

## PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF EVENTING RULES

### Introduction

Further to the approval of the FEI Periodical Rules Revision Policy at the 2019 General Assembly (available here: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/about-fei/governance/rules-revision-process>) the next full revision of the Eventing Rules to come into force in 2023 with a consultation period during 2022. For this year's revision process NFs and MOU Stakeholders were invited to propose only modifications that fulfilled the following criteria:

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

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

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

#### **A. Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 1 March 2020.**

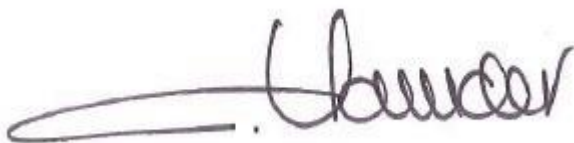
In this section you will find each of the Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders addressed by the FEI with the relevant feedback from the Eventing Committee; and

#### **B. Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI**

This section includes corrections to the Rules proposed by the Eventing Committee and Headquarters taking into account the above mentioned criteria.

#### **Additional Proposals**

The proposals from NFs and the Eventing Committee not aligned to the above criteria have been postponed for the general revision referred to above. A separate document including these proposals in view of the 2023 Rules has been prepared and will be distributed in due time. Stakeholders feedback would be very much welcome on these upcoming proposals and concepts to allow consideration to allow the Eventing Committee to finalizes the revision.



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## A. Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 1 March 2020

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
<b>CZE NF</b>
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>501.3.3 Levels of difficulty &amp; 503 Categories</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Proposition from the CZE NF to create a new category of U-25 with athletes aged from 16 to 25 years old for events and championships run on CCI3*-L
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
As this proposal doesn't fall in one of the Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria and is a new concept, it is postponed to the full Eventing rules revision that will take place in 2022 for 2023

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
<b>ITA NF</b>
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>503.5.2 Age of Pony</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>ITA NF</b>
If a 5 year old ponies can compete in CCI1*-Intro, is it possible to allow them to compete in CCIP1-L as well, seeing as the CCIP1-L has a lower technical level than Intro?
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
As this proposal doesn't fall in one of the Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria and is a new concept, it is postponed to the full Eventing rules revision that will take place in 2022 for 2023 The Eventing Committee agrees to review the minimum age limit for ponies competing at CCIP1* competition as part of the FEI Eventing full revision to be implemented on 1 January 2023.

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
<b>NED NF</b>
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>538.2.1 Civilian (Dress) &amp; 538.4.1 Civilian (Dress)</b>
<b>Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria</b>
<b>Please refer to the 2023 rule proposals</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
In the different Olympic and Paralympic disciplines the following can be found about clothing. We strongly suggest for this to be harmonised for all disciplines: The following is compulsory: a tail coat or jacket approved by their NF, contrast colouring and piping is allowed.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
As this proposal doesn't fall in one of the Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria and is a new concept, it is postponed to the full Eventing rules revision that will take place in 2022 for 2023, exception for the clarification about Protective Headgear. As per discussion in April 2020, the Eventing Committee agreed to remove the mention of top hat, replaced by protective headgear. It is also suggested that the level of competitions mentioned in article 538.2.1 and 538.4.1 would both refer to lower level competitions in general.

**FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)**

**538.2 Dressage Test**

**538.2.1 Civilian**

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

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

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

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

**538.4 Jumping Test**

**538.4.1 Civilian**

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

**Rules Proposal Submitted By**

**SWE NF**

**Article No.–Article Name**

**538.1.1 Protective Headgear (Dress) & 538.2.1 Civilian (Dressage Test) & 538.2.2 Members and employees of military establishments and national studs**

**Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria**

**Criteria 1. changes in the Rules that cannot await because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes;**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

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

**Proposed Wording**

While riding anywhere on the show grounds, and for Driving Athletes and Grooms in the Marathon phase, on the show grounds the use of a properly fastened Protective Headgear are mandatory. In the Competition arena venue, adjacent warm-up areas, as well as riding from one to the other and from the stables for the purposes of competing and during the **Prize giving Ceremony**, the Protective Headgear requirements are governed by the applicable Sport Rules.

