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2018 DRESSAGE RULES –proposed modifications

Introduction

Please find below the Dressage Committee's proposals for changes and clarifications to the Dressage Rules. Further to several meetings organized with the stakeholders the proposals were formulated and circulated in the first version- The below document includes the feedback received and the Committee detailed proposal for approval of the General Assembly.

The rationale of the Dressage Committee for proposing the change is indicated in italics and purple.

1. Summarized feed-back from NFs, Association of Event organizers (AIDO), International Dressage Officials Club (IDOC), International Dressage Riders Club and International Dressage Trainers Club are included under each proposal.

Dressage Committee's answers further to NFs feedbacks are at the bottom of the last comment – when applicable.

2018 Dressage Rules Revision – 25th Edition, Modifications suggested for implementation in January 2018

ARTICLE 418

THE POSITION AND AIDS OF THE ATHLETE

3.1 Apart from the halt and salute, where the athlete must take the reins in one hand, riding with the reins in both hands is obligatory at FEI Dressage Events, but a discreet 'pat on the neck' for a well performed exercise, or for reassurance, is perfectly acceptable (as is the situation of an athlete needing to wipe a fly from their eye, or other situations such as adjusting clothing, saddle pads etc).

However, if the rider intentionally takes the reins into one hand in order to use either the reins or the other hand to produce more impulsion from the horse, or to promote applause from the spectators during the test, it will be considered a **serious** fault and will be reflected in the mark for both the movement and the collective mark for 'Rider'.

Leaving the arena at a walk on a long rein, after having finished the test the athlete may, at their own discretion, ride with only one (1) hand.

For the Freestyle tests, see also Directives for Judges - Freestyle tests and Directives for assessing the degree of difficulty in a Freestyle.

1. The use of the voice or clicking the tongue repeatedly is a **serious** fault, which should be considered in the mark for the movement **and the collective mark for the rider**.

Dressage Committee: clarification

ARG NF and BRA NF

This article should be clearer and say how many points should be taken. The same should be mentioned in the handbook.

GER NF / NED NF/ ITA NF Position and aids: 2nd para, intentionally taking the reins into one hand is considered a serious fault

Agree to proposal

GBR NF

Position and Aids of the Athlete – agree with amended wording

Dressage Committee II: this will be further considered in the future Code of point.

After review, the DC proposed to remove the word "serious" as the seriousness of the fault in relation to the deduction is not clearly defined. A serious fault versus a fault needs to be carefully defined in the future (see changes highlighted in yellow above).

Art. 420 Categories of International Dressage Events

Article 420.5.1.2

In order for a CDIO to receive its status, at least six (6) teams, including host NF, must be invited (one -1- team per NF) and at least three (3) teams must have participated. For Nations Cups, please refer to the published FEI Dressage Nations Cup Rules.

GER NF

Do not differentiate between CDIO and Nations' Cup! Again: every "O" is a Nations' Cup! Do not try to reserve the term "Nations' Cup" for FEI Series only (see our e-mail of 23 May 2017 to the FEI SG).

We propose to align all FEI Rules and Regulations to allow the term "Nations' Cup" to be used for every team competition at a CIO, regardless what discipline or what age group. In all disciplines this has always been the term used by members of the equestrian family when talking about an "O": Nations' Cup.

So the FEI Rules should reflect it in all disciplines. The GR and Discipline Rules should include that the Nations' Cup is the official international team competition and may only be organised on the occasion of a CIO.

USA NF

Categories of International Dressage Events. The U.S. is supportive of the proposed revision however what happens if at least three (3) teams do not participate in a CDIO event that is not part of the Nations Cup Series?

Suggestion: If a CDIO does not achieve CDIO status due to a lack of participating teams, it automatically reverts to a CDI of the same star level.

USA NF

Categories of International Dressage Events. This still states that the 'new' Olympic format is permitted for CDIO3*s and higher. Is this really the intention?

Dressage Committee II:

The New Olympic format may be permitted at CDIO3* or higher as this new format also needs to be tested.

The following proposal will be proposed for approval by the GA:

OC/NFs may name a single competition a team's Nations Cup but an Event may not be named a Nations Cup unless it is run under the Nations Cup (Series) Rules and listed as such in the FEI Calendar.

New wording proposed:

Article 420.5.1.2

In order for a CDIO to receive its status, at least six (6) teams, including host NF, must be invited (one -1- team per NF) and at least three (3) teams must have participated. For Nations Cup Events, please refer to the published FEI Dressage Nations Cup Rules.

Art. 421 Tests

10. **Other Tests.** No tests other than the Official FEI Dressage tests may be used at FEI Dressage Events. If an OC would like to try out a new test or competition format, this may be done as Show class/(es) outside the CDI, but included in the Schedule. **Any such test requires approval of the FEI.**

GBR NF

Use of Other Tests – in principle if this assists the development of the sport there would be no objection to this.

Dressage Committee II: no further comments required.

Art. 422 CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

~~Prix St. Georges. This Competition is open to all Horses except those which, prior to the date of nominated entries, have been placed in the first fifteen (15) in a Grand Prix at FEI Championships or in Olympic Games, or which have won three first prizes in an Intermediate II and above at a CDI3*/CDI4*/CDI5* or CDIO.~~

~~This rule does not apply if a Horse is subsequently acquired by another Athlete.~~

2.2 Intermediate I. This Competition is either open to all Horses or, if the Intermediate I has been scheduled after a Prix St. Georges the Intermediate I must be open to at least fifteen (15), including ties for 15th place, best Athlete/Horse combinations who qualified in the Prix St-Georges competition. ~~except those which, prior to the date of Nominated Entries have been placed in the first fifteen (15) in a Grand Prix at FEI Championships or in Olympic Games, or which have won three first prizes in an Intermediate II and above at a CDI3*/CDI4*/CDI5* or CDIO.~~

~~This rule does not apply if a Horse is subsequently acquired by another Athlete.~~

2.3. Intermediate I Freestyle. This Competition can only be scheduled after a Prix St-Georges or Intermediate I Competition. The Intermediate I Freestyle shall be open to the six (6) (minimum) to fifteen (15) (maximum including ties for 15th place) best Athlete/horse combinations who qualified in the Prix St. Georges or Intermediate I competition. ~~is limited to a maximum of the fifteen (15) best Athlete/Horse combinations who qualified in the Prix St Georges or Intermediate I Competition. Athletes may start one (1) Horse.~~ It is the discretion of the OC to make the Freestyle mandatory or not. This must be stated in the Schedule.

2.4 Intermediate A. This competition is open to all Horses.

- 2.5 Intermediate B. This competition is either open to all Horses or, if the Intermediate B has been scheduled after an Intermediate A, the Intermediate B must be open to at least the fifteen (15) (including ties for 15th place) best Athlete/horse combinations who qualified in the Intermediate A competition.
- 2.6. Intermediate II. This Competition is either open to all Horses or, if the Intermediate II has been scheduled after an Intermediate A or B, the Intermediate II must be open to at least the fifteen (15) (including ties for 15th place) best Athlete/horse combinations who qualified in the Intermediate A or B competition
- 2.10.1 Consolation Competitions may be scheduled in small and medium tour. A Consolation Competition must be judged by three (3) Judges only and must be clearly marked in the Schedule and results lists.
- 2.11 An Athlete who does not participate without legitimate reasons in a competition where the participation is mandatory, will lose their placing and prize money from the previous Competition(s) in the Event and will be eliminated.

GBR NF

This competition is open to all horses or if the Intermediate I is scheduled after the PSG the Inter I must be open to at least 15 horses including ties for 15th place.

The wording needs some clarification in order to make it clear whether it is compulsory or not.

Dressage Committee II: amended wording to Open to, but not compulsory for minimum six. The maximum number of 15 is removed, except for Freestyle where it is maintained. (see further details below).

New wording proposed:

Art. 422.2.2

Intermediate I. This Competition is either open to all Horses or, if the Intermediate I has been scheduled after a Prix St. Georges the Intermediate I must be open to **but not compulsory for** minimum **six (6) (minimum) to fifteen (15)**, including ties for 15th place, best Athlete/Horse combinations who qualified in the Prix St-Georges competition.

Art. 422.2.3

Intermediate I Freestyle. This Competition **can only be scheduled after a Prix St-Georges or Intermediate I Competition.** The Intermediate I Freestyle shall be open to **but not compulsory for** the six (6) (minimum) to fifteen (15) (maximum including ties for 15th place) best Athlete/horse combinations who qualified in the Prix St. Georges or Intermediate I competition.

CAN NF

Request that the FEI clarify how the top 15 athlete/horse combinations are determined for the Freestyle when they can qualify from either the Prix St. Georges or the Intermediate 1 class.

Request that the FEI clarify how the top 15 athlete/horse combinations are determined for the Intermediate II when they can qualify from either the Intermediate A or Intermediate B class.

