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Recap

- 2023 GA Rule Session – FEI HQ highlighted the volume of rule changes that needed to be reviewed
 - No reduction in volume since 2019 despite the Rules Revision Policy
 - Impact: Increased workload on all stakeholders, many changes to rules each year – hard for Athletes, Officials, NFs to keep track
- All stakeholders (FEI Committees/Departments, NFs, MOU Stakeholders, FEI Board) were requested to try to apply the 6 Rules Revision criteria more strictly so that the Rules Revision process would be more manageable.

Let's assess if
progress has
been made!



2024 Rules Revision Process – Sports Rules – Non Full Revision

Sports Rules	1 st Draft Rules Memo (pages)	Final Draft Rules Memo (pages)
Jumping	40	42
Dressage	18	26
Para Dressage	6	9
Eventing	14	21
(Para) Driving	15	14
Vaulting	4	6
Endurance	24	23
Veterinary	35	59
TOTAL	156	200

2023 v 2024 Sports Rules (Non Full Revision)

2023 First Draft (Rules Memo pages)	2024 First Draft (Rules Memo pages)
224	156
30% decrease	

2023 Final Draft (Rules Memo Pages)	2024 Final Draft (Rules Memo Pages)
297	200
32% decrease	

Significant decrease despite 8 sets of Sport Rules being taken into consideration compared to only 7 last year (when Endurance underwent a full revision.

THANK YOU!

General Regulations

Art 142.1. (x): Abuse of Horses and Annex A – Definitions

GER NF maintains its position that amendments to the definition are needed

FEI position: Any changes to the definition should be part of broader discussions further to the Equine Ethics and Wellbeing Commission's report and related actions plan. Therefore, it is proposed not to make the changes at this stage but it will be part of the EEWC action plan.

However, the provisions pertaining to reporting a Horse Abuse (art. 142.2) have been amended in order to reflect what is being done in practice (new online reporting form).

Art. 163 – Disciplinary Proceedings

FEI HQ's imposition of Provisional Suspensions

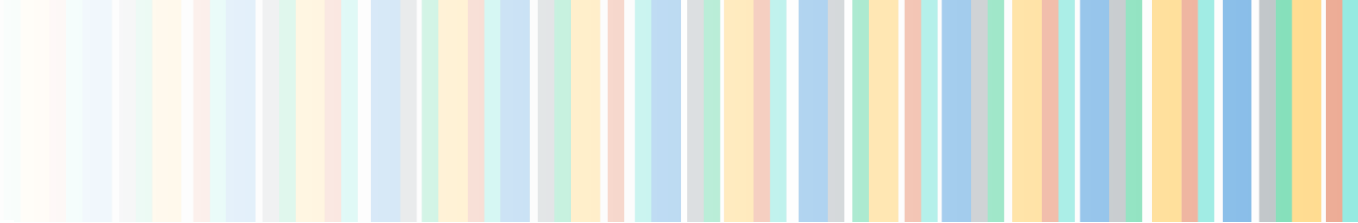
GER NF: Suggested amendments to the FEI's initial proposed wording.

FEI Feedback: FEI HQ should be entitled to impose a Provisional Suspension during the investigations. There are instance where a Provisional Suspension should be imposed even through a Minor Offence Notice of Charge, as the FEI may want to prevent participation to an upcoming FEI event (for example if the offence occurred just before an FEI Championships). In addition, the person's rights will always be fully respected as they may petition to the FEI Tribunal and ask for the lifting of their Provisional Suspension. We therefore suggest to keep the initial wording.

Art. 164 – Sanctions

GBR NF: Asking if the sanctions are proportionate in relation to each other.

FEI Feedback: When looking at the list of offences and the corresponding sanctions, it is true that it does not seem to always be proportionate. FEI suggested more harmonised/proportionate sanctions in the table of sanctions.