~~The applicable Sports Rules may provide for an exception to this rule by permitting Athletes to remove their Protective Headgear while accepting prizes, during the playing of the National Anthem and any other ceremonial protocol.~~

**FEI Feedback**

The Eventing Committee proposes that while riding anywhere on the show grounds, the use of a properly fastened Protective Headgear is mandatory. Any adjustment to the wording in reference to the Prizegiving ceremony will be included in the 2023 rules revision.

**FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)**

**538.1.1 Protective Headgear \***

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

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

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

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

**538.2.2 Members and employees of military establishments and national studs**

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

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

**Rules Proposal Submitted By**

**GER NF**

**Article No.–Article Name**

**544.1.2 Scoring Flying Change**

**Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria**

**Criteria 3: New/recently introduced rule(s) that has(ve) proven to be problematic in its implementation**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

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

**Proposed Wording**

~~**544.1.2 Scoring Flying Change**~~

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

**FEI Feedback**

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Further to the introduction of the new Dressage test for 4\* and 5\* in 2020, the flying changes are now better positioned and have a better view for Judges. The Eventing Committee agrees to the GER proposal to remove art. 544.1 Scoring Flying change. The reason is also to reduce eventual costs and complications for the OCs to produce the footage.

**FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)**

## ~~544.1.2 Scoring Flying Change~~

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

### Rules Proposal Submitted By

AUS NF, GBR NF, IEOC

### Article No.–Article Name

Annex A 1.2 & 1.5 (Dressage bits)

### Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

**Criteria 2. Recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation**

### Explanation for Proposed Change

Following an inconsistent application of the interpretation of central pieces of a bit allowed worldwide for the Dressage test, it has been clarified that the 2020 Rules Annex A does not include any diagram under “permitted mouthpieces” of the “French link “bit and therefore this bit is not allowed for Eventing Dressage.

AUS NF, GBR NF and IEOC support the use the French Link snaffle for Eventing Dressage and strongly recommend to allow the French link.

### Proposed Wording

No specific proposal received from NFs.

### FEI Feedback

The Eventing Committee agreed to add the picture of a French Link mouthpiece in the permitted mouthpiece and proposes to add in Annex A.1.3 permitted snaffles that the centre link, if having edges, must have rounded edges and the length of the center piece must be maximum 4.5 cm long to address this issue that has been a major point of discussion raised by Officials, NFs and Athletes.


### FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

#### 1.3 Permitted Snaffles (see diagrams)

- a) May have one or two joints
- b) May be double-jointed with rounded or rotating mouthpiece allowing for better fit and comfort. The edges must be rounded and the length of the centre link must be 4.5cm long as a maximum.

(...)

#### 1.5 a. Permitted Mouthpiece - snaffles

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	<u>Add 19</u>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
<b>GER NF</b>
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>Annex H.1.2 – International Pony Events and Qualification</b>
<b>Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria</b>
<b>Criteria 3 New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation;</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
CCIP2-S results should also count as a qualification for Championships. We cannot identify different requirements for CCIP2-S and CCIP2-L in the Rules, the only possible difference seems to be the order of tests. But this cannot be a valid reason because CCI2*-S and CCI2*-S for Ponies also count as qualifiers.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<b>1.2 Qualifications</b> Pony Riders and ponies must be certified by their national federation as qualified to compete at the required level. For Championships, Pony Riders and Ponies must have obtained as a combination a Minimum Eligibility result at a CCIP2-L <u>or S</u> , CCI2*-Long or Short.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
Further to the inclusion of the CCIP2*-S competition format for 2020, the Eventing Committee agreed to update this article and add the CCIP2-S as a qualifying option for the European Pony Championships as CCIP2 L or S have the same technicality and in order to give more consistency to the qualifying Events for the FEI European Pony Championships.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
As above