Dressage Committee II: qualification from the higher class, ie the Int I or the Int B

CAN NF

ART 422 Conditions of Participation 2.10, 2.10.1 and 3.3.1

Rules for Consolation classes seem to be listed under different reference points. Suggest that rules for Consolation classes be organized together.

Dressage Committee II: already added in Small and Medium Tour as well

GBR NF

An athlete who does not participate without legitimate reason

A more detailed definition of legitimate reason is required, with the consequences more clearly defined, in order to give clear course of action for the Organising Committee in this instance

Dressage Committee II: The President of the Ground Jury or Foreign Judges decides

NED NF

Advise: At the moment a consolation test is only allowed at Grand Prix level and Youth category. It should be possible to ride a consolation in every category.

Dressage Committee II: already added in Small and Medium Tour as well

Dressage Committee II:

Article 422.2.2 will be changed to minimum six (6) for all categories – it will be up to the OCs to mention the maximum number in the schedule (except for Freestyles where the maximum of 15 is maintained). This allows for harmonization and simplification of the Rules and it is up to the OC to indicate the maximum number in the schedule.

Art. 422.3.3

Opting. ~~If at a CDI3* and above In CDIs with 3 competitions in the Tour, both a Grand Prix Special and a Grand Prix level Freestyle are scheduled after the Grand Prix,~~ the Athletes must state, at the latest one hour before the start of ~~the Grand Prix the first competition,~~ for which of the two (2) following Competitions they wish to qualify. Athletes may give a 1st and 2nd choice if the OC so allows (e.g. Athlete will opt for Grand Prix Freestyle as 1st choice and Grand Prix Special as 2nd choice. The OC may also place the Athletes in the competitions based on the results of the first competition). If following conclusion of ~~the first Competition, any of the two next Competitions the Freestyle is~~ is oversubscribed, the Athlete may then start in the other competition ~~Grand Prix Special~~ instead). Participation is, however, only possible in one (1) of the Competitions with the same Horse, and their original choice of Competition cannot be changed if there is space in that Competition.

Dressage Committee: the AIDEO and GER NF suggest to introduce the opting system at all levels. The DC proposed to amend article 422.3.3 (see below)

ARG NF/ BRA NF

This article should be revised. Instead of the "OC may" it should say the "OC

must" include the better places from the first competition and must be put on their second choice if their first choice is oversubscribed.

Note: the way it is, it gives the chance that a competitor with less percentage on the first competition goes to the second day because of the choice, and than a rider with higher marks does not have the right to go for a second day if he chose a first choice which is full.

In years of Olympic Qualification these should be observed because it gives a rider with less percentage on the first competition, the opportunity to go to a second competition and earn points for the Olympic Ranking.

It is an idea that only the GP count points for the Olympic Ranking.

Dressage Committee II: please see proposal from AIDEO below

AIDEO

Opting. In CDIs with 3 competitions in the Tour, both a Grand Prix Special and a Grand Prix level Freestyle are scheduled after the Grand Prix, the Athletes must state, at the latest ~~one hour before the start of the first competition~~, **at date of Definite Entry** for which of the two (2) following Competitions they wish to qualify.

Athletes may give a 1st and 2nd choice if the OC so allows (e.g. Athlete will opt for Grand Prix Freestyle as 1st choice and Grand Prix Special as 2nd choice. The OC may also place the Athletes in the competitions based on the results of the first competition). If following conclusion of the first Competition, any of the two next Competitions the Freestyle is oversubscribed, the Athlete may then start in the other competition Grand Prix Special instead). Participation is, however, only possible in one (1) of the Competitions with the same Horse, and their original choice of Competition cannot be changed if there is space in that Competition.

Dressage Committee II: supported

AUT NF/SVK NF /POL NF /HUN NF

Opting. The Athletes must state, **at the Date of the Definite Entry**, for which of the two (2) Competitions they wish to qualify. The OC can restrict the opting in the schedule and reserve the right to choose where the Athletes competes (the athlete has to give a 1st and 2nd choice e.g. Athlete will opt for Grand Prix Freestyle as 1st choice and Grand Prix Special as 2nd choice). The OC may also place the Athletes in the competitions based **on the results of the first competition**. Participation is however, only possible in one (1) of the Competitions with the same Horse.

The last changes by the riders should be done to give the OC the opportunity to run the event smoothly.

USA NF

Conditions of Participation – Opting. We request a clarification as to which categories this rule will apply (it states “CDIs with 3 competitions in the tour...”)

GER NF

Opting for the next competition after the qualifier should not be restricted to Grand Prix competitions, but also possible at lower events. Likewise, the respective articles should be revised for Youth competitions and U 25 (see our e-mail of 18 May 2017)

GBR NF

Opting in for CDIs – wording needs more clarity and further definition

Dressage Committee II:

Opting: the proposal of the AIDEO is supported, see new wording hereafter.

New wording proposed:

Art. 422.3.3

Opting. ~~In CDIs with 3 competitions in the Tour, both a Grand Prix Special and a Grand Prix level Freestyle are scheduled after the Grand Prix,~~ the Athletes must state, at the latest ~~one hour before the start of the first competition,~~ at date of **Definite Entry** for which of the two (2) following Competitions they wish to qualify. (...)

3.3.1 In a CDI3*, ~~If~~ a GP Consolation is scheduled, the Athlete may opt to go from the Grand Prix to the GP Consolation, at the latest at the date of definite entry. For CDI3* and above outside Europe and North America, an Athlete may ride in three Grand Prix classes (Grand Prix, Grand Prix Special and Grand Prix Freestyle) but the Grand Prix Special and Grand Prix Freestyle are only open to the six (6) (minimum) to fifteen (15) (maximum including ties for 15th place) best Athlete/Horse combinations who qualified in the Grand Prix Competition.

3.3.5 Selection of Competitions. At any Event, the same Athlete/Horse combination can, however, only take part in Competitions of the same level, as defined below

Small Tour: Prix St. Georges – Intermediate I – Intermediate I Free Style.

Medium Tour: Intermediate A – Intermediate B– ~~Intermediate A~~ Intermediate II; ~~Intermediate B – Intermediate II; Intermediate A – Intermediate B – Intermediate Medium Tour Freestyle~~ .

Big Tour: Intermediate II – Grand Prix – Grand Prix Special – Grand Prix Free Style.

CAN NF

May we assume the FEI will be issuing a Medium Tour Freestyle for 2018 given that it is now referenced in the rules.

NZL NF

Support Introduction of Medium Tour Freestyle. When will the test be available?

SUI NF

Maybe you could add as well the U25 Grand Prix as a possibility in the Medium Tour.

Dressage Committee II:

- Medium Tour Freestyle Test: the FEI Test working group will prepare a test to be ready before the GA 2017
- Add the U25 GP as possibility for the Medium Tour: this will be reviewed and discussed in 2018

3.6 Schooling of Horses. ~~No one other than the Athlete may ride the Horse he/she is entered with, after arrival on the show ground and official opening of stable~~ ~~On ne~~

~~account, and under penalty of disqualification, may any Horse take part in a CDI/CDIO which has been schooled by anyone other than the Athlete mounted in the saddle twenty four (24) hours before the planned Horse inspection as well as for the duration of the whole Event under penalty of disqualification~~ as well as for the duration of the whole Event under penalty of disqualification.

~~For Championships and Games the Horse may not have been schooled by anyone other than the Athlete after arrival at the Venue~~ This means, for instance, that a groom mounted in the saddle may walk the Horse on a long, safe rein and that lunging and verbal assistance from the ground from the trainer or his representative is permitted. An exception to this rule may only be granted under extraordinary circumstances in writing by the FEI or the President of the Ground Jury.

CAN NF

Suggest new wording for clarification:

Once arrived on the show grounds, no one other than the Athlete may ride the horse after the official opening of stables.

Working under the assumption that riders who arrive early on the show grounds i.e. before the official opening of the stables, can have their coach etc. ride their horse.

GBR NF

Schooling of Horses

Please can OC's be asked to include in the timetable for the event schedule a defined opening time / date of the competition?

Wording again needs more clarity, with definition of purpose to prevent confusion and any potential abuse.

NZL NF

No one other than the nominated athlete may ride the Horse.

Does this mean someone else can ride the Horse after arrival but before the official opening of the stables?

USA NF

Conditions of Participation – Schooling of Horses. We suggest adding in a caveat that “permission is given by the President of the Ground Jury or TD” as there are plenty of possibilities where an athlete could be delayed, through no fault of their own, getting to the Event and it may be in the best interests of the horse that it is ridden. To not have a caveat ties the hands of all for when the unpredictable situation occurs

AIDEO

What is a Medium Tour Freestyle? How does the test sheet look like?

Dressage Committee II:

Schooling of Horses: to clarify that it is the Athletes who is part of the Combination (using another word than “nominated”).

FEI HQ: the Period of an Event starts one hour before the HI, however, as soon as the Horses arrive on the Showgrounds, Stewards are entitled to enforce the Rules.

Reference to Article 429.10.4 is added.

