory for this Test, including when schooling over Cross-Country fences, at any time.

*The use of air vests is recommended.*

### Comments received by 30 August 2021

- **IRL NF**
  IRL NF feel that the use of air vests should become compulsory: "The use of air vests is recommended compulsory."

- **GBR NF**
  We have received mixed views on this. Whilst we are happy to support this recommendation, we have not seen the evidence to support the rule addition and as a recommendation it is not a rule and therefore not enforceable.
  We would strongly ask the FEI to recommend a list of Body Protector Standards to be worn along similar lines as the protective headwear rule (538.1.1).

- **USA NF**
  USA supports the FEI proposal and requests further information on the air vest studies

### FEI feedback

The Eventing Committee reviewed the comments received. As the proposal is to recommend the use of air vests, the proposal is maintained. In addition, a clarification has been added regarding the back protectors and an explanatory note will be included in the FAQ-Tack & Equipment.

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

**538.3 Cross-Country Test**

Body protectors* are compulsory for this Test, including when schooling over Cross-Country fences, at any time.

*The use of air vests is recommended.*

* Back protectors are not considered body protectors

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

**FEI**

**Article Number – Article Name**

**539.2.2 Permitted (Saddlery)**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

This is a clarification in order to line up with the Dressage rules and to allow bling on the Browbands

**Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021**
### 539.2.2 Permitted (Saddlery)

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<td>A browband is required, and except for the parts that attach to the crownpiece or headstall, is not required to be made of leather or leather-like material.</td>
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<td>Ear hoods are permitted for all Events and may also provide noise reduction. However, ear hoods must allow for ears to move freely and must not cover the Horse’s eyes and ear plugs are not permitted (with the exception of prize giving ceremonies). The ear hoods should be discreet in colour and design. Ear hoods may not be attached to the noseband.</td>
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**Comments received by 30 August 2021**

No comment received.

**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 2021**

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**Article Number – Article Name**

| 539.2 Forbidden (Saddlery for Cross Country and Jumping tests) |

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

The Eventing Committee proposes to specify the maximum length of hackamore for the Cross Country test to a length of 24cm measured in a straight line from the middle of the higher ring to the middle of the lower ring.

**Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021**

For Cross Country, a throat lash is compulsory to maintain the bridle in place. **For Cross Country, bitless bridles are not allowed**.

For Cross Country, hackamores without bits are not allowed. They must be used with a bit. The maximum length of the shank is 24 cm, measured in a straight line from the middle of the higher ring to the middle of the lower ring.

**For Cross Country, bits with a lever arm** The lower cheek (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed 10 cm. The length of the lever arm is measured in a straight line from the highest point where the bit is stopped to the lowest point of the lever arm. **For Cross Country, bitless bridles are not allowed**.

**Comments received by 30 August 2021**

- IEOC

Riders are using other pads under the hind head or headpiece of the bridle. This has the same purpose as sheepskin but is made of artificial material. As sheepskin is a natural material as is the bridle, can this be used?
### FEI feedback

The Eventing Committee maintained the proposal of the maximum length of hackamore to 24 cm. It was clarified that the limit of 10 cm applies to bits with a lever arm and was already included in the Eventing rules. A clarification on how to measure these length will be added in the FAQ-Tack & Equipment.

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

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

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### Explanation for Proposed Change

The Eventing Committee proposes for Horse welfare reasons that all pieces of tack must allow for ears to move freely to allow horses to be able to use all senses during the tests. This is already included in the Eventing rules for the Ears hoods and is now extended to all equipment.

### Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

**539.2.3 Forbidden (Saddlery Dressage)**

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.

- **Any pieces of tack that impairs the ears to move freely is forbidden.**

**539.3.2 Forbidden (Saddlery Jumping and Cross Country)**

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.

- **Any pieces of tack that impairs the ears to move freely is forbidden.**

(...)