Offence	Low-End	Mid-Range	Top-End	Max
Incorrect Behaviour	<u>Up to 23 months</u>	<u>Up to 6-3 months - 1 year</u>	<u>Up 1 to 1-3 years</u>	<u>23 - 5 years</u>
	Up to CHF 1.500	CHF 1,500 - 3.000	CHF 3,000 - 7.000	<u>CHF 7,000 - CHF 10.000</u>
Abuse of Horse	<u>Up to 36 months</u>	<u>63 months - 2 3 years</u>	<u>23 - 5-10 years</u>	<u>10 years up to Life</u>
	CHF 1000 - 1,500	CHF 2,0 1,500 - 3,000	CHF 53,000 - 10,000	CHF <u>10,000 - 15,000</u>
Criminal Acts, Fraud, Violence	<u>Up to 13 months</u>	3 months - 2 years	2 - 5 years	<u>5 years up to Life</u>
	CHF 1000 - 1,500	CHF 2,0 1,500 - 3,000	CHF 53,000 - 7,500	CHF <u>7,500 - 10,000</u>
Failure to cooperate with an investigation	<u>Up to 13 months</u>	Up to 6 months	Up to 9 months	1 year
	Up to CHF 1,500	CHF 1,500 - 3,000	CHF 3,000 - 7,000	CHF 10,000
Bringing the FEI and/or equestrian sport into disrepute	<u>Up to 13 months</u>	<u>3 months - 2 years</u> Up to 6 months	<u>Up to 9 months</u> 2 - 5 years	<u>1-5 years up to Life</u>
	Up to CHF 1,500	CHF 1,500 - 3,000	CHF 3,000 - 7,000	CHF 7,000 - 10 5,000
Breach of the FEI Code on the Manipulation of Competitions	<u>Warning</u> <u>Up to 3 months</u>	3 months - 2 years	<u>Up 2 to 5 years</u>	<u>5 year up to Life</u>
	CHF 1000 - 1,500	CHF 2,0 1,500 - 3,000	CHF 53,000 - 10,000	CHF <u>10,000 - 15,000</u>
Breach of the FEI Safeguarding Policy against Harassment and Abuse	<u>Warning</u> <u>Up to 3 months</u>	3 months - 2 years	2 years to 10 years	<u>10 years up to Life</u>
	CHF 1000 - 1,500	CHF 2,0 1,500 - 3,000	CHF 53,000 - 10,000	CHF <u>10,000 - 15,000</u>

Offence	Low-End	Mid-Range	Top-End	Max
<u>Witness Intimidation or Retaliation</u>	<u>Up to 3 months</u>	<u>3 months - 1 year</u>	<u>1 - 3 years</u>	<u>3 - 5 years</u>
	<u>Up to CHF 1,500</u>	<u>CHF 1,500 - 3,000</u>	<u>CHF 3,000 - 7,000</u>	<u>CHF 7,000 - 10,000</u>
<u>Breach of the FEI Social Media Policy</u>	<u>Up to 3 months</u>	<u>3 months - 1 year</u>	<u>1 - 3 years</u>	<u>3 - 5 years</u>
	<u>Up to CHF 1,500</u>	<u>CHF 1,500 - 3,000</u>	<u>CHF 3,000 - 7,000</u>	<u>CHF 7,000 - 10,000</u>
<u>Breach of the FEI Code of Ethics</u>	<u>Up to 3 months</u>	<u>3 months - 2 years</u>	<u>2 - 5 years</u>	<u>5 years up to Life</u>
	<u>CHF 1000 - 1,500</u>	<u>CHF 1,500 - 3,000</u>	<u>CHF 3,000 - 10,000</u>	<u>CHF 10,000 - 15,000</u>
<u>Breach of the FEI Code of Conduct on the Welfare of the Horse</u>	<u>Up to 6 months</u>	<u>6 months - 3 years</u>	<u>3 - 10 years</u>	<u>10 years up to Life</u>
	<u>CHF 1000 - 1,500</u>	<u>CHF 1,500 - 3,000</u>	<u>CHF 3,000 - 10,000</u>	<u>CHF 10,000 - 15,000</u>
<u>Breach of the FEI Officials Code of Conduct</u>	<u>Up to 3 months</u>	<u>3 months - 1 year</u>	<u>1 - 3 years</u>	<u>3 - 5 years</u>
	<u>Up to CHF 1,500</u>	<u>CHF 1,500 - 3,000</u>	<u>CHF 3,000 - 7,000</u>	<u>CHF 7,000 - 10,000</u>

Art. 161.2 – Protests

IJRC: Maintains its position that some field of play matters should be reviewed by another body (and not the Ground Jury).