New wording proposed:

- 3.6 Schooling of Horses. ~~No one other than the Athlete may ride the Horse he/she is entered with, after arrival~~ **on the venue** ~~On no account, and under penalty of disqualification, may any Horse take part in a CDI/CDIO which has been schooled by anyone other than the Athlete mounted in the saddle twenty four (24) hours before the planned Horse inspection as well as for the duration of the whole Event under penalty of disqualification~~ as well as for the duration of the whole Event

under penalty of disqualification (see Art. 429.10.4). ~~For Championships and Games the Horse may not have been schooled by anyone other than the Athlete after arrival at the Venue~~ This means, for instance, that a groom mounted in the saddle may walk the Horse on a long, safe rein and that lunging and verbal assistance from the ground from the trainer or his representative is permitted. An exception to this rule may only be granted under extraordinary circumstances in writing by the FEI or the President of the Ground Jury.

3.8 Scheduling possibilities

Dressage Committee: it is suggested to add a Freestyle in Medium Tour Level.

CAN NF

Request that the FEI provide further clarification surrounding which Big Tour classes an athlete may enter i.e. what is mandatory vs. not mandatory. As an example can an athlete enter the Big Tour in a CDI under any of the following scenarios (provided the classes are not listed as mandatory in the draft schedule for the competition)?

- Grand Prix – only
- Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special
- Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle
- Grand Prix and Consolation Grand Prix

Dressage Committee II: The list under Article 422.3.8 refers to the scheduling possibilities for the OC. The Riders may enter competitions as listed on schedules and as per qualifications referred to in article 422.

Art 423.1.2 Invitations

Must be extended through the respective NF. For CDI 3*/CDI4*/CDI5* and CDI Os at least six (6) countries, including the host NF, plus three (3) reserve countries, with a ~~minimum~~ maximum of two (2) Athletes each must be invited and accepted **or** twelve (12) countries with a minimum of one (1) Athlete each. For Events/Tours with up to 15 Athletes, the OC may invite minimum four (4) countries, including the host NF.

GER NF

Invitations. Number of Athletes per NF reduced to maximum 2 (was minimum 2) (check the numeration: there is no 1.1 in Art. 423, it starts with 1.2)
Please explain the rationale behind this alteration. Why can't an OC invite more riders per NF? How come that there is no such restriction if 12 countries are invited

USA NF

Invitations, Entries and Substitutions – Invitations. The U.S. is not supportive of this revision. As written it would appear that an Organizer would not be permitted to invite more than two athletes from an NF for a CDI3*/4*/5*.

Dressage Committee II: proposal removed. Will be changed to minimum one (1)

New wording proposed:

Must be extended through the respective NF. For CDI 3*/CDI4*/CDI5* and CDIos at least six (6) countries, including the host NF, plus three (3) reserve countries, with a minimum of one (1) Athlete each must be invited and accepted **or** twelve (12) countries with a minimum of one (1) Athlete each. For Events/Tours with up to 15 Athletes, the OC may invite minimum four (4) countries, including the host NF

Art. 423.2.3 FEI Wild Cards

Application for a FEI Wild Card should be made to the FEI Dressage Department through the Athlete's home NF, **no later than two months** before the date closure of nominated entries.

Dressage Committee: this gives more flexibility/time for Riders from different continents to get organised in advance

AIDEO

FEI Wild Cards. Application for a FEI Wild Card should be made to the FEI Dressage Department through the Athlete's home NF, no later than two months before the date closure of ~~nominated~~ definite entries.

USA NF

Invitations, Entries and Substitutions – FEI Wild Cards. The U.S. requests more clarification on how this would work when a competition does not have a Nominated Entry date.

Dressage Committee II: proposal of the AIDEO is supported as there are no longer nominated entry dates at CDIs.

New wording proposed:

Art. 423.2.3 FEI Wild Cards

Application for a FEI Wild Card should be made to the FEI Dressage Department through the Athlete's home NF, **no later than two months** before the date closure of ~~nominated~~ definite entries.

Art. 423.4 Substitutions (applies to Championships and Games)

Dressage Committee: To be in line with the GRs

GBR NF

We would recommend that amends to substitutions should be allowed up to one hour before the Horse Inspection, rather than two hours, to allow for any last minute accidents or injury.

USA NF

This should also apply to CDIOs.

GER NF

The marked modification is that "applies to Championships and Games" is added in the header. For the sake of clarity, shall Art. 423.4 be valid for all CDIs, CDI-Ws, CDIOs plus for Championships and Games

Dressage Committee II: Nominated entries are only required at Championships and Games. This does not apply to CDIO as per the GRs. No further change required.

Art. 424.2 Declaration of starters

1. Declaration of starters should be done no later than two (2) hours before the ~~draw~~ Horse Inspection.
2. (...)Any such withdrawal or replacement must be reported to the President of the Ground Jury. Failing to do so will entail a Warning card.

Dressage Committee: Changes in the timetable can be a problem and chances should be given to other Riders if/when applicable, so information must be passed on timely.

GER NF

According to the new proposal, declaration of starters should be done 2 hrs before Horse Inspection (instead of before the draw).

Contradicts Art. 425.3.1

Declaration of starters before the Horse Inspection seems illogical. Only horses accepted are to be declared as starter. Thus a timeline of horse inspection, then closing time for declaration of starters, then draw for starting order (no need to wait another two hours) makes sense. (This would be in line with the provisions in Jumping.)

GBR NF

If declarations have already been done, are reserve horses not included in the horse inspection? If this is read in conjunction with Article 423.4 then it appears that there is no capacity to substitute post horse inspection and pre-draw, unlike now. This could have a significant impact, particularly with a move to teams of three in the future, therefore further clarity is required.

NZL NF

Support in principle.

Suggest substitution must be approved by President of the Ground Jury. As the withdrawal or substitution must have been notified to get approval, then the POG must have been notified within the two hours prior to the competition

Consider that a substitute horse must have passed a Horse Inspection

The President of the Ground Jury may not be accessible to an athlete prior to the competition No time frame or process specified around reporting to POG re issuing of warning card. Should this reporting be done through the OC or Event Director?

NED NF

Advise: Three athletes per country are allowed to compete in the final test of an event. If one of those three athletes cancels, and a fourth athlete of a country is among the best 12 athletes, it should be possible for this athlete to take this place.

Dressage Committee II: supported and propose to change to "one hour after the Horse Inspection" ...

New wording proposed:

Art. 424.1 Declaration of starters

1. Declaration of starters should be done no later than ~~two (2) hours~~ **one (1) hour** ~~before~~ **after** the ~~draw~~ Horse Inspection.
2. (...) **Any such withdrawal or replacement must be reported to the President of the Ground Jury by the OC.** Failing to do so will entail a Warning card.
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Art. 425 DRAW FOR THE STARTING ORDER

Where possible, groups should have the same number of starters; and where possible, five (5) Athletes per group. If the numbers are not evenly divided by five (5), the first group shall be the smallest i.e. for twenty three (23) Athletes: Group 1= three (3) Athletes, Group 2= five (5) Athletes, Group 3= five (5) Athletes, Group 4= five (5) Athletes and Group 5= five (5) Athletes. Athletes holding the same placing on the World Dressage Ranking List shall be drawn within the same group and groups must be adapted accordingly.

Other examples

12 combinations: 3 groups of 4 or 2 groups of 6

8 combinations: 2 groups of 4

6 combinations: 2 groups of 3

3.1. The Chef d'Equipe of each team will determine the starting order of team members within his team. The Chef d'Equipe must deliver to the Event Director, at the latest ~~one~~ **two** (2) hours before the draw **of the next competition**, a sealed envelope containing the order of go of the Athletes within his team.

Dressage Committee : for more clarity and ease

USA NF

Draw for the Starting Order. This rule proposal is listed under the CDIO and FEI Championships subtitle. The U.S. requests clarification on how this affects the 2nd competition of a CDIO or FEI Championship.

NED NF

A Chef d'Equipe of a team should always have the possibility to change the starting order within the team (of course until the concerning competition has started), when it concerns the welfare of the horse and/or the athlete.

This will not affect the other countries in any way, as everyone will keep his own starting time..

GBR NF agree with proposal

NOR NF

We agree with the proposal. However, we recommend the example to be clear, with no alternatives. The example gives two possibilities if there are 12 combinations. Who will decide which alternative will be used? The OC? The president of the GJ? It will anyway open for discussions. We propose to have a rule without any uncertainty.

Dressage Committee II: supported and the examples will be removed.

Art. 427 DRESS

- 1. Protective Headgear and top hat/bowler:** As a general rule Protective Headgear* has to be worn by all Athletes (as well as any other person) at all times when mounted and by Children, Pony riders, Juniors, Young riders and U25 for the Horse inspection. It is recommended to be worn by any other person presenting the Horse in a Horse

Dressage Committee : safety

NED NF

Agreed

We have spoken about it before, but for all Young Horses events (5-6-7 yrs old) we would strongly advice to have every person, presenting a horse in the horse inspection, wearing protective headgear.

