

**THE
FEI WORLD CUP™ VAULTING RULES
In effect for the season 2016-2017**

1. Introduction / General

1.1. These Rules must be read in connection with the FEI Rules and Regulations such as but not only the FEI General Regulations, the FEI Vaulting Rules, the FEI Veterinary Regulations, the Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations and the Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes.

1.2. The FEI World Cup™ Vaulting (hereinafter the “Series”) is divided into two phases:

Phase One: the FEI World Cup™ Vaulting Legs (hereinafter “Legs”); and

Phase Two: the FEI World Cup™ Vaulting Final (hereinafter “Final”).

1.2.1 At each Event, Competitions for Individual Females, Individual Males and Pas-de-Deux must be organised.

1.2.2 Individual Male and Female Athletes

- FEI World Cup™ Vaulting Legs:

There are two to six FEI World Cup™ Legs for each of the top Senior Male and Senior Female individual Athletes.

- FEI World Cup™ Vaulting Final

The Final is open to the top six Senior Male and Senior Female Individual Athletes in the rankings after completion of all the Legs.

For each Athlete, their best two results from the Legs count for the classification for the Final.

In the event that two or more Athletes are placed in 6th position in either the male or female ranking, having equal points at the end of Phase 1, the available position (Male or Female) in the Final will be given to the Athlete with the highest placing(s) achieved during the Legs. Any further ties will be decided by the FEI Vaulting Technical Committee.

1.2.3 Pas-de-Deux

FEI World Cup™ Vaulting Legs

- There are two to six Legs for each Pas-de-Deux as determined by the FEI.

FEI World Cup™ Vaulting Final

- The Final is open to the top four Pas-de-Deux after completion of all the Legs.

For each Pas-de-Deux, the best two results of Legs count for the classification for the Final.

In the event that two or more Pas-de-Deux are placed in 4th position, having equal points at the end of Phase 1, the available position in the Final will be given to the Pas-de-Deux with the highest placing(s) achieved during the Legs. Any further ties will be decided by the FEI Vaulting Technical Committee.

- 1.3. The Maximum number of Individual Athletes at any Leg is 20 (10 Male and 10 Female).

- 1.3.1. Individual Male and Female Athletes

At each Leg eight to ten Male and Female Individual Athletes may compete. Of those competing, six to eight Male and Female individual Athletes must have qualified either via the Qualifying Competitions held from 1 January to 30 September or as winner of the previous FEI World Cup™ Vaulting Final. (See Article 2.1 below). If spots are available, up to four Male and Female Individual Athletes may compete with Wild Cards, in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 3 below. However, the maximum number of Individual Athletes at any Leg is twenty. (See Article 1.3 above).

- 1.4. The maximum number of Pas-de-Deux at any Leg is eight.

- 1.4.1 Pas-de-Deux

At each of the Legs, six to eight Pas-de-Deux may compete. Of those competing, four to six Pas-de-Deux must have qualified either via the Qualifying Competition held from 1 January to 30 September (See Article 2.1 below) or as winners of the previous FEI World Cup™ Vaulting Final. If spots are available, up to four Pas-de-Deux may compete with Wild Cards (as set forth below). However, the maximum number of Pas-de-Deux at any Leg is eight (See Article 1.4 above).

2. The Qualification for the Series

- 2.1. The qualification for the Series takes place at CVI3* Senior Competitions and above (Masterclasses and FEI World Cup Classes are excluded) taking place from January to September (collectively the "Qualifying Competitions") in the respective classes.
- 2.2. Five bonus points are awarded for CVIO4*s and FEI Championships.
- 2.3. Points are awarded for placings at Qualifying Competitions. The best four results will count.
- 2.4. There is no maximum number of Qualifying Competitions.
- 2.5. There is no restriction on the number of Qualifying Competitions per country.
- 2.6. The top Male and Female Individual Athletes and Pas-de-Deux from Qualifying Competitions qualify to compete in the Series (numbers to be confirmed by the FEI).
- 2.7. In principle, a maximum of three Male and Female Individual Athletes per nation can take part in the Series. In the event that more than three Individual Athletes from one nation qualify, the three Individual Athletes with the highest points qualify for the Series.
- 2.8. The number of top Individual Male and Female Athletes that qualify directly for the Series is confirmed by the FEI and relates to the number of Qualifying Competitions.