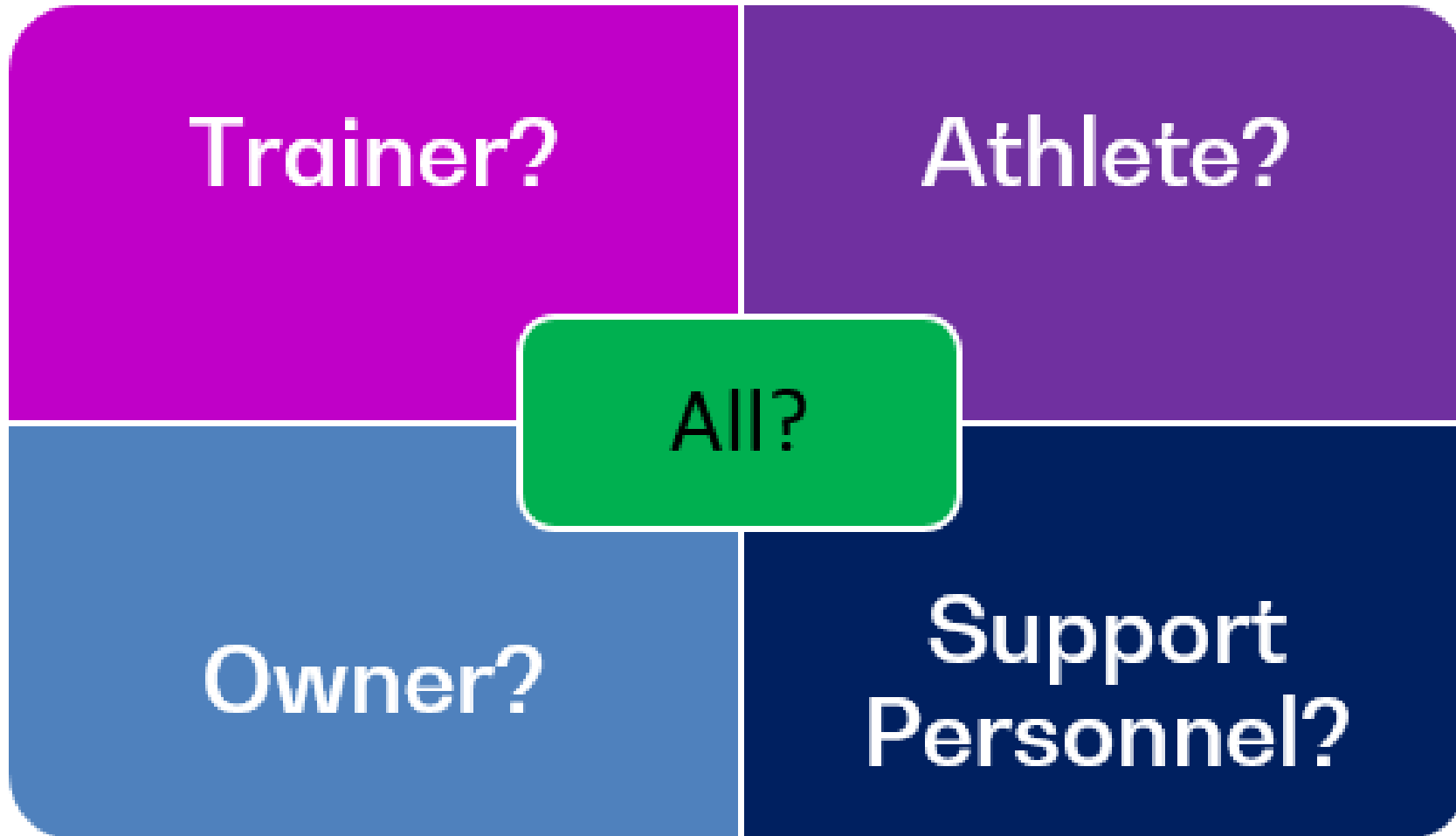
FEI Feedback: We maintain our position as already communicated in the First Draft and that was as follows: “The FEI does not support such proposal. Field of play matters should not be subject to protest as otherwise any Ground Jury’s decisions would be appealed or subject to a protest. As confirmed by the FEI Tribunal and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (for both FEI cases and in many other sports), field of play decisions cannot be challenged, unless there is evidence of arbitrariness, bad faith or corruption for example. There is a need for clarity and consistency and it would not be manageable to have field of play decisions challenged at every FEI Events.”