NZL NF

Recommend:

1. Delete "as a general rule"

2. That the FEI specifies which international safety standards of protective headgear are permissible in both the GR's and discipline rules and/or refer to Protective Headgear document on website. Protective Headgear doc dated 2015 on website needs updating.

3. Amend 1.1 Approved Protective Headgear must be worn by CH, Pony riders, Juniors, Young Riders and U25 at the first and any subsequent Horse Inspection, and at all times when mounted in either training or competition. It is recommended that approved protective headgear is worn by any other person presenting a Horse at a Horse Inspection.

EST NF We recommend including the U25 riders to having to wear a safety helmet

GER NF

This implies that horses are generally dangerous. U25 are legally adults. Why can't they chose?

Dressage Committee II: proposal maintained and unchanged

- 2.1 For Grand Prix Freestyle only, any single colour tailcoat or jacket will be allowed. ~~Striped or~~ Multi-coloured coats or jackets are not permitted

Dressage Committee : a small further step in the review of the dress code.

NZL NF

The description of detailing on jackets is very subjective. eg Modest, tasteful, discreet. Support to retain any single colour coat or jacket is allowed.

Recommend contrast coloring and piping, and subtle accents are permitted. More in line with 427.2 which does not state degree of piping permitted other than contrasting

Who decides what is not acceptable?

Spurs: Art 427.4 Propose spurs become optional if horse welfare is paramount as they are referred to in the DRESS CODE and are of traditional account. The sport needs to modernise.

The optional wearing of spurs reduces the risk of "catching the side" of a sensitive horse inadvertently and creating a blood issue – esp at events held during the winter season when horses need to be clipped. No spurs create a much better public perception of the sport.

Dressage Committee II: agreed to remove the proposal. Dress code is part of a general discussion in the FEI and will be reviewed for the future.

Art. 428 Saddlery

AUT NF/SVK NF /POL NF /HUN NF

Saddlery.

Bridoons:

At 31 July 2017 an update list of permitted and not authorized equipment was published on the FEI web side.

http://inside.fei.org/system/files/1_New%20approved%20equipment%202017%20-%20DRE.pdf

The dressage rules have to reflect the list. Furthermore, in our opinion, the list is far too extensive to be implemented. The new list has to be withdrawn.

From the horse welfare point, we would furthermore ask the FEI Dressage Committee to allow the use of "Horse Elastic Belly Guard". It can prevent spur marks and especially in sensitive periods of the fur change it would be a great help. Stewards should check the horse underneath the Belly Guard after the test to ensure that it is not misused.

CAN NF

Has all the equipment recently posted on FEI website been included in the 2018 rules?

NED NF

Illustrations allowed bits

We find it a bit confusing that illustrations of allowed bits are shown in the regulations, and that modifications are published on the website for several years, but the illustrations in the rules have never been modified or updated. In order to prevent confusion we advise that all illustrations of allowed bits will be shown in the regulations.

NOR NF

Change sentence starting with "Snaffles used in Young Horse Competitions" to "Snaffles used for Horses"

Reason: Juniors and Children are not covered by today's rules for this.

NZL NF

Captions of bits/ saddlery etc: Make reference to approved/ non approved gear document for clarity

General question:

Hoof boots to be allowed? Which models?

Dressage Committee II: referring to NOR comment – change rule to say "when snaffles are used for young horses and children they must have a minimum diameter of 14mm"

New wording proposed:

Art. 428.2

Bits. Bridoon and curb must be made of metal and/or rigid plastic and may be covered with rubber/latex. The lever arm of the curb bit is limited to ten centimetres (10 cm) (length below the mouth piece). The upper cheek must not be longer than the lower cheek. If the curb has a sliding mouthpiece, the lever arm of the curb bit below the mouth piece should not measure more than ten centimetres (10 cm) when the mouth piece is at the uppermost position. Curb "chain" can be made of metal or leather or a combination. Cover for curb "chain" can be made of leather, rubber or sheep skin. The diameter of the mouthpiece of the bridoon and/or curb must be such so as not to hurt the Horse. Minimum diameter of mouthpiece to be twelve millimetres (12 mm) for curb bit and ten millimetres (10 mm) for bridoon bit. Snaffles are permitted as marked on the test sheets. Snaffles used in Young Horse **and Children** Competitions 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.

Art. 429 ARENA AND EXERCISE AREAS (For diagram see Annex ARENA)

2. Arena Specifications. (...). The part of the fence at A should be easy to remove, to let the Athletes in and out of the arena **and must be kept closed during each Athlete's performance.** (...)

Dressage Committee: clarification

CAN NF

For further clarification add:

The Gate at A should be closed when a horse has completed its test and has left the arena.

The Gate at A should be reopened when the Judge at C rings the bell for the next horse to enter.

NOR NF

Article 429.2 : We propose to add after the text "During each Athlete's performance" **...and between tests, until the judge at C gives the starting signal.** This is also for clarity.

Dressage Committee II: the proposal from the NF NOR is supported and will be added into the Rules.

New wording proposed:

Art. 429.2

Arena Specifications. The arena, flat and level, must be sixty meters (60 m) long and twenty meters (20 m) wide. The difference in elevation across the diagonal or along the length of the arena shall in no case exceed sixty centimetres (60 cm). The difference in elevation along the short side of the arena shall in no case be more than twenty centimetres (20 cm). The arena must be predominantly of sand. The measurements above are for the interior of the enclosure, which must be separated from the public by a distance of not less than ten meters (10 m). Exception from this can be granted by the FEI. If the Competition is held indoors, the arena should, in principle, be a minimum distance of two meters (2 m) from the wall. The enclosure itself must consist of a low white fence (rails which must not be solid), about thirty centimetres (30 cm) high. The part of the fence at A should be easy to remove, to let the Athletes in and out of the arena **and must be kept closed during each Athlete's performance and between tests, until the Judge at C gives the starting signal.** The width of the entrance must be at least two metres (2 m). The rails of the fence should be such as to prevent the Horse's hoofs from being caught. The rails may not contain any metal components. **Refer to Annex 12 for details on arena surface.**

6. Judges' Hut: (...) ~~For FEI Championships and Games on Grand Prix level, each~~ Each Judges' hut must be equipped with a button linked to the Judges Signalling System.... inform the C-Judge in case of blood, lameness, error of course ~~or~~ **saddlery**.

Dressage Committee: as much as possible, this system which has proven to be very helpful, should be used at all levels.

EST NF

While implementing the Judges Signalling System is a great concept, how will it be practically solved, meaning that is such a system being developed so that this would be available for the organizers for a reasonable cost?

ARG NF / BRA NF

Button on all huts: It is a difficult thing to do in small shows, costs money. So it should not be mandatory.

GER NF

Judges' hut button. We agree that it is helpful to use a button for giving a signal to the Judge at C, but this can only be asked from an OC if the IT system is in place (see WG paper) and should not be mandatory for small events.

AUS NF

Article 429 - we would prefer to see this as non-mandatory where an IT provider is not appointed, and not-mandatory outside of Europe. This would be an extra and non-realistic expense at most CDIs held in Australia. We believe New Zealand would be in a similar position. We have outlined our recommendation below:

Article 429 Arenas and Exercise Arenas.

6. Judges' Hut: (...) For FEI Championships and Games on Grand Prix level, each Each Judges' hut must be equipped with a button linked to the Judges Signalling System.... inform the C-Judge in case of blood, lameness, error of course or saddlery .

NED NF

The idea is good, but does the FEI have any experience with the Judges Signaling System? Is the system already used in another sport or does it have to be developed? The idea is good.

CAN NF

Equipping the Judges' hut with a button linked to a signaling system for judges is not realistic for smaller countries or smaller CDI's.

This rule should be required for Major Games, Championships and CDI4*/5* competitions only

For Major Games, Championships and CDI4*/5* competitions we support a judges signaling system that allows each judge to discreetly inform the judge at C of any case of blood, lameness, error of course etc.

GBR NF agree
NOR NF Article 429.6: The text in the memo and the text in the DJWG proposal are not identical. The recommended text in the DJWG proposal limits this requirement to shows with IT judging. We would support this solution.
ESP NF Judge´s Huts Support the new Judges signaling system allowing each judge to discreetly inform the C-Judge in case of blood, lameness, error of course or saddlery/equipment.
NZL NF Do not support at all events. Technology not always available. A button in itself cannot inform the C Judge of the problem. Judges need to consider what system can be used to communicate where a Signalling system / button is not available
USA NF Arena and Exercise Areas (For Diagram See Annex Arena) - Judges´ hut. The U.S. requests that this rule is rewritten to allow more flexibility in how an Organizer can set up their `signaling system´ (i.e. buttons and the requisite equipment could be expensive and a cheaper but equally effective system may be available).

