

PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF VAULTING RULES 2022

Dear National Federations,

During the full revisions process in 2021, the Vaulting Technical Committee had asked the Board to approve a delayed introduction of a new concept of weighting for the different scores of the Free Test with a particular focus on artistic scoring, after a testing phase taking place in the first part of 2022.

Further to this testing phase, the Vaulting Technical Committee has reached the conclusion that the proposed system needs further consideration before it can be implemented and will therefore defer any decision or proposal related to this project.

There will therefore be no amendment to the scoring of the Free Test in 2023.

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 full revision of the Vaulting Rules took place in 2021. Consequently, 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 Vaulting Committee have a number of proposals put forward based also on the above mentioned criteria.

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

A. [Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 1 March 2022](#). 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 Para Equestrian Committee; and

B. [Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI](#)

The rules changes proposals submitted by the Vaulting Technical Committee are repairs of inconsistencies further to the full rules revision done in 2021.

Thank you for your understanding.

Kind regards,



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Rules Proposal Submitted By
Swedish Equestrian Federation
Article No.–Article Name
ARTICLE 729 ELIMINATIONS
Explanation for Proposed Change

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.

It appears that bleeding from one or two nostrils is not covered in current regulations. Nose blood can occur from bleeding in upper and/or lower airways (in racing horses not unusual with even lung bleeding, Exercise Induced Pulmonary Haemorrhage, EIPH, but usually after exercise).

To distinguish from a suspected minor bleeding due to a small laceration of a nostril, the horse should be checked by an FEI Veterinarian after the performance.

Nose blood should be a reason for elimination because of the impact on Horse welfare, but also for general perception, i.e., Social License to Operate (SLO).

Proposed Wording

2.6. The Judge at A may eliminate an Athlete and/or Horse in the following cases:

2.6.1. If the Judge at A suspects fresh blood anywhere on the Horse during the test, they will stop the Horse to check for blood. If the Horse shows fresh blood, it will be eliminated. The elimination is final. If the Judge through examination clarifies that the Horse has no fresh blood, the Horse may resume and finish its test.

2.6.2. If the FEI Steward discovers fresh blood in the Horse's mouth **or nostril** during the check at the end of the test (Article 719.4), they inform the Judge at A, who will eliminate the Competitive Unit.

2.6.3. If the FEI Steward discovers fresh blood anywhere else on the Horse's body (i.e. other than the Horse's mouth **or nostril**) during the check at the end of the test, the Competitive Unit is not automatically eliminated. The FEI Chief Steward shall inform the Judge at A whether the Horse is fit to continue in following competition(s) in the Event. The Judge at A will take a decision on the Horse's fitness to continue, based on the FEI Veterinarian's advice. If the Judge at A decides the Horse is not fit to continue, the Horse will not be permitted to take part in any further Competition(s) or tests at the Event, but the result(s) obtained by the Competitive Unit in any Competition(s) or tests already completed shall stand.

2.6.4. If the Horse is eliminated pursuant to the above, or if the Horse is injured during the test and starts bleeding after finishing the test, it should be examined by an FEI Veterinarian prior to the next Competition to determine if it is fit to continue in the Event the following day(s). The decision of the FEI Veterinarian is not subject to appeal.

FEI Feedback

This proposal was discussed with the FEI Veterinary Department and the conclusion is that more in-depth research is needed before we can amend the current rule.

FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A

A. Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI

Rules Proposal Submitted By
FEI
Article No.–Article Name
701 EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS
Explanation for Proposed Change
Repair: Clarification
Proposed Wording
701.1.2 Male and Female Individual Vaulters may be classified together at 1* level <u>Competitions</u> and must be classified separately in all other level <u>Competitions</u> .

Rules Proposal Submitted By
FEI
Article No.–Article Name
701 EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS
Explanation for Proposed Change
For Horse welfare reasons
Proposed Wording
701.1.3 In principle, the Horse must <u>may</u> canter left, exception for CVI1* and CVIJ/Ch1* where the Horse may canter to the right or to the left.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
FEI
Article No.–Article Name
701.11 CVIO4*
Explanation for Proposed Change
Repair: A consolation test should be possible for Squads not declared on a Nations Team so that they may compete the three tests at a CVIO
Proposed Wording
11.7 A Consolation test may be organised for Squads not declared on the official Team Competition. The results of this consolation test will count as a separate competition.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
FEI
Article No.–Article Name
702.2.4.1 Starting Possibilities

Explanation for Proposed Change

Correction of inconsistency – this was an oversight during the full rules revision and PDD should have been included in this article.

Proposed Wording

However, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the GRs, a Vaulters competing in a Junior Individual Championship competition or a Young Vaulters Championship may compete in a Senior Squad or Pas de Deux Championship Competition in the same calendar year (~~this-these is-are~~ the only exceptions to the rule).