Questions?

Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations (EADCMRs)

Out of Competition Testing

Discussions during the FEI Sports Forum as to who should be responsible



Who should be responsible?

In Endurance: The Trainer



In the other Disciplines: There was no clear consensus



What consequences to the Horse?

The Horse should be suspended for 2 month (meaning that if a Horse tests positive in or out of competition, the same suspension's length applies).



Registered Testing Pools (RTP) and Testing Pools (TP)

Registered Testing Pool: *“The pool of highest-priority Horses established separately at the international level by the FEI and at the national level by National Federations or National Anti-Doping Organisations, who are subject to focused In-Competition and Out-of-Competition Testing as part of the FEI's or National Federations or National Anti-Doping Organisation's test distribution plan and therefore are required to provide whereabouts information as provided in Article 5.5.”*

Testing Pool: *“The tier below the Registered Testing Pool which includes Horses from whom some whereabouts information is required in order to locate and Test the Horse Out-of-Competition.”*

Whereabouts Information and Failures

The FEI is fully aware of the potential extra work on all parties concerned (Athletes, Support Personnel, Horse Owner, NFs, and FEI HQ) and thus the FEI will need to look into any potential implementation.

The FEI has made some changes compared to the First Draft in order to clarify the wording and to also have a differentiation between Registered Testing Pool and Testing Pool (where the consequences for Testing Pool Horses would be softer in case of non-compliance with whereabouts information for example).



Whereabouts Information

5.5.56 The Registered Trainer, Horse Owner of the Horse, respectively the Registered Trainer and/or the Person Responsible shall provide the FEI at least with the following whereabouts information so that the ~~for~~ Horses included in the Registered Testing Pool and/or Testing Pool shall provide the FEI at least with the following whereabouts information so that they may be located and subjected to Testing:

~~(a) Home~~ Primary Stable address; one hour testing time slot for each day;

~~(ba) An overnight accommodation address~~ location(s) where the Horse will be available for Testing if the Horse is not at the Primary Stable address;

(c) Email address and phone number of the Registered Trainer, Owner of the Horse and/or Person Responsible

~~(ed)~~ Competition / Event schedule; and

~~(de)~~ Regular training activities; and

~~(ef) One hour~~ For Horses included in the Registered Testing Pool and if requested by the FEI, specific time slot(s) for each day where the Horse is available and accessible for Testing.

Whereabouts Information and Failures

We have also amended art. 10.3.6 and have now included that the consequences for violations of Article 2.11 be a period of Suspension of the *Horse* (for two (2) months).

2.11 Horse Whereabouts Failures

Any combination of three (3) missed *Tests* and/or filing failures within a twelve (12) month period for a Horse where the FEI requested its whereabouts information **in accordance with Article 5.5 and/or in a Registered Testing Pool and/or Testing Pool.**

10.3.6 For violations of Article 2.11, the period of ~~Ineligibility~~ Suspension of the Horse shall be two (2) ~~years~~ months, subject to reduction down to a minimum of a Warning ~~one (1) year~~, depending on the Registered Trainer, Owner of the Horses and/or Person Responsible's degree of *Fault*. The flexibility to reduce the between two (2) years and one (1) year of Ineligibility Suspension of the Horse in this Article is not available to Registered Trainers, Owners of the Horses and/or Persons Responsible where a pattern of last-minute whereabouts changes or other conduct raises a serious suspicion that the Registered Trainer, Owner of the Horse and/or Person Responsible was trying to avoid their Horse(s) being available for *Testing*.