### Comments received by 30 August 2021

- **GBR NF**

We have no issue with the implementation of this but would appreciate comment from Stewards on the definition of the word “freely” and how it is interpreted and enforced by Officials.

### FEI feedback
The Eventing Committee reviewed the comments received and maintained the proposal as it is.

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### 544.1.3 Paperless Judging

Organisers have the option to use paperless judging systems.

If used, any paperless judging system is subject to FEI approval and must be stated in the Event schedule.

FEI approved paperless judging systems as per the FEI requirements are posted on the FEI Website.

In any event, a paper version of the Dressage tests must be available to the Judges during competition as backup.

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**Comments received by 30 August 2021**

No comment received

**FEI feedback**

The Eventing Committee reviewed the comments received and maintained the proposal as it is.

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

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

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

**FEI**

**Article Number – Article Name**

**547.6 Number of Jumping Efforts**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Further to the discussion at the Eventing Risk Management seminar Aintree January 2020, Course Designers asked for a review of efforts such as steps and ditches not to count in the overall total of efforts allowed on a Cross Country course. The reason being that changes in format over the years have created a different sort of effort for the horse, therefore a few more jumping efforts would help keep the course in balance if the terrain was flat. This would restore the essence of Cross Country: to re-introduce questions like sunken roads and coffins which have almost disappeared from the sport as they count as additional efforts, but are important for educating horses. More allowance for jumping efforts would give Course Designers the ability to have more variety and to make courses on flat ground more influential.

The Eventing Committee agreed to propose the following:

**Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021**

**547.6 Number of Jumping Efforts:**

The total number of jumping efforts shall be within the limits (minimum and maximum) shown in the Table of Distances, Speeds, Times and Jumping Efforts for the relevant level of Competition see Annex B table Distances. The efforts to be counted are the efforts on the route expected to be taken by the average Horse.

For all classes at all levels it is possible to have a maximum of an additional 2 efforts whereby steps and ditches do not count as efforts under the following conditions:

- a. 2 steps as part of a combination/related fences only count as one effort, e.g. a sunken road with what would traditionally be 4 efforts (fence before, step down, step up, fence after) will count as 3 efforts
b. 3 steps up or down will count as 2 efforts  
c. a ditch as part of a combination (eg a hollow/coffin type fence) does not count as an effort  
  a. d. the steps and ditches would be flagged/lettered as normal and judged as normal. The CD and TD need to agree, in advance of the competition, how many of such efforts, if any, are appropriate for the particular competition given the nature of the terrain and the balance, flow, and intensity of the course.

**Comments received by 30 August 2021**

- **GBR NF**  
  We support the FEI on this addition to the rule.

- **IEOC**  
  Agree proposal that Ditches and Steps in combinations should not be counted as an effort. Agree with request from CDs.

- **NED NF**  
  To the opinion of the NED NF not counting a ditch (or step) as an obstacle is NOT a good idea. The current courses are intense enough. A ditch in a combination is a mentally difficult assignment for a horse. With this in mind and thinking about the impact it will have on the Welfare of the horses, the NED NF would prefer to have a ditch counted as a separate obstacle.
  
  The NED NF thinks the Article No. 547.6 is good as it is and needs no change.
  
  If the FEI should feel the need to change this article, the FEI can consider the underneath: The NED NF does agree that it would be good for a course designer to be able to use the occasional ditch, step or maybe a slope into water without having to use an effort, however this rule needs a more balanced approach introducing this modification. Perhaps something on the lines of 2 of these types of fences are allowed in the first half of the course, and two in the second half of the course, so that they cannot be over used.

- **NZL NF**  
  NZL disagree with this change and feel that it raises a lot of variables. The TD would need to get to a course early enough to agree/disagree with the CD on the use of the extra efforts. We have a table of efforts which should be sufficient for the CD to design a test for horse and riders. We do not feel that it is necessary to ask more of our horses. Increasing the number of efforts could have a negative impact on the carefully devised tables which permit efforts/distance with safety in mind.
  