## B. Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI

<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>501.3.4 World Individual and Team Championships</b>
<b>Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria</b>
<b>Criteria 2. Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.;</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>Proposal from Technical Committee:</b></p> <p>Further to the FEI GA decision to allow separate or combined World Championships to replace WEG the Eventing Committee recommends to clarify the number of individuals in addition to team per National Federations in World Championships.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>501.3.4 World Individual and Team Championships</b></p> <p>The World Championships are for Seniors. World Championships can only be held if at least six National Federations are represented.</p> <p>If the World Championships are conducted separately, the number of Athletes will be in accordance with art. 501.3.2 for Championships.</p> <p>Participation <u>to World Championship when combined with other disciplines</u>:</p> <p>a) Maximum 5 Athletes to take part from one nation.  b) Maximum of 2 individuals for Nations not represented by a team.  c) A Team will consist of 3 or 4 Athletes.</p> <p>Technical Level: a) 5 star level Dressage and Jumping Test, b) Cross-Country Test World CH/Olympic Games level technicality (10min 38-42 efforts)</p>

<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>505.3.1 Distribution (Prizemoney)</b>
<b>Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria</b>
<b>Criteria 2. Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.;</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The Eventing Committee wishes to put forward a rule change proposal allowing some flexibility to the Organisers regarding the allocation of prize money based on the number of definite entries.</p> <p>The proposal takes into account the limited amount of money distributed in Eventing International competitions and the request from the Athletes to better adapt the prize money with the number of definite entries.</p> <p>This would allow OCs to adapt to more entries than expected and consequently more entry fees, and also less entries. This is recurrent issue in Eventing.</p> <p>On the other hand, this proposal would also help the organising Committees to cope with the uncertainties related to the organisation of International competition during the Covid19 Pandemic.</p>
<b>Proposal from Technical Committee:</b>
<p>Following a discrepancy between the Eventing Rules (art. 505.3.1) and the General regulations (art.128.1) regarding the distribution of prizemoney, the Eventing Committee proposes to line up with the General regulations and stipulate in the rules that the total amount of money published in the schedule must be distributed.</p> <p>The Eventing Committee also suggests to add in the rules that the Total amount and breakdown should be included based on a defined number of starters with different scenarios to be specified should the number of actual entries differ from the number of</p>

starters mentioned in the schedule. This will allow the competitor to be informed to the prizemoney actually to be distributed.

### Proposed Wording

#### 505.3.1 Distribution

The total amount of prize-money published for each Competition in the schedule must be distributed, ~~as per the breakdown shown for each Competition in the schedule.~~

OCs must state the details of the distribution of prizemoney in the Event schedule. OC may include two prizemoney distribution options in the schedule to enable the amount and number of prizes to be adjusted to the definite number of starters.

The minimum number of prizes offered for each Competition must be allocated on the basis of one prize for every commenced four Athletes (Dressage starters), with a minimum of five prizes.

If less than five Athletes complete the Competition, the minimum number of prizes to be distributed shall be amended to equal the number of Athletes completing.

The value of the first prize for individuals, either in cash or in kind easily convertible into cash, may never exceed one third of the total value of the prize money and prizes convertible into cash offered for the Competition.

### Article No.–Article Name

#### 511 Requirements for Promotion

#### 512 Requirements for Maintenance of Status

### Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

#### Criteria 6: Other scenarios not foreseen by this Policy as considered and approved by the Board.

### Explanation for Proposed Change

#### Proposal from Technical Committee:

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

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

### Proposed Wording

#### 511 Requirements for Promotion

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

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

#### **511.1 Judges**

#### **511.1.1 Level 2 Judges**

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

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

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



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

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

To understand English.

f) To be supported by the National Federation.

### **511.1.2 Level 3 Judges**

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

To be listed as an FEI Level 2 Judge.

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

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

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

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

To understand and speak English.

### **511.2 Technical Delegates**

#### **511.2.1 Level 2 Technical Delegates**

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

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

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

To have served as an assistant to a Level 3 star Technical Delegate at an international Long Format Competition.

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

To understand English.

To be supported by the National Federation.

#### **511.2.2 Level 3 Technical Delegates**

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

To be listed as an FEI Level 2 Technical Delegate.

To have acted as a Technical Delegate at two international Events of which at least one must be a Long Format Competition, and one must be outside of own country during the current or preceding two years.

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

To understand and speak English.