Whereabouts Failures – Testing Pool

5.5.9 *A Registered Trainer, Owner of the Horse and/or a Person Responsible's failure to provide whereabouts information on or before the date required by the FEI or their failure to provide accurate whereabouts information might result in the FEI elevating the Horse to the Registered Testing Pool and additional appropriate and proportionate consequences, established by the FEI if any.*

Hair & Fluids Samples

Introduce hair and saliva as testing matrix

- It is proposed to introduce hair testing to complement blood and urine analysis as it prolongs the detection window. The method is already established and functioning in horseracing.
- In addition, saliva sampling is also added as this will allow non-evasive testing during competition, such as in the Vet Gate in Endurance for example.



As mentioned in Session 1 during the Equine Welfare Strategy Action Plan

14.1 Statistical Reporting

National Federations shall report to the *FEI* at the end of every year aggregated and anonymous results of all *Doping Controls* within their jurisdiction. The *FEI* may periodically publish *Testing* data received from *National Federations* as well as comparable data from *Testing* under the *FEI's* jurisdiction.

In addition, NFs should inform the FEI in case of any suspension of athletes, Trainers and/or Horses so that the FEI can implement the suspension at FEI level.



Questions?

Veterinary Regulations

Article 1060 – Treatments with Non-Oral Medication and Therapies not Included on the EPSL Veterinary Form B

Proposed text

6. A Veterinary Form B is not required for the treatment of Horses with the following substances:

- a) joint support: aminoglycans (e.g. Adequan), pentosan polysulphate (e.g. Pentosan), hyaluronic acid;
- b) ~~b) injectable vitamins;~~
- c) c) amino acids; and
- d) d) injectable homeopathics.

Addition to Article 1061

The injection or infusion of vitamins and/or minerals during the Period of the Event unless in the event of an emergency where their use is to be supported using a Veterinary Form A.

Article 1029 – Examination on Arrival

e) ensure that the Horses do not have any clinical signs of infectious disease. The Horse's rectal temperature must be taken and recorded in the FEI HorseApp. Other methods of evaluating the Horse's body temperature must be FEI approved. ~~The veterinarian may include a clinical examination to assess the heart,~~ The Horse's respiratory rate, and the checking of any other clinical parameters may also be carried out;

f) for the disciplines of Eventing and Driving, the Examination on Arrival, ~~the veterinarian must include a clinical examination to assess the heart;~~

Article 1035 – Presentation of Horses

Horses that are competing without shoes (i.e. barefoot) must present at the Horse Inspection without shoes and are not permitted to present wearing hoof boots.

Horses that are competing wearing hoof boots in Jumping, Eventing (Jumping test), Endurance and Vaulting and must present at the Horse Inspection wearing hoof boots. Hoof boots must be removed at the request of the Horse Inspection Panel to allow for evaluation of the Horse's hooves, where required.

9. Horses are not permitted to wear bandages or blankets/rugs, ear hoods or equivalent.

1084 – Refusal to measure

The Measuring Veterinarians must refuse to measure a Pony in the event of any of the following:

(....)

g) the Pony is wearing shoes that are less than 5mm in height and are not fit for Competition.

1075 – Injury and Disease Surveillance

Proposal withdrawn – Therefore the FEI General Assembly will be asked to approve the proposed modifications to the Veterinary Regulations without the below proposed change to art. 1075:

“Blood samples taken from Horses to support clinical diagnoses/routine health checks/export testing must be carried out in the Treatment Boxes.”

1084 – Refusal to Measure

Clarification on final wording, see below and to be voted at the FEI General Assembly:

“The Pony’s NF must **ensure check** that the Pony is fit to compete in order to re-present at another Measuring Session.”

Questions?

Jumping Rules

Dressage Rules

Para Dressage Rules

Eventing Rules

Endurance Rules

Driving Rules

Vaulting Rules

Wrap up



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