  Article to remain unchanged.

- **USA NF**  
  USA does not support this proposal as presented. The ESC believes it is in the best interest of the horse that these are considered efforts, not considering these as efforts would lead to a course being too intense.

**FEI feedback**

The Eventing Committee reviewed the comments received and agreed to maintain the proposals it was an option to be used or not by course designers.

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**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Under Criteria 3, New/recently introduced rule(s) that has(ve) proven to be problematic in its implementation, the IRL NF would request that the addition of the diagram of the permitted snaffle Annex A 1.5.a.19 be backed up with a clear picture in the Tack FAQ, showing the difference in the central link- to clearly show the "angle" which defines the control plate action of the illegal Dr Bristol type snaffle (Annex A 1.4.a).

We have found the following pictures that demonstrate this, but suggest that the FEI use these to develop their own clear picture:

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**Comments received by 30 August 2021**

- **AUS NF**

We would recommend that not only the image of the French Link submitted and shown on page 9 of the FEI document ‘Proposal for Rules Changes for Eventing Rules’ be added to the Annex A, but we would also recommend that the image of the Dr Bristol be added and labelled as ‘Not permitted’ so that the clear difference can be seen. These images also need to be updated in the Eventing FAQ Use of Tack, Equipment and Dress document.
### GBR NF
We agree with the FEI to add a more comprehensive picture and clarification in the Tack guide.

### USA NF
USA supports the FEI proposed wording and pictures for the IRL proposal.

#### FEI feedback
The Eventing Committee agreed to add more comprehensive picture of the French link snaffle in the Eventing rules as well as adding a clarification in the Eventing FAQ-Tack & Equipment.

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

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### Article Number – Article Name

**Annex A Dressage – Annexes 1 Permitted Bits for the Dressage Test 1.5 Snaffles**

### b) Permitted Cheek pieces (6 Hanging cheek)

#### Explanation for Proposed Change
In addition to the IRL NF proposal for Annex A 1.5.a.19 the IRL NF also suggest that consideration be given to setting a maximum for the length of 'cheeks' on a hanging cheek snaffle Annex A 1.5.b.6. This is a request from our Stewards on the ground, who report that the cheek lengths are increasing - having a consequential increase in the leverage action (Annex A 1.1.j).

#### Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021
The IRL NF have no specific wording to propose but ask that the FEI look at this suggestion and develop a solution

#### Comments received by 30 August 2021
- GBR NF
We have no comment.

**FEI feedback**

The Eventing Committee agreed to define a maximum length for the cheek piece of hanging cheek snaffle as the length cheek pieces used in competition are becoming longer and induce a different action of the Hanging cheek snaffle.

Based on a standard hanging cheek bit, the maximum length is proposed to be set at 7cm measured from the top of the mouthpiece to the top of the small ring.

A clarification on how to measure it will be added in the FAQ-Tack & Equipment.

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

**Annex A**

1.3 Permitted Snaffles (see diagrams)

(...)  
g) The diameter of the mouthpiece must be a minimum of 14mm for Horses and 10mm for Ponies at the rings or cheeks.  
h) The maximum length of the cheek piece of a hanging cheek snaffle is 7cm measured from the top of the mouthpiece to the top of the small ring

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

**FEI**

**Article Number – Article Name**

**Annex B & Annex C**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Clarification of the units & change of the structure in order to have first intro, then short and finally long format.

**Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021**

**Annex B  Cross Country - Annexes**

1 Cross Country Obstacles Maximum Dimensions

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2 Distances - Speeds - Jumping Efforts

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Within the above limits, the CD and TD may adjust in either direction to take account of the terrain, the number of efforts should be broadly proportional to the length of the course.

### Annex C  Jumping - Annexes

1. Obstacles Maximum Dimensions - Distances - Speeds - Jumping Efforts

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

### FEI

#### Article Number – Article Name

### Glossary

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

The Eventing Committee proposes to a definition of lower level events in the Glossary of the Eventing rules.

#### Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

### Lower level event

*Lower level event are defined as the competitions for 1* to 3* Competitions, long or short format, as specified in Appendix E of the FEI General Regulations.*

#### Comments received by 30 August 2021

No comment received

#### FEI feedback

The Eventing Committee maintained the proposal as it did not include any change to the rules, only a clarification to definitions.

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

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

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If the arena is less than 5000 square meters, the maximum speed for Four & Five star level Competitions shall be 350 meters/min.

In arenas less than 2300 square meters the maximum speed for any level shall be 325/min.

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**Comments received by 30 August 2021**

No comment received

**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 2021**

As per wording proposed in 1st draft (see above)
### B. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN REJECTED OR DEFERRED TO A FUTURE RULES REVISION

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<td>The Eventing Committee supports the Eventing Risk management Steering Group proposal to add that one MER at the level below must be obtained within the previous 12 months before competing in 3*, 4* and 5*.</td>
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<td>The proposal is based on the fact the statistics related to horses not taking part in competitions for a long period of time. It has been highlighted that there is a significant increase in horse fall risk when a horse returned to play at 4* / 5* levels having not competed at FEI competitions for 18 months or more.</td>
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<td>The Eventing Committee agreed with the “return to play” recommendation that at CCI3*, CCI4* and CCI5* level, one MER at the level below must be obtained within the previous 12 months before the competition.</td>
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<td><strong>GBR NF</strong></td>
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<td>We recognise why the FEI would like to introduce this rule but there is a very strong feeling from British riders that if re-qualification must be taken that it can be taken at the Short level and NOT Long.</td>
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<td>e.g. Qualification for a 4*-L – a rider can go down a level and compete at a 3*-S.</td>
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<td>We would also request that our equivalent national levels be taken into account as an alternative as the opportunities to compete internationally at a level below are fewer and add additional costs to the athletes and owners.</td>
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<td><strong>NZL NF</strong></td>
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<td>We appreciate that the proposal is based on statistics related to horses not taking part in competitions for a long period of time, and that there is a need for horses to be competing consistently as they rise through the levels.</td>
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<td>While the return to eventing competition needs to be managed carefully, we believe that this article as drafted will prove difficult in many countries where there are limited FEI events. The complication of the pandemic, with events being cancelled at short notice and no other FEI event opportunities existing has made this very challenging for riders to manage and therefore cannot support the proposal in full at this time.</td>
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<td>While the data relates to 4* and 5* falls over an 18-month period the proposed amendment includes 3* and refers to a 12-month period. We respectively propose therefore that the requirement applies only to 4* &amp; 5*.</td>
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<td>We believe that including 3* at this difficult time will cause significant difficulties for our riders (alternatively could National classes could be added as a MER?).</td>
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**Proposed wording**

At CCI4* and CCI5*, one MER at the level below must be obtained within the previous 12 months before the competition.

- USA NF

USA would support the FEI proposal but with the language amendments recommended below: "At CCI3*, CCI4* and CCI5*, one MER at the level below or one equivalent NF MER at the level below must be obtained within the previous 12 months before the competition.

**FEI feedback**

The Eventing Committee agreed to defer this to the 2023 Eventing Rules revision to allow for additional study and review before implementation.

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

**FEI**

**Article Number – Article Name**

522.1 Reverse Qualification – Horse

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

The Eventing Committee proposes to clarify that the Fall on the flat should be considered as a Cross Country fall and not be differentiated.

**Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021**

522.1 Reverse Qualification – Horse

A reverse qualification is the obligation for a Horse to show restored competence at a lower level (MER) after a number of unsuccessful attempts at a certain level. Reverse qualification only applies to the Horse. A reverse qualification is triggered by two (2) consecutive Cross Country eliminations or a total of three (3) Cross Country eliminations within a twelve (12) months rolling period of time in international Competitions. For this purpose the relevant reasons of elimination on Cross Country would be:

- a) Three (3) refusals
- b) Fall of Horse or Athlete [or Fall on the flat](#)
- c) Dangerous riding

Reverse qualifications remain unless cleared by a MER.