### **511.3 Course Designers**

#### **511.3.1 Level 2 Course Designers**

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

To have regular practice as a National Course Designer over a period of at least three years. This requirement may be reduced if the Course Designer has experience as an international Athlete.

To have gained experience as Course Designer at short and Long Format Competitions.

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

To understand English.

To be supported by the National Federation.

#### **511.3.2 Level 3 Course Designers**

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

To be listed as an FEI Level 2 Course Designer.

~~To have acted as a Course Designer at two international Events of which at least one must be a Long Format Competition during the current or preceding two years.~~

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

~~To understand, and preferably speak English.~~

#### **511.4 Stewards**

##### **511.4.1 Level 1 Stewards**

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

~~To have regular practice as a Steward in National and International events including a minimum of two International Long or Short competitions.~~

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

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

~~To be minimum 21 years of age~~

##### **511.1 Stewards**

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

##### **511.4.2 Level 2 Stewards**

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

~~To be listed as an FEI Level 1 Eventing Steward.~~

~~To have acted as a Steward at six (6) International events (of which three (3) in the Eventing Discipline) at least one time as a Chief Steward and one time as an Assistant Chief Steward at a 4 or 5 star event within five (5) years.~~

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

~~To understand and speak English.~~

##### **511.4.3 Level 3 Stewards**

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

## **512 Requirements for Maintenance of Status**

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

### **512.1 Judges**

#### **512.1.1 Level 2 Judges**

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

~~a) Completed a yearly on-line competency based evaluation test with a positive assessment~~

~~b) To have fulfilled the educational requirements (at an in-person maintenance course) every three years with a positive assessment and recommendation for maintenance.~~

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

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

#### **512.1.2 Level 3 Judges**

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

~~Completed a yearly on-line competency based evaluation test with a positive assessment~~

~~To have fulfilled the educational requirements (at an in-person maintenance course) every three years with a positive assessment and recommendation for maintenance.~~

~~To have judged regularly at both national and international Events with a minimum of four international Events of which at least one must be Long Format Competition during the last three years.~~

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

### **512.2 Technical Delegates**

#### **512.2.1 Level 2 Technical Delegates**

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

~~Completed a yearly on-line competency based evaluation test with a positive assessment~~

~~To have fulfilled the educational (at an in-person maintenance course) requirements every three years with a positive assessment and recommendation for maintenance.~~

~~To have regular practice as a National Technical Delegate over the last three years including acting as Technical Delegate at a minimum of two international Events.~~

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

#### ~~512.2.2~~ **Level 3 Technical Delegates**

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

~~Completed a yearly on-line competency based evaluation test with a positive assessment~~

~~To have fulfilled the educational requirements (at an in-person maintenance course) every three years with a positive assessment and recommendation for maintenance.~~

~~To have acted as a Technical Delegate at two international Events of which at least one must be a Long Format Competition during the last three years.~~

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

### **512.3 Course Designers**

#### ~~512.3.1~~ **Level 2 Course Designers**

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

~~Completed a yearly on-line competency based evaluation test with a positive assessment~~

~~To have fulfilled the educational requirements (at an in-person maintenance course) every three years with a positive assessment and recommendation for maintenance.~~

~~To have regular practice as a National Course Designers over the last three years including acting as Course Designer at a minimum of one international Event.~~

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

#### **512.3.2 Level 3 Course Designers**

~~The requirements to be maintained as a FEI Level 3 Course Designers are as follows:~~

~~Completed a yearly on-line competency based evaluation test with a positive assessment~~

~~To have fulfilled the educational requirements (at an in-person maintenance course) every three years with a positive assessment and recommendation for maintenance.~~

~~To have acted as a Course Designer at two international Events during the last three years.~~

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

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

**Article No.–Article Name**

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

**Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria**

**Criteria 6: Other scenarios not foreseen by this Policy as considered and approved by the Board.**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

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

**FEI Feedback**

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

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

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

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

**513.3 CCI 1\*-Intro (Unified Level)**

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

**513.5 Championships & Games**

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

### 513.5.1 Championships and Games

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

### 513.6 Veterinarians (please refer to Veterinary Regulations)

#### Article No.–Article Name

#### 515.3.1 General Duties

#### Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

#### Criteria 2. Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.;

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

##### Proposal from Technical Committee

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

#### Proposed Wording

##### 515.3.1 General Duties (TD)

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

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

#### Article No.–Article Name

#### 515.4 Course Designer & 515.4.1 Cross Country & 515.4.2 Jumping

#### Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

#### Criteria 1. Rules that cannot await because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes.

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

##### Proposal from Technical Committee

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

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

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

#### Proposed Wording

##### 515.4 Course Designer

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.