- 2.9. The number of top Pas de Deux that qualify directly for the Series is confirmed by the FEI and relates to the number of Qualifying Competitions.
- 2.10. If one of the qualified Athletes/ Pas-de-Deux withdraws from the Series it must be communicated to the FEI, at the latest, 14 days after the last Qualifying Competition. The next Athlete/ Pas-de-Deux in the ranking shall replace the Athlete/ Pas-de-Deux that has withdrawn subject to the limitation on the maximum number of Athletes/ Pas-de-Deux per NF as set forth in these rules.
- 2.11. Subject to Clause 2.12 below, if one of the qualified Athletes or Pas-de-Deux fails to take part without valid excuse in any of the Legs they have committed to participating at, they will be disqualified from the Series. The next qualified Athlete/Pas-de-Deux in the ranking shall replace the Athlete/Pas-de-Deux that has been disqualified. Non-participation at any Leg must be communicated to the relevant Organising Committee (hereinafter "OC") and the FEI, at the latest 15 days prior to the Leg.
- 2.12. If a Leg is cancelled once the season has started, the Athletes who have committed to compete at that Leg will not be disqualified from the Series and the selection process for these Athletes will be reviewed by the FEI Vaulting Technical Committee.
- 2.13. The Individual Female and Male Athletes and Pas-De-Deux may choose which Leg they want to enter. After the last Qualifying Competition, the top Athletes/ Pas-de-Deux are asked to select their Legs as follows:
 - The Winner of the previous FEI World Cup™ Vaulting season may select his/her/their 1st Leg
 - Then the first top ranked after the Qualifying Competitions may select his/her/their 1st Leg.
 - Then the 2nd top ranked may select one Leg, then the 3rd placed, then the 4th etc.
 - Then the Winner of the previous FEI World Cup™ Vaulting season may select his/her/their second Leg, etc.

3. The Wild Cards

- 3.1. Wild Cards can only be granted in FEI World Cup™ Vaulting Legs. No Wild Cards may be granted for the FEI World Cup™ Vaulting Final.
- 3.2. Two to four individual Wild Cards (Male and Female) and up to four Pas-de-Deux Wild Card are allocated by the OC of the country in which the Leg is held, in agreement with the NF of the country. These Wild Cards are reserved for Athletes of the country where the Leg is held and may be granted as long as the maximum number of competing Athletes and Pas-de-Deux is not exceeded (see Article 1.3 and Article 1.4 above).
- 3.3. Other Wild Cards may be allocated by the OC in consultation with the FEI.
- 3.4. Any Athlete/ Pas-de-Deux who is granted a Wild Card cannot earn FEI World Cup™ points.

- 3.5. All Athletes/ Pas-de-Deux who are allocated a Wild Card must have competed at least once at a Qualifying Competition.

4. The FEI World Cup™ Vaulting Legs

- 4.1 The Legs are held over 2 competitions:

- Competition 1: Freestyle
- Competition 2: Freestyle

- 4.2 All Athletes/ Pas-de-Deux must compete in both Competitions. In case of elimination, disqualification or withdrawal from or after Competition 1, the Athlete(s) will not be ranked and will not earn any points.

- 4.3 Competition 1 and Competition 2 must be separated by a time break of at least one hour.

- 4.4 The Freestyle tests have to be performed with music and provided according to the schedule of the Leg.

- 4.5 The starting order of Competition 1 shall be decided by draw as per the schedule of the Leg. The starting order of Competition 2 is according to the reverse order of merits of Competition 1. In both competitions there should be only one Athlete/Pas-de-Deux at one run in.