(...)

**Comments received by 30 August 2021**

- GBR NF

We acknowledge why the FEI wish to clarify this, due to the risk of injury, that a fall needs to be recorded and the result is elimination.

However, a fall on the flat can be out of the control of horse and rider i.e., crowd influence, road crossings, bad or changing ground therefore this is a heavy penalty. We do not support this proposal.

Leave the Rule unchanged.

- GER NF
The Reverse Qualification is a very good tool to educate riders to live horsemanship. In Germany we already had a few cases of more or less bad luck resulting in RQ. From the trainers’ point of view the Fall on Flat should not be triggering RQ - slipping in a turn e.g. is nothing that shows that the horse/rider is not ready for the next level or needs to gain confidence on the level below. Keep current wording.

- **USA NF**

USA supports the FEI proposal but with the language amendments recommended below. In addition, it is recommended to include language pertaining to horse welfare. "b) Fall of Horse or Athlete except for a Fall on the flat that is not due to dangerous riding or in relation to an obstacle.”

**FEI feedback**

The Eventing Committee reviewed the feedback received, and agreed that a fall on the flat should not be included for the reverse qualification and decided to remove the proposal.

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

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#### IRL NF

**Article Number – Article Name**

- **524.3.2 Cross Country - Finishing Area**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

IRL NF note that Art 524.3.2 does not require the horse to be checked by a vet if the withdrawal is due to a horse fall. This should be clarified as it is a welfare issue. IRL NF feel that this is an Urgent repair, 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.

**Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021**

524.3.2 Cross Country - Finishing Area

(…)

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. **This is also required after a Horse Fall.**

(…)

**Comments received by 30 August 2021**

- **GBR NF**

We note that this rule is already covered by the FEI rules – A Horse Fall results in Elimination therefore, under the rules the horse will be seen by the Veterinary Delegate. While we understand this is a Welfare issue. We feel that this is already covered and agree with the FEI that no modification to wording is required.

**FEI feedback**
The Eventing Committee agreed that the IRL proposal was already covered in the Eventing rules: a horse fall is penalised by elimination. Art. 524.3.2 specifies that “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”.

The Committee agreed not to present this proposal.

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

**CAN NF**

### Article Number – Article Name

**538.1.3 Spurs**

### Explanation for Proposed Change

The FEI Jumping Rulebook allows for “flat disk” spurs according to Article 19:

“...Spurs with flat disks are allowed. The contact surface with the horse and all edges must be smooth and rounded” (pg. 105).

We propose that this be added to the FEI Eventing Rules to align with what is already permitted in the FEI Jumping Rules. This is an inconsistency that appears to be the result of an unintended omission. As well, because the rules governing spurs are based on the safety and welfare of the horse, by omitting flat disk spurs in the Eventing Rulebook we may be contradicting the very purpose of regulating what spurs are/are not permitted at FEI Events.

### Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

**538.1.3 Spurs**

a) General - Spurs are optional for all three Tests. Spurs capable of wounding a Horse are forbidden. Spurs must be of smooth material (metal or plastic). If there is a shank it must not be more than four centimetres long (the overall shank must be measured from the boot to the end of the spur) and must point only towards the rear. The end of the shank must be blunt to prevent wounding a Horse. If the shank is curved, the spurs must be worn only with the shank directed downwards. Metal or plastic spurs with round hard plastic or metal knobs “Impulse spurs" and “Dummy spurs” with no shank are allowed. **Spurs with flat disks are allowed. The contact surface with the horse and all edges must be smooth and rounded.**

b) Rowel Spurs - Spurs with rowels are allowed in the three Tests and when practising/warming up. If they are used, rowels must be free to rotate and the rowel must be round and smooth (no tines allowed). For pony competition, rowel spurs are not allowed for all tests.