#### 515.4.1 Cross Country

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

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

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

### Article No.–Article Name

#### 520.1 Athletes not yet categorised at the level of the Competition

#### Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

#### Criteria 1 Rules that cannot await because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes;

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

##### Proposal from Technical Committee

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

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

#### Proposed Wording

##### 520.1 Athletes not yet categorised at the level of the Competition

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

##### Short format: incl. MER obtained as per NF Requirements

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

##### Long format: incl. MER obtained as per NF Requirements

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

CCI5*-L	Uncategorised or D or C2 Athletes	2 CCI4*-L and <del>23</del> CCI4*-S
	B Athletes	1 CCI4*-L and 3 CCI4*-S

### Article No.–Article Name

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

#### Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

#### Criteria 2. Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.;

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

##### Proposal from Technical Committee

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

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

#### Proposed Wording

##### 523.3 Examination After a Fall

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

##### 524.3.2 Cross Country - Finishing Area

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

### Article No.–Article Name

#### 525.2 Warnings and Penalties (Dangerous riding)

#### Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

#### Criteria 2. Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.;

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

**Proposal from Technical Committee**

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

**Proposed Wording**

**525.2 Warnings and Penalties**

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

- a) 25 penalties
- b) Elimination

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

**Article No.–Article Name**

**526.1 Definition (abuse of Horse)**

**Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria**

**Criteria 1. Rules that cannot await because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes;**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

**Proposal from Technical Committee**

Further to the introduction of the new Eventing sanction system, the Eventing Committee recommends that a serious case of Dangerous Riding should be sanctioned by a Yellow Warning Card and therefore add it to the list of Abuse of Horse.

**Proposed Wording**

**526.1 Definition**

Abuse of Horse means an action or omission which causes or is likely to cause pain or unnecessary discomfort to a Horse included but not limited to:

- a) Rapping.
- b) Riding an exhausted Horse.
- c) Excessive pressing of a tired Horse.
- d) Riding an obviously lame Horse.
- e) Excessive use of whip, bit and/or spurs.
- f) Horses bleeding indicating excessive use of the whip and/or spurs.
- g) Overriding: abuse of horse that does not necessarily induce visible marks
- h) Serious case of dangerous riding

If not directly witnessed by the Ground Jury, the incident must be reported as soon as possible to the Ground Jury through the Secretary of the Organising Committee or Cross Country Control Centre as appropriate. Where possible the report should be supported by a statement from one or more witnesses.

The Ground Jury must decide if there is a case to be answered.

**Article No.–Article Name**

**539.1.2 Permitted (Training and exercising saddlery), 539.1.4 Forbidden (Training and exercising saddlery), 539.2.2 Permitted (Dressage test), 539.2.3**



**Forbidden (Dressage test), 539.3.2 Forbidden (Cross Country and Jumping test saddlery) & Annex A 1.4 Illegal bits & 1.5 Permitted Mouthpieces**

**Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria**

**Criteria 1 Urgent repairs, i.e., changes in the Rules that cannot await because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes &**

**Criteria 2. Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.;**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

**Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:**

- Following an inconsistency, the use of blinkers for training, for the Cross Country test and for the Jumping test needs to be clarified: for the Cross Country test, any form of Blinkers is not allowed. For the Jumping test, the Eventing Committee has agreed to follow the Jumping rules.
- Further to the Eventing Rules update last year including a differentiated list of bits allowed for Eventing compared to Dressage, the following needs to be clarified:  
Leather bit are included in Annex A, and were omitted in the reference article, therefore needs to be included in art. 539.2.2..  
Allowance to use leather like material for bridles the Dressage test needs to be added to line up with the Dressage rules
- For safety reason, the Eventing Committee also suggests to clarify that throat lashes are compulsory for the Cross Country test
- The Eventing Committee agreed to remove the diagram number 13 (Sliding Hanging Cheek) as the mouthpiece can slide vertically and induced a gag effect. The Eventing Committee agreed to clarify that the bit cannot slide vertically and that the rein must be able to move freely in the ring of the bit.
- The Eventing Committee proposes to clarify that bit covered with leather are allowed for the Dressage test to line up with annex A (as bit made of leather is allowed).
- According to the current rules, a bit may have a curved port. The height of the deviation is defined in the Eventing rules but the width is not. In order to clarify this, the Eventing Committee proposal is to line with the Dressage rules and use the same wording.
- The Eventing Committee proposes to clarify what type of mouthpiece/cheekpiece can be used for a Bridoon when a double bridle is used (see diagram below).

**Proposed Wording**

**539.1.2 Permitted (Training and exercising saddlery)**

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

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

**539.2.2 Permitted (Dressage test)**

(...)

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

(...)

**539.2.3 Forbidden**

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

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

**539.3.2 Forbidden (Cross Country and Jumping test saddlery)**

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

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

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

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

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

For Cross Country, a throat lash is compulsory

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

For Cross Country, bitless bridles are not allowed.

**Annex A**

**1.2 Material**

(...)

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

(...)

**1.3 Permitted Snaffles (see diagrams)**

(...)

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

(...)

**1.4 Illegal Bits**

(...)


d) bits that can slide vertically creating a gag effect

e) Mouthpieces rings that restrict the reins to move freely



(...)

**1.5 a.Snaffles:  
Permitted Mouthpieces**

(...)

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**1.6-b. Permitted Cheek pieces**

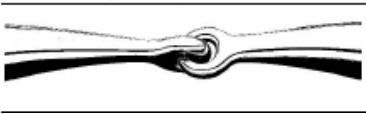








(...)	
6. Hanging-cheek 	<del>13. Hanging-cheek</del> 

**1.6 Double Bridle**





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

**Permitted mouthpieces for Bridoon (added)**

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

**Permitted Cheekpieces for Bridoon (added)**

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

<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>547.2.4 Frangible/Deformable Obstacles</b>
<b>Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria</b>
<b>Criteria 1. Rules that cannot await because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes and as per information to the 2019 General Assembly</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>Proposal from Technical Committee</b></p> <p>Further to the FEI Risk Management Steering Group recommendation and the introduction of mandatory frangible devices for higher level events in 2020, the Eventing Committee proposed to extend this to all levels as it was announced and make frangible device mandatory across all levels <b>for 2021</b>.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>547.2.4 Frangible/Deformable Obstacles</b></p> <p>Obstacles can be provided with frangible/deformable technology only if such technology has been approved by the FEI according to the FEI Standard for the minimum strength of frangible/deformable cross country fences. A list of approved technologies is published on the FEI website.</p> <p><del>Note: As of 2020, for all levels, 4*/5* and championships</del>, all open oxers, open corners, verticals or near verticals with open rails, top rail on triple bars and gates where the rail dimensions and weight fit the acceptable parameters of an FEI approved frangible device, must be fitted with frangible devices</p>

<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>547.2.5 Water Crossings</b>
<b>Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria</b>
<b>Criteria 1. Rules that cannot await because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes;</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>Proposal from Technical Committee</b></p> <p>For risk management reason the Eventing Committee proposes to have water fences mandatory for each course and ensure a consistent pathway across the different level of competitions. This modification will also line up with a modification of the Cross Country Design Guide for Officials which will recommend core element for each level of competition.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>547.2.5 <u>Fences related to w</u>Water Crossings</b></p> <p><u>Each cross-country course must include water fences.</u></p> <p>In all water crossings the bottom should be firm and consistent.</p>