- 4.6 The time of the Horse Inspection should be in relation to the time of Competition 1. If Competition 1 takes place in the evening, the Horse Inspection should not be held the previous day, but if possible, within three to four hours before Competition 1.

- 4.7 For each Leg the score is the average of Competition 1 and Competition 2. In the case of a tie, the highest score achieved in Competition 2 will decide.

- 4.8 Freestyle tests time limit:

- 4.8.1 Individual Male and Female: 1 minute 20 seconds

- 4.8.2 Pas-de-Deux : 2 minutes

- 4.9 Within 30 seconds after the first signal (bell) is given to enter the arena, the Vaulters(s) and the lungeur must salute. After the salute, the Judge at A rings the bell, and the first exercise must be commenced within 45 seconds.

- 4.9.1 The Trot Round is not required and will not be judged.

5. The FEI World Cup™ Vaulting Final

5.1. The Final is held over three Competitions:

- Warm-up: Freestyle
- Competition 1: Freestyle
- Competition 2: Freestyle

5.2. Starting order:

5.2.1. The starting order of the Warm-up Competition will be by draw as per the schedule of the Final.

5.2.2. The Warm-up Competition defines the starting order of Competition 1.

5.2.3. The starting order of Competition 1 shall be in the reverse order of the ranking after the Warm-up Competition.

5.2.4. The starting order of Competition 2 shall be in the reverse order of the ranking after Competition 1.

5.2.5. The Final can be held over 2 or 3 days.

5.2.6. For the Final the score is the average of Competition 1 and Competition 2. In the case of a tie, the highest score achieved in Competition 2 will decide.

5.2.7. Freestyle test time limit :
Individual Male and Female: 1 minute 20 seconds
Pas-de-Deux Pas-de-Deux: 2 minutes

5.2.8 Within 30 seconds after the first signal (bell) is given to enter the arena, the Vaulters(s) and the lunger must salute. After the salute, the Judge at A rings the bell, and the first exercise must be commenced within 45 seconds.

5.2.8.1 The Trot Round is not required and will not be judged.

5.2.9 The winners of the FEI World Cup™ Final (Individual Male, Individual Female and Pas-de-Deux) receive an automatic qualification for the following season's FEI Word Cup™ Vaulting series.

6. Points

6.1. Both in the Qualifying Competitions and in the Legs, points are earned by the Athletes and Pas-de-Deux.

6.2. Qualifying Competitions:

6.2.1. Athletes/ Pas-de-Deux may compete in all Qualifying Competitions but only the results from their best four Qualifying Competitions will count for the overall ranking.

6.2.2. Athletes/ Pas-de-Deux will receive points as shown in the table below. The top Athletes/Pas-de-Deux will be those receiving the highest number of points in four Qualifying Competitions maximum.

- 7.3. At the Final, at least four different nations must be represented on the Ground Jury.
- 7.4. The OC is responsible to appoint a Chief Steward from the list of Vaulting Stewards.

8. The Entry Fee/Prize Money

- 8.1. An OC can, if they wish, charge an entry fee per Athlete up to a maximum of Euro 50.
- 8.2. The total Prize Money at all Legs must be at least of Euro 4'500. The Final must be at least Euro 7'500.

9. Organisation Requirements for the Series

- 9.1. The OC shall cover the accommodation and meals expenses of the Athletes (Individual and Pas-de-Deux).
- 9.2. The expenses shall be covered from the day before the Horse Inspection, until the day after the end of the Event, if the Event ends after noon.
- 9.3. Should the OC not cover the expense of stabling, the maximum charge per horse should be Euro 100 in total, covering the stabling expenses from the day before the Horse Inspection until the day after the end of the Event, if the Event ends after noon.
- 9.4. A smart, clean dress code is implemented.
- 9.5. When possible, a suitable changing area should be available for the Athletes near the competition and/or warm-up arenas.
- 9.6. There should be a printed running order for the Horse Inspection.
- 9.7. All Athletes/Pas-de-Deux are invited to the draw.
- 9.8. The press center must remain open or accessible until at least one hour after the prize giving ceremony.

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