Dressage Committee II: proposed change to be modified back and be optional, except for Championships and Games (new proposal removed) and saddlery to be changed to equipment.
New wording proposed: Art. 429.6 Judges´ hut. A separate hut or platform must be provided for each Judge. It must be raised not less than fifty centimetres (50 cm) (for Freestyle Tests possibly a little higher) above the ground, in order to give the Judges a good view of the arena. The booth/hut must be large enough to accommodate four (4) persons. Judges´ huts should provide good views of the entire arena. For FEI Championships and Games on Grand Prix level, each Judges hut must be equipped with a button linked to the Judges Signalling System, allowing each judge to discreetly inform the C-Judge in case of blood, lameness, error of course or saddlery equipment . A Judges Signalling button is optional for other Events. 6.1 Only officiating people are allowed in the Judges´ huts.

Art. 429.10 PRACTICE ARENA

Last training arena called Ten minutes arena whenever applicable for more consistency.

NZL NF Do not support. This means a ten minute arena cannot be used if the surface is not the same Recommend "wherever possible the ten minutes arena should have the same footing". Sometimes the ten minutes arena is outdoors and the main arena indoors. Not always possible or practical

Dressage Committee II: no change, already covered in the Rules.
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Art. 430 EXECUTION OF THE TESTS

Sound of bell. After the sound of the bell, the Athlete must enter the arena at A within forty five (45) seconds. In the Freestyle, the Athlete has forty five (45) seconds to signal to start the music and must enter the arena within ~~twenty-three~~ (30) seconds of the music starting.

Dressage Committee: this allows more time for the Riders, especially in pony classes. Para-Dressage agrees to align as well.

NED NF

agreed

NZL NF

Support although would like to know rationale of increasing the time

Dressage Committee II: see above.

Art. 430.4 Error of test/execution

Art. 430.6 Penalties

Art. 430.6.2 Other ~~Errors~~ Penalties

RUS NF

Could you please clarify a moment regarding an error if athlete not taking reins in one hand.

In Art. 430.4:

Error of test/execution. When an Athlete makes an "error of the execution of the test" (trots rising instead of sitting, at the salute does not take the reins in one hand, etc.) he must be penalised as for an "error of course".

Art.430.6.1:

Every "error of course", whether the bell is sounded or not, must be penalised, except as noted above.

First error Two (2) percentage points from the total score.

But in 430.6.2:

Other Errors

All of the following are considered errors, and two (2) points will be deducted per error, but they are not cumulative and will not result in Elimination (including for Freestyle tests):

...

- Athletes not taking the reins in one (1) hand at the salute.

CAN NF

Would suggest this be referred to as Other Penalties instead of Other Errors. The term "error" if used two ways will be confusing.

With errors an athlete can be eliminated. With penalties they are not eliminated but accumulate number of deductions

NZL NF

PLEASE CLARIFY Does this mean ANY use of the voice or repeated use of the voice?

Dressage Committee II:

- the word "Errors" will be changed to Penalties or faults (as applicable) for more clarity as suggested by the CAN NF.
- Clarification: deleted from 430.4 and kept in 430.6.2
- Voice: the principle is not to use the voice at all. No change required.

New wording proposed:

Art. 430.6.2

6.2. **Other Errors Penalties**

All of the following are considered **errors faults**, and two (2) points will be deducted per **error fault**, but they are not cumulative and will not result in Elimination (including for Freestyle tests):

Art. 430.7.6 Bleeding

Dressage Committee: no changes suggested by the DTC

NED NF

We believe that, despite of the discipline specific differences the 'bleeding rule' should be equal for all disciplines and therefore needs to be placed in the General Regulations.

Additional practical issues than can be placed in the rules of the specific discipline.

To ensure that stewards and judges are able to make comprehensible and consistent decisions we recommend to involve a FEI veterinarian in the procedure when checking the horses.

NZL NF

7.6.2: Propose: If fresh blood is found in the mouth, in the spur area or on any other place of the horse at the final equipment check at the end of the test, the FEI steward will inform the FEI Vet Delegate.

The horse must be examined by an FEI veterinarian prior to the next competition to decide if the horse is fit to continue in the following competition(s) in the Event. The decision of the FEI veterinarian is not subject to appeal.

Rationale for change:

- Horse welfare remains paramount as the result of the vet check. Currently athletes eliminated in a qualifying competition under 7.6.2 are affected in a much more severe way than those competing in a non-qualifying competition. In a non-qualifying competition athletes are not effectively disqualified from all further competition. This is inequitable for

the competitors where for the same condition, one combination may continue with a veterinary clearance, while the other has no possibility.

NZL NF

- This para refers to bleeding starting after finishing the test. However under ART 430.10, for the purposes of checking for correct equipment and blood, the test is not considered to have ended until after the equipment check
- If this para 767.3 is to be retained, recommend that it be reworded to clarify that the horse may only continue if the elimination occurred in a non-qualifying competition. In all practicality, this clause may only be enacted in a very small number of instances.

Dressage Committee II: postponed – General issue to be dealt with within the FEI.

Art. 433 Judges Sheet

2. **At Championships, Games and World Cup Finals only**, a signed form with the JSP correction will be added to the normal Judges' sheets and made available to the Athletes. A copy of the form will be given to the respective Judge, whose mark was corrected

Dressage Committee: clarification

NZL NF

Support if JSP function continues but is inconsistent with ART 438 .6

Dressage Committee II: agree to modify and to add: when there is a JSP (...)

New wording:

Art. 433.5

When there is a JSP, signed form with the JSP correction will be added to the normal Judges' sheets and made available to the Athletes. A copy of the form will be given to the respective Judge, whose mark was corrected.

Art. 435.6 Scoreboard Scoring:

No scoring should be visible to the Judges during a test. (...).

CAN NF

Suggest that this rule also states that preliminary or partial results should not be made available or be given to judges during the class.

Dressage Committee II: agree with the principle but it is not possible to monitor in practice

CHAPTER III GROUND JURY, JUDGES' SUPERVISORY PANEL, APPEAL COMMITTEE, VETERINARY COMMISSION AND VETERINARY DELEGATE, STEWARDS AND ABUSE OF HORSES

ART. 437 GROUND JURY

- 1.** At all international Dressage Competitions, the Ground Jury must consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) members as described in Annex 12. Members of the Ground Jury shall be International Judges from the FEI list. Judges are defined in four (4) categories: 2* (new), 3* (formerly International Candidate), 4* (formerly International) and 5* (formerly Official international) Judges.

Dressage Committee: no change proposed to the panel of 7 Judges

CAN NF

Where a panel of five judges is present three of the five judges should be of different nationalities

Dressage Committee II: keeping sport moving forward and developing in to higher level and more important.

- 2.** At Olympic Games and FEI Dressage Championships for Seniors at Grand Prix level and the FEI World Cup™ Dressage Final, the FEI will appoint a Ground Jury consisting of seven (7) members and one (1) reserve.

At Olympic Games, all FEI Championships, FEI World Cup™ Dressage Finals and Regional Games, all Judges must be of different nationalities.

Dressage Committee: no change proposed to the panel of 7 Judges

NED NF / GBR NF / ESP NF / NZL NF

Agreed

ITA NF

The DJWG has examined evidence showing that seven judge juries are beneficial at the highest level championships. While HiLoDrop may in the longer term mitigate this effect, it was agreed that a change would not be recommended for 2018. ITA NF agrees with the proposal

Dressage Committee II: agreed – no further changes required

9. Appointment of Judges

For FEI Championships on Grand Prix level and Olympic Games, the President and the other members of the Ground Jury are ~~appointed~~ recommended by the FEI JSP ~~with the cooperation of the Dressage Technical Committee~~ from the FEI list of 5* Judges and appointed by the FEI Dressage Technical Committee/FEI HQ.

Dressage Committee: clarification

FRA NF

Some important improvements have still to be adopted regarding this crucial matter,
- FEI should nominate the President and Ground Jury members of all Nations Cup and 5* events.

- President of CDI3* may be also nominated by FEI.

This process would be helpful for the judging standard (quality, uniformity) and would cut off the suspicious arrangements. Moreover it would give more opportunities to new judges to come to grow in the dressage discipline.

In order to make these changes efficient, we would suggest that FEI could contribute to the extra fees that would be generated for OCs.

NZL NF

Unsure of rationale for JSP to make recommendation?

Dressage Committee II:

Nominations by the JSP of Officials is part of the current tasks of the JSP.

9.10 Small tour Competitions. When scheduled at CDIs and CDI-Ws outside Western Europe, Prix St Georges and Intermediate I level Competitions may exceptionally be judged by a Ground Jury consisting of three (3) members **upon prior approval by the FEI.** (...)

Dressage Committee: clarification

9.13 – 9.14 Youth competitions: In a Ground Jury of three (3) members, there must be at least ~~one~~ two (2) Judges of different foreign nationalities and in a Ground Jury of five (5) members there must be at least two (2) foreign Judges of different nationalities.

Dressage Committee: to ensure fairness across all levels

NED NF

Youth competitions

This rule could cause extra costs for organizers. We believe that this rule should be counting for CDI4* and higher events.

NOR NF

Article 437, Youth competitions and Annex 2 to 6, ground jury: We see the rationale behind the proposal, but it will cause increased costs for the smaller OC, especially where it is a long distance to foreign judges. We cannot support this. However, IF the proposal is approved, the text can be shortened, as the requirement will be the same for ground juries of 3 and 5 members.

CAN NF

Where a panel of five judges is present three of the five judges should be of different nationalities

USA NF

Article 437.9.13 Ground Jury – For CDI-U25 AND Article 437.9.14 Ground Jury – For CDIY/J/P/Ch. This proposed change (doubling the number of foreign GJ Members) could cause a huge additional expense for Organizers outside of Western Europe. Dressage Shows already struggle to meet the financial commitments and this is moving globalization of the sport in the wrong direction at a level where we are trying to keep athletes in Dressage and give them international competition opportunities. Also – in other times (CDI1*) when there is a Ground Jury of 3, only 1 foreign judge is required.

Dressage Committee II: we would like to keep this rule change for the following reason: in the interest of openness, fairness and growth for the sport, especially for the youth, which represent the future of Dressage, the DC strongly feels that we have an obligation to equally give them opportunities to be judged by Officials from different nationalities and backgrounds, as much as Seniors do.

Concerns about this in the past have been brought to the attention of the DC and this is an attempt to balance things out.

ART. 439 APPEAL COMMITTEE

1. For, FEI ~~CDIOs~~, World Cup™ Dressage Finals, FEI World Cup™ Dressage League Finals, all FEI Championships, Regional and Olympic Games an Appeal Committee must be appointed.
- 4.

Dressage Committee: this is no longer applied to all other FEI disciplines either

ARTICLE 442 STEWARDS

5. The FEI GRs refer to the Stewards and such rules and regulations are applicable to all FEI Dressage Events.
 - 1.1. The Chief Steward is responsible for the organisation of stewarding throughout the Event.
 - 1.2. The Chief Steward must ensure that stable security is adequate for the level of Event and that sufficient Stewards are available.
 - 1.3. The Chief Steward ~~assists with~~ the Organising Committee, Ground Jury and Technical Delegate have to ensure the smooth running of all defined

functions during a Competition such as opening and closing ceremonies or any required organised function within the Competition.

- 1.4. For Championships and Games, the FEI will appoint one (1) Level 3 Foreign Chief Steward. Two (2) Level 1 Stewards must be appointed by the OC in addition.
- 1.5. At CDIs and CDIOs, one (1) Level 2 (Chief Steward) and one (1) Level 1 Stewards must be appointed by the OC.
- 1.6. At CDI05* one (1) Level 3 Steward (Foreign Chief Steward) and two (2) Level 1 Stewards must be appointed by the OC.

1.7 Stewards

According to the size (number of overall competitors at the Event) and type of Event, a sufficient number of Stewards must be appointed by the OC in consultation with the Chief Steward.

All Stewards at international Events should preferably hold at least a Level 1 status. If this is not the case they must have received formal instruction on their specific responsibility from the Chief Steward.

Dressage Committee: details on stewards were missing in the Dressage Rules

<p>NZL NF Support all in principle but under 1.5 change Stewards (plural) to Steward (singular) (agreed)</p>
<p>ARG NF / BRA NF This art. Says about the level of the stewards that should be used. Than at the end it opens to the possibility to use national stewards. It is very hard for smaller shows to pay for a foreign steward. The stewards should be FEI stewards and allowed to work in all disciplines. The possibility to use a national steward working with an FEI chief Stewards should be opened.</p>
<p>GBR NF Agree in principle, but would add that each individual venue differs in requirements; therefore sufficient stewards should be in place to ensure the layout of the venue and size of the competition is accommodated. A more flexible approach in the invitation of judges also needs to be adopted.</p>
<p>USA NF The U.S. is very supportive of these changes.</p>
<p>AUT NF/SVK NF /POL NF /HUN NF Stewards. Proposal: 1.3. <u>The Chief Steward assists, the Organising Committee, Ground Jury and Technical Delegate have to ensure the smooth running of all defined functions during a Competition such as opening and closing ceremonies or any required organised function within the Competition.</u></p>

In our opinion the Chief Steward is part of a team working together. (agreed and amended)

AUS NF

Stewards - we believe that consideration should be given to increase the number of FEI accredited stewards where it is a multidisciplinary Championships such as WEG, Olympic Games and some regional Championships such as The Asian Games. This number is acceptable for a single discipline Championship, and perhaps other FEI Discipline Committees should be consulted on this matter.

Dressage Committee II: Stewarding issue to be discussed.
Using level I Steward rather than National ones is "preferred".

New wording proposed (see comment AUT NF)

Art. 442.1.3

1.7. The Chief Steward, ~~assists~~ the Organising Committee, Ground Jury and Technical Delegate ~~have~~ to ensure the smooth running of all defined functions during a Competition such as opening and closing ceremonies or any required organised function within the Competition.

Art. 443 Horse Inspections, Examinations and Passports of Horses

Horse inspections and Examinations must be conducted in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations. For passports of Horses refer to the FEI GRs

SWE NF

Horse inspection at Championships

Swedish Equestrian Proposal: if a horse is not accepted at horse inspection for a team championship, NFs may replace that horse with a reserve horse entered on the nominated list. Each NF decides if they will bring one reserve horse or not.

Dressage Committee II: this would be an important rules change and will therefore be reviewed next year.

Stabling

Horse inspections and Examinations must be conducted in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations. For passports of Horses refer to the FEI GRs

GBR NF

We would suggest that at championships stabling should be open as a minimum 48 hours before the horse inspection. This is due to the impact on travelling plans and horse welfare when Championships are held at venues that require long distances to be travelled. This will be vitally important for both Tryon and Tokyo for adequate acclimatisation.

Dressage Committee II: regarding overseas Events, such as Tryon or Tokyo, importation procedures would anyway require the Horses to arrive well in advance. The proposal will be brought up with the Vet TC for review next year.

Art. 451.4 Expenses and Privileges

4. The Chefs d'Equipe are responsible for the behaviour of their teams and/or individuals throughout the Event. They and their NF are responsible for any damages that occur. If the Athletes are not lodged in private homes the Chefs d'Equipe must stay with their teams and/or individuals.

GER NF

Chefs d'Equipe

If accommodated in a hotel, Chefs must stay with their riders in the same hotel for being able to control whether they behave.

This should also be applicable for Trainers even though they are not (yet) team members.

AUT NF/SVK NF / POL NF / HUN NF

Proposal:

4. The Chefs d'Equipe are responsible for the behavior of their teams and/or individuals throughout the Event. They and their NF are responsible for any damages that occur. ~~If the Athletes are not lodged in private homes the Chefs d'Equipe must stay with their teams and/or individuals.~~

In our opinion, this must be left to the NF to decide where the Chef d'Equipe is lodged.

Dressage Committee II: agreed. Last sentence to be deleted. Add "Chefs d'Equipe should be offered accommodation together with their Athletes".

New wording proposed:

Art. 451.4

The Chefs d'Equipe are responsible for the behaviour of their teams and/or individuals throughout the Event. They and their NF are responsible for any damages that occur. **Chefs d'Equipe should be offered accommodation together with their Athletes.**

Youth – general

Schooling of Horses

USA NF

- Schooling rules in Youth Annexes should be updated to match 422.3.6

NZL NF

Schooling of horses Propose this should be consistent with 422.3.6 on arrival etc (not 24hrs)

Dressage Committee II: agreed, modification are made as suggested to all relevant youth categories.

Annex 2 Young Riders

YR 3.2 – J 3. – Children

AUT NF

Proposal:

2. It is possible to organize more than one CDIOY regionally spread per weekend. No CDIY may be organized on the same continent at the same time as a Championship for Young Riders ~~or a CDIOY~~.

Dressage Committee II: supported to help grow the sport and support Youth classes and youth teams. The DTC agrees to support this proposal to encourage the growth of the youth sport.

The proposed wording is:

In all youth categories relevant articles:

It is possible to organise more than on CDIO (Youth) on a same continent on same dates. No CDI (Youth) or CDIO (Youth) may be organised on the same continent at the same time as a Championships for (Youth).

Youth Championships – Technical Delegate

ITA NF

YR 7.4 / J.8 / TECHNICAL DELEGATE

FEI Championships. The FEI will appoint a Technical Delegate in addition to the Ground Jury. If FEI Championships for Young Riders are held at the same time as FEI Championships for Juniors or Children one (1) Technical Delegate may act for both FEI Championships.

Dressage Committee II: DTC agree to this, can encourage to have an assistant TD if necessary.

The following wording is added to all youth categories (hereafter the example for Juniors):

“If FEI Championships for Juniors are held at the same time as FEI Championships for other youth categories, one (1) Technical Delegate may act for both FEI Championships. In such case, the appointment of an assistant Technical Delegate is recommended.”

Annex 2 Young Riders – Annex 3 Juniors – Annex 4 Pony Riders

Dressage Committee:

GER NF

(same for J and P) Qualification for European Championships. As a consequence of the record number of entries in the 2017 Pony Dressage Championships, we propose to raise the required minimum percentage in the qualifiers:

To participate, an Athlete/Horse combination must have achieved a minimum of 65 % (instead of 63 %). This was discussed among trainers and Chefs d'Equipe in Kaposvar and it was suggested to do the same for Juniors' and Young Riders' European Championships.

Dressage Committee II: Qualification percentage – FEI to analyse this before approving it.

USA NF

We are very supportive of leaving it to the OC to decide whether the Freestyle will be required for Pony, Junior, Young Rider and U25 Divisions.

GER NF

(also J, P, Ch) European CDIOPJYCh. Allow additional invitations for NF's selection purposes

In Europe, many "O" events in the youth categories are used by participating NFs for selecting their teams for the European Championships. Thus their desire is to enter more riders than the rules provide for. The OCs are willing to satisfy their wish, but do not want to schedule additional "I"s because then they would have too much competitors.

Thus the proposal is to allow those European OCs who organise at least three CSIOs/CDIOs in youth categories at the same weekend to extend personal invitations in addition to the teams, i. e. for 3 Jumping riders and for 2 Dressage riders (preferably 3 to have it the same as in Jumping) per age category.

For Dressage, this was discussed during the Chefs d'Equipe meeting in Roosendaal (CH-EU-D for Ch, J, Y) and supported by the 23 nations present.

Dressage Committee II: CDIO/CDI GER – DTC agree to this proposal for the Youths. Suggest to extend number or allow OC to decide.

The proposed wording is:

In all youth categories relevant articles:

NFs who have entered a team at a CDIO for youth may be invited to enter additional individuals at the discretion of the OC. This must be stated in the FEI approved schedule.

AUT NF /SVK NF /POL NF /HUN NF

Official International Events (CDIOY)

4.6 A Young Rider' Team consists of three (3) or four (4) Athletes and Horses of which the results of the best three (3) count. An OC may choose to Schedule a Team competition with Teams of two (2) or three (3) Athlete/Horse combinations. No reserve combinations are allowed.

Proposal:

Following sentence should be added:

A maximum of (2) Young Rider Teams per NF can be entered. A NF that cannot send a Team, may enter (1) one or (2) individuals.

All should be done to promote Official Team competitions. At the same time, it should be flexible to ensure it works for the different regions. Same proposal also for J, P and Ch

Dressage Committee II: AUT/SVK/POL/HUN – team of 2 or 3. If NF has only 1, they can enter as individual. DTC Agree to this proposal and will add it to the Rules.

The proposal for an NF to enter 2 teams is not considered for next year. This would need to be discussed across all disciplines.

AIDEO/ GER NF

YR 7.2

(i) Preliminary Competition Test: Open to all athlete/horse combinations

(ii) Team Competition Test: Open to all athlete/horse combinations

(iii) Individual Competition Test: Either open to all athlete/horse combinations or, if the Individual Competition Test has been schedule after Team Competition Test, the I Individual Competition Test must [GER NF: can] be open to [GER NF: teh six (6) (minimum)] at least fifteen (15) (including ties for 15th) place best Athlete/Horse combinations who qualified in the Team Competition Test

(iv) Young Riders Freestyle Test Six (6) Twelve (12) to eighteen (18) best from Individual Competition

Opting. If at a CDIY, both Young Riders Individual Competition Test and Young Riders Freestyle Test are scheduled after the Team Competition Test, the Athletes must state, at the latest at date of definite entry [GER NF: one hour before the start of the Team Competition test] , for which of the two (2) Competitions they wish to qualify. Athletes may give a 1st and 2nd choice if the OC so allows (i.e. Athlete will opt for Individual Competition Test as 1st choice and Young Rider Freestyle Test as 2nd choice). [GER NF: The OC may also allocate teh Athletes to the competitions on teh basis of the Young Riders Individual Competition result.] If following conclusion of Competition the Individual Competition Test is oversubscribed, the Athlete may then start in the Intermediate Freestyle instead. Participation is, however, only possible in one (1) of the Competitions with the same Horse, and their original choice of Competition cannot be changed if there is space in that Competition.

Dressage Committee II:

AIDEO/GER – DTC do not agree to change this rule. No change for 2018 Review in 2018 possibly. It takes away from the riders. Next year review the structure in the Youth competitions. This is too big of a change.

Annex 2 – Young Rider – YR – 17 Youth Championships

FEI Championship Formula

Day 1 and 2	Team test	All
Day 3 and 4	Individual Test	All

Day 5 Freestyle Test Eighteen (18) best
from Individual Test (including ties for 18th place or highest placing).

YR 17.

B2 Young Riders Freestyle Final

The Young Riders Freestyle Test is the Individual Freestyle FEI Championship which is limited to and compulsory for the overall best eighteen (18) out of Competition B1 including those who tie for 18th place. Only the three (3) best Athletes per country may participate. In case of equality of percentage in a Freestyle Test, the higher artistic marks will determine the better placing.

FRA NF

same for J,P, Ch) Youth Championship

Individual ranking may be based only the freestyle competition.

Team ranking may be based on both 2 first classes of the actual rules.

It would be better for the sport, fairer and more in line with other disciplines.

NZL NF

Propose that the Team Competition Test is not compulsory if offered if there is no TEAM competition.

Rationale: YR horses can be older schoolmasters and would benefit from doing only IND test & FS test

USA NF

the wording should be "...open to all Athletes who completed the Team Dressage Competition...." This must also be carried through to JR, CH, P, and U25

YR 17 B2: Add word: "compulsory for the best eighteen (18) out of Competition B1 who qualified, including" This should be followed through under "FEI Championship Formula" as well.

Dressage Committee II:

FRA – big change to the system. Take on board to look at overall youth formats in 2018.

NZL – Names of the tests may be confusing. No change for 2018

USA – Agree to the wording change.

New wording proposed (to all relevant articles in youth categories):

The Young Riders Freestyle Test is the Individual Freestyle FEI Championship which is limited to and compulsory for the overall best eighteen (18) out of Competition B1 **who qualified**, including those who tie for 18th place (...)

Annex 3 Juniors

Art. J 8 Technical Delegates

FEI Championships. The FEI will appoint a Technical Delegate in addition to the Ground Jury. If FEI Championships for Juniors are held at the same time as FEI Championships for Young Riders one (1) Technical Delegate may act for both FEI Championships.

Dressage Committee: no change proposed

ITA NF

Technical Delegate

FEI Championships. The FEI will appoint a Technical Delegate in addition to the Ground Jury. See Article YR-7 of the Dressage Rules.

FEI Championships. The FEI will appoint a Technical Delegate in addition to the Ground Jury. If FEI Championships for Juniors are held at the same time as FEI Championships for Young Riders or Children one (1) Technical Delegate may act for both FEI Championships.

Comment ITA NF

See above suggested addition

Dressage Committee II: proposal supported.

New wording proposed (to all relevant articles in youth categories):

FEI Championships. The FEI will appoint a Technical Delegate in addition to the Ground Jury. If FEI Championships for Young Riders are held at the same time as FEI Championships for other youth categories, one (1) Technical Delegate may act for both FEI Championships. In such case, the appointment of an assistant Technical Delegate is recommended.

Art. J 9 Saddlery and Dress

1. The rules regarding the saddlery must be strictly in accordance with the Rules for Dressage Events, with the exception that either snaffle or double bridle may be used for the Preliminary Test. Refer to Article 428 of the Dressage Rules.

Dressage Committee: no change proposed

NOR NF

In first sentence, change "the Preliminary Test" to "all Junior Tests"

Reason: At this level no high degree of collection is required. The riders are still young and partly inexperienced, and the main objective is to appreciate a full, harmonious acceptance of the bit.

Dressage Committee II: Juniors have already the difficult tests, do not agree to this change.

Article	J-17	Competitions
1.	FEI Championship Formula	
Day 1 and 2	Team test	All Athletes.
Day 3 and 4	Individual Test	All Athletes.

Day 5 Freestyle Test Eighteen (18) best Athletes from Individual test
(including ties for the highest placing).

Dressage Committee: clarification

GER NF

Tie for highest placing. For clarification: Do "ties for the highest placing" mean a tie for 18th place?

Dressage Committee II: yes correct, or similarly applicable to ties for a lower "highest" placing if there are less than 18 Riders.

Annex 4 Pony Riders

Art. P3 Pony

A pony is a small Horse whose height at the withers, having been measured on a smooth level surface, does not exceed one meter forty eight (1.48 m) without shoes **or one meter forty nine (1.49 m) with shoes**. Refer to Veterinary Rules for Measuring of ponies.

Dressage Committee:

NOR NF

Annex 4 -Pony Riders, article P-3: Delete first sentence. Add following text to the last sentence: "and height".

Reason: The text in the Veterinary Rules and the Dressage Rules (and also Jumping Rules) are not identical, and causes confusion. We suggest that all discipline rules refer to the Veterinary Rules. It is important to keep the 148.0 centimeters of the Veterinary Regulations, which is much more accurate than the description in the Dressage (and Jumping) Rules.

Dressage Committee II:

New test proposed to be in line with VRs:

Art. P-3 Pony

1. Ponies' regulatory height at the withers must not exceed 148.0 cm without shoes.
2. Ponies being measured at FEI Events are given a height allowance; their height at the withers must not exceed 150.0cm without shoes or 151.0cm with shoes.

Art. P 4.3.6 Official International Events CDIOP

A pony team consists of three (3) or four (4) Athletes and ponies of which the results of the best three (3) count. For CDIOPs, an OC may choose to Schedule a Team competition with Teams of two (2) or three (3) Athlete/Pony combinations. Reserve combinations are **not** allowed.

Dressage Committee: no change proposed – only reworded

AUT NF

Official International Events CDIOP

3.6 A pony team consists of three (3) or four (4) Athletes and ponies of which the results of the best three (3) count. For CDIOPs, an OC may choose to Schedule a Team competition with Teams of two (2) or three (3) Athlete/Pony combinations. Reserve combinations are not allowed.

Proposal:

Following sentence should be added:

A maximum of (2) Pony Teams per NF can be entered. A NF that cannot send a Team, may enter (1) one or (2) individuals.

All should be done to promote Official Team competitions. At the same time, it should be flexible to ensure it works for the different regions.

Dressage Committee II: agreed, will be added to the Rules as following:

New wording proposed (to all relevant articles in youth categories):

- **NFs who have entered a team may be invited to enter additional individual Athletes at the discretion of the OC. This must be stated in the FEI approved schedule.**
- **A NF that cannot send a Team, may enter (1) one Individual when teams of two (2) or three (3) are invited or two (2) individuals when teams of three (3) or four (4) are invited.**

The proposal for an NF to enter 2 teams is not considered for next year. This would need to be discussed across all disciplines.

Art. P 10 Technical Delegates

For the appointment of Technical Delegate refer to Article 446 of the Dressage Rules. In addition to the responsibilities imposed by the Dressage Rules and FEI GRs, a Technical Delegate at FEI Championships for ponies, will have the responsibility and the authority to check that all facilities are adequate, that the behaviour of participants is correct and that social and educational functions are conducted with the utmost care, always bearing in mind the welfare of the Ponies and the development of the best spirit of sportsmanship and fair play.

Dressage Committee: no change proposed

ITA NF

In the Pony Championships, it is essential that the Technical Delegate arrive at the showground together with the TDs of the other disciplines in order to take and share the necessary decisions together.

Dressage Committee II: one TD per championship for all categories. Assistant TDs may be appointed when necessary.

Pony Riders Dressage Tests

Dressage Committee: no changes proposed

NED NF

Advise: The Team Test for Pony's is a nice test, but hasn't changed for years. We would suggest to make it a little bit more difficult, by for example add canter half passes to either side.

Dressage Committee II: This should go to the tests working group. DTC agree that this a good suggestion. Support from committee and passed on to working group

Annex 5 Children

Art. Ch-2 Definition of Children

1. Children may compete as a child from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of twelve (12) until the end of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of ~~fourteen (14)~~ fifteen (15).

Dressage Committee: as per proposal of stakeholders Club

ARG NF / BRA NF

Seems too many years to compete at the same level, and not really fair to have a child of 12-13 years competing with one of 15.

We think it would be an better idea to create a new class for Pré-Junior for the 14-15 year old.

GER NF / NED NF

Age category of Children extended from 12 – 14 to 12 - 15. We support the idea to give Children an additional year in that category to have a smoother transition to the Junior category.

SWE NF

Swedish Equestrian Federation proposal: age to be 13-16

FRA NF

We are not supporting the proposed age change from 14 years old to 15 years old. Not realistic to compare somebody from 12 to 15. It's better to begin sooner in junior.

ITA NF

ITA NF agrees with proposed age change

SUI NF

We do not agree to open the Children classes for kids up to 15 years. We think that this would lead to a disadvantage for the younger ones, for whom this category has been created and we will only have 15 year olds competing in Children classes. We think that the Children on a good level already now make the switch to the Juniors, therefore we propose to leave the age the way it is now.

We strongly recommend to have the same age limits for all disciplines.

Dressage Committee II: no change as per general policy across all disciplines in the FEI. Proposal removed.

FEI HQ: as there is no consensus for this proposal, the FEI has decided not to change the age category for Children. Such change would also have an impact on other disciplines and therefore would need further consideration.

Art. Ch-3.4.7 **CDIOCh**

A team Competition in Dressage consists of four (4) Athletes and four (4) Horses, of which the results of the best three (3) count. For CDIO-Chs, an OC may choose to schedule a Team competition with Teams of two (2) or three (3) Athlete/Horse combinations. Reserve combinations are not allowed

Dressage Committee: no change proposed

AUT NF

Following sentence should be added:

A maximum of (2) Children Teams per NF can be entered. A NF that cannot send a Team, may enter (1) one or (2) individuals.

All should be done to promote Official Team competitions. At the same time, it should be flexible to ensure it works for the different regions.

Dressage Committee II: same proposal as for pony Riders (see above).

Art. Ch-6 **Prizes**

Prizes in kind are to be awarded for Child Athletes, prize money is ~~not~~ allowed.

Dressage Committee:

FRA NF

CDI-P / Ch : We are against the the idea of permitting to give prize money for this age category. In regards to the age of the rider it should not be allowed. Even without prize money this category can work and contribute in an efficient way to the future of our sport. This would also be damageable from OCs point of view.

Dressage Committee II:

This has been reviewed and the DTC proposes to align the rules for Children to the Rules in Pony classes: "preferably prizes in kind and in championships only prizes in kind".

New wording proposed:

Art. Ch-6 Prizes

Preferably prizes in kind are to be awarded in pony Events.

At FEI Championships only FEI medals and prizes in kind can be awarded; prize money is not allowed.

~~Prizes in kind are to be awarded for Child Athletes, prize money is not allowed.~~

Children Dressage Tests

Dressage Committee: no changes proposed

NED NF

Advise: The difference in difficulty between the Children Preliminary Test and the Children Team Test is too large. The Preliminary Test is too easy.

Dressage Committee II: this comment will be brought up with the Dressage Test working group for further consideration.

Annex 6 – U25

Art. U25 - 6 Championships

Dressage Committee: no changes proposed

NED NF

Advise: In our opinion the GP 16-25 is too difficult. It is almost equal to the Grand Prix for seniors. We would advise to make it more similar to Intermediate II level. In this way this test will be more accessible also for athletes of the so-called developing countries.

Dressage Committee II: DTC think it is a good test and do not feel it needs to be changed. It is appropriate for the category. Easier than Grand Prix. Do not support a change.

U25 - 6 Dressage Tests

Dressage Committee: no changes proposed

NED NF

The Championships to be arranged together with another Championship category. for example Seniors or Young Riders

Dressage Committee II: For the moment organisers are not forced to mix championships, they are allowed to hold several. This cannot be a rule yet and the DTC will review each application received with this in mind, whenever possible.

Annex 7 – International Dressage Judges

CAN NF

Should include information for all officials not just judges

Dressage Committee II: Codex, some changes have been made to cover this, need to make sure that haven't missed any. There will be a new conduct for all officials.

AUS NF

International Dressage Judges, we believe this process needs to be facilitated by the Organising Committee (OC) at the event and therefore propose the below:

"At the end of each competition and prior to posting of final results the OC must bring the result sheets of each competition for signature by the C judge of that competition. All judging sheets of each combination must also be available at the same time. If a 5% variance has occurred then the C judge or President of the Ground Jury/Foreign Judge must lead a discussion using the relevant sheets. All judges of that competition must attend."

USA NF

General Conditions – Evaluation of Competitions We are supportive of requiring the Ground Jury to meet if there are differences more than 5%. However requiring mandatory video review could be an additional expense for some organizers and the U.S. does not support this proposal.

Dressage Committee II:

AUS – a rule already exists stating that the discussion must take place and using video footage seems essential for such discussions and to reach consensus. The DTC agrees that we need to encourage OC to have the video, but are aware that this is not always possible. The DTC proposes the following wording:

Evaluation of Competitions:

(...) The meeting must take place within twenty four (24) hours after the Competition and it is mandatory to have video of the concerned Athlete/Horse combinations at high level Events, recommended for low level Events.

Annex 12 – Categories of International Dressage Events

NOR NF

Annex 12: The only difference in the text for CDI5* and CDIO5* is the inclusion of CDI5* for CDIO5*. This is unnecessary, as all participants in a CDI5* are already qualified. This means that the text for CDI5* and CDIO5* can be merged, to make the text shorter.

Dressage Committee II: Will be reviewed in the future (full revision)

Annex 14 – Codex

NZL NF

Useful to include Para 4.1 re Judges Hut in 429.6 for organisers and other

CAN NF

Question – RE: Code of Conduct for Officials

At the 2017 FEI Sports Forum, Mark Samuel Chair