<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>547.2.7 Ground Lines (NEW)</b>
<b>Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria</b>
<b>Criteria 1. Rules that cannot await because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes;</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>Proposal from Technical Committee</b></p> <p>Proposal to make ground line mandatory for Cross Country fences at every level as part of the Risk Management recommendations. Further definition of Ground lines is included in the Cross Country guide for Officials.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>547.2.7 Ground Lines (NEW)</b></p> <p><u>Ground lines must be used on fences at all levels.</u></p> <p><u>Note: Please refer to the Cross Country guide for Officials for further information about the use of Ground lines.</u></p>

<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>547.5.2 Obstacles with Alternatives</b>
<b>Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria</b>
<b>Criteria 1. Rules that cannot await because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes;</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>Proposal from Technical Committee</b></p> <p>For risk management reason, the Eventing Committee supports the proposal from the FEI Risk Management Steering Group further to the Cross Country Design Guide working group recommendations regarding the position of alternative obstacles after a refusal that should be included as a rule.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>547.5.2 Obstacles with Alternatives</b></p> <p>Where an obstacle may be jumped in one effort but has alternatives involving two or more efforts, each of these alternatives must be lettered or numbered as an element.</p> <p><u>An alternative obstacle must be sited in such a way that the horse/ rider must make a new attempt/approach after a refusal or run out'</u></p>

<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>Annex A.2 Permitted Nosebands for the Dressage Test</b>
<b>Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria</b>
<b>Criteria 2. Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.;</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>Proposal from the Eventing Committee</b></p> <p>Currently this Annex referred to only permitted nosebands and not complete bridles. The Dressage Rules refers to permitted bridles and to the use of similar bridles which produced the same effect on the horse. The Eventing Committee proposes to line up with the Dressage Rules, referring to permitted Bridles rather than just nosebands.</p> <p>In addition and according to the written rules in art. 539, a double bridle is permitted with a cavesson noseband only. The Eventing Committee suggests to clarify Annex A.2 accordingly.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>

## 2 Permitted ~~Nosebands-Bridles~~ for the Dressage Test

The images below are examples only, and similar bridles which produce the same effect on the horse are also allowed if they adhere to the written rules.

All Nosebands must be correctly fitted, and cannot be so tight to cause unnecessary discomfort to the Horse, ref. Code of Conduct.

(...)

Nosebands 2, 3, 4 ~~and 5 and 6~~ are not permitted when a double bridle is used

~~Noseband 6 if used as a double bridle, the lower strap of the nose band is not allowed~~

### Article No.–Article Name

#### Annex B Cross Country – Annexes

#### Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

**Criteria 6 Other scenarios not foreseen by this Policy as considered and approved by the Board.**

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

##### Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:

In order to have the technicality defined for all levels in the rules, the Eventing Committee proposes to add the technicality for World Championships and Olympic Games in Annex B of the Eventing Rules.

#### Proposed Wording

#### Annex B Cross Country – Annexes

##### 1 Cross Country Obstacles Maximum Dimensions

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

### Article No.–Article Name

#### Annex D Medical Services

#### Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

**Criteria 1 & 6. Safety of Athletes and recommended by the Medical Committee**

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

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

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

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

## Proposed Wording

### **Annex D Medical Services**

#### **Recommendations for Medical Service coverage at FEI Competitions (Separate recommendations are published for Olympic Games and World Games)**

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

#### **1. Medical Services at Events (General)**

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

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

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

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

#### **2. Qualifications of Medical Personnel and Ambulances**

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

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

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

#### **3. Cross Country, Dressage and Jumping Test Requirements**

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

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

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

During the Cross Country test and warm-up, an ambulance ~~must-should~~ be established on site for the treatment of minor ailments and for the observation and initial treatment of serious injuries or illness or transport to appropriate medical facilities. In determining the number of ambulances, the CMO and OC should also establish the distance to the nearest trauma hospital in case an ambulance has to leave the competition site, making sure that another appropriately equipped ambulance is still readily available to cover the competition otherwise the competition must be delayed until a replacement ambulance is on-site. Rapid routes for access and departure must be prepared in advance and safeguarded during the competition for the expeditious transfer of the seriously injured to an appropriate medical facility. This should also include pre-determined plans for access and egress for jumps that are deemed potentially high risk.

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

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

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