### Comments received by 30 August 2021

- GBR NF

We have no specific comment on this other than it is not consistent across the disciplines

### FEI feedback
The Eventing Committee accepted the GBR comment clarifying that differences were unavoidable as the disciplines had specific requirements as these specific spurs had already been submitted to the Committee in the past and had not been accepted for risk management reasons: safety of rider in case of a horse fall.

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

**FEI**

### Article Number – Article Name

548.1 Faults at obstacles

### Explanation for Proposed Change

The Eventing Committee proposes the following clarification on the definition of, frangible device clips breaks (hook clearly opens from the bolt) and confirmation of the penalty of, 11 penalties.

### Proposed Wording on 12 July 2021

548.1 Faults at Obstacles

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<td>First refusal, run-out or circle</td>
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<td>Activating a frangible device where the dimension of the fence is modified if one of the frangible device clips clearly breaks (hook clearly opens from the bolt)</td>
<td>11 penalties</td>
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<td>Dangerous Riding</td>
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<td>Missing a flag as per art. 549.2</td>
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### Comments received by 30 August 2021

- **AUS NF**
  
  “Activating a frangible device where the dimensions of the fence is modified if one of the frangible device clips breaks (Hook clearly opens from the bolt)”
  
  Australia does not support this proposed rule change in its current wording. A much clearer explanation is required.
  
  No wording recommended

- **GBR NF**
  
  We do not agree with the addition to this rule. Suggest future consideration - Hind Leg activations need to be considered in a different light than Front leg activations.
  
  No chance to current Rule.

- **GER NF**
  
  Although the GER NF strongly encourages the use of the MIM Clip and other new inventions the stakeholders want Safety devices only to prevent horse falls and not leading the XC in another kind of SJ competition. Therefore the GER NF strongly prefers
the current rule where at least the dimensions of the fence must have been altered to result in 11 penalties.

Furthermore it should be discussed that for new devices (e. g. for their first year in practice) the CD & GJ & TD can decide before the start of the competition that while e. g. the yellow clip (or another new system like the Klengel) is used, this single fence will not result in 11 penalties. This would still encourage the CD and OCs to make use of new devices to gain more experience with it but would not result in penalties that are felt as unfair. The GER NF does not believe that such fences would be ridden in an unsafe way.

Looking forward to interesting discussions!

Keep current wording for 548.1

- IEOC
Discuss 11 penalties for activating frangible device requested from several members. The board of the IEOC do not feel strongly about 11 penalties, but agree a penalty is required when the dimensions of the fence are altered.

- IRL NF
IRL NF don’t agree with this, the dimensions of the fence haven’t changed Riders and organisers will not be happy with this and it will put a lot of responsibility on the fence judge who will have to check the clips after nearly every horse. If both clips break resulting in the dimensions of the fence changing 11 penalties will be awarded. There should be no penalties awarded for one clip breaking.

- NED NF
The thoughts of the NED NF are that the current rule (change the dimension of the fence) is clear enough.

The NED NF does not think it is necessary to change this rule. The NED NF does think that maybe the rule can be clarified with an illustration. Important is that it will still be easy to see for the steward whether the dimension of the fence has changed.

To the opinion of the NED NF the Article No. 548.1 is good as it is and needs no change.

- NZL
After lengthy consideration of the proposed addition NZL does not support the additional phrase “if one of the frangible device clips clearly breaks (hook clearly opens from the bolt)”. We do not agree that this provides “clarification” on the definition of frangible device clips breaks.

Wording to remain the same as current (ie unchanged):
Activating a frangible device where the dimension of the fence is modified - 11 penalties

FEI feedback

The Eventing Committee reviewed the comments received and agreed that additional review was required. Therefore, the proposal was deferred to the 2023 Eventing Rules revision.