Rules Proposal Submitted By

FEI

Article No.–Article Name

714 SALUTE

Explanation for Proposed Change

For Horse Welfare reasons and to protect the image of the sport, the VTC suggests that the side reins may be unfastened straight after the Salute at the end of a test.

Proposed Wording

Immediately after the salute, before exiting the ~~arena~~competition circle, the side reins ~~must~~may be unfastened. The Vaulters must run out first followed by the horse and lunger. At the latest, the reins must be unfastened immediately upon exiting the competition circle and ~~Failure-failure~~ to do so will entail a Warning from the Steward.

Rules Proposal Submitted By

FEI

Article No.–Article Name

719 EQUIPMENT

Explanation for Proposed Change

Repair - deleted as already under article 727.2

Proposed Wording

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

Rules Proposal Submitted By

FEI

Article No.–Article Name

719.2.1.7 EQUIPMENT

Explanation for Proposed Change

Due to an administrative error, the information concerning the use of sheepskin or other materials on the bridle was omitted from the 2022 Vaulting Rules. The omitted article is to be returned to the Rules for 2023.

Proposed Wording

Nosebands must be flat. Leather, sheepskin or similar material may be used on any part of the bridle providing the material does not exceed three centimetres in diameter measured from the Horse's skin.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
FEI
Article No.–Article Name
723 Officials
Explanation for Proposed Change

Repair – to align with the Vaulting education system, the table of Ground Jury per Competition had to be amended to ensure the correct levels of Officials at each CVI and to ensure that Officials can earn the necessary experience to be transferred up in their levels.

Proposed Wording
1.1. ~~Minimum Ground Jury~~ Requirements per Competition:

CVI 1*	CVI 2*	CVI 3*-4*/Masterclass	Championships
CVI J 1* CVI Ch 1*	CVI J 2* CVI Ch 2* CVIYV 2*		
<u>Minimum two Judges</u> <u>The PGJ shall be minimum Level 3</u> <u>Maximum two Level 1</u> <u>Minimum one Level 3 or above</u> <u>For CVIs in Europe only:</u> <u>One Level 3 or above has to be foreign</u>	<u>Minimum four Judges</u> <u>The PGJ shall be minimum Level 3</u> <u>Maximum one Level 1</u> <u>Minimum one Level 3 or above.</u> <u>For all CVIs</u> <u>One Level 3 or above has to be foreign</u>	<u>Minimum four Judges,</u> <u>The PGJ shall be minimum level 3</u> <u>No Level 1</u> <u>Minimum one Level 4</u> <u>For CVIs in Europe only:</u> <u>Two of the Level 3 and/or Level 4 have to be foreign</u> <u>For CVIs outside Europe only: One Level 3 has to be foreign.</u>	Continental & World Championships: Eight Judges <u>Minimum eight Judges</u> <u>The PGJ shall be Level 4</u> <u>No Level 1 and Level 2</u> <u>Minimum three Level 4</u> <u>max two from one country</u>

Note: "For the year 2022, FEI Level 1 judges may be replaced by National Judges"

Rules Proposal Submitted By
FEI
Article No.–Article Name
723 Officials
Explanation for Proposed Change
Urgent repair: this article should be removed from the Rules. This is moved to the Judges Guidelines in a slightly different form which makes this article no longer valid.
Proposed Wording
Remove article 10: <u>10 Evaluation of Competitions</u> The President of the Ground Jury and/or Foreign Judge must meet with the Judges for evaluation of the tests. The meeting must take place within twenty four (24 hours) of the competition, ideally at the end of the day at least on two of the three or four competition days. A short brief of each meeting should be added to the foreign Judge report.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
FEI - Repair
Article No.–Article Name
724.4 Expenses and Privileges
Explanation for Proposed Change
Contradiction in the rules and the list of invitations per NF for Championships.
Proposed Wording
Organising Committees of multi discipline Championships must accept responsibility for meeting the living expenses of Athletes, Horses, grooms, <u>three attendants, one National Trainer</u> and team Officials (Chefs d'Equipe and <u>one Team Veterinarian</u>) to be invited according to the rules from the day before the First Horse Inspection until the day after the end of the Championships. This must be published in the Schedule.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
Scoring
Article No.–Article Name
Chapter VII
Explanation for Proposed Change
The VTC had concluded that the proposed system needed further consideration before it could be implemented. This project had therefore been postponed to further review.

Proposed Wording

~~As of 1 January 2022, the FEI can, with the prior agreement of the relevant Organising Committee, test a new scoring system on a trial basis at selected events, it being understood and agreed that the new scoring system will not be used to calculate the official results.~~

~~The details/explanation of the new scoring system will be published on the Vaulting page of inside.fei.org. The FEI, in consultation with the FEI Vaulting Committee, can make revisions to the new scoring system from time to time provided that any changes must also be published on the Vaulting page.~~

~~If the FEI Vaulting Committee and the FEI decides that the trial of the new scoring system has been successful, it will be proposed for inclusion in the FEI Vaulting Rules 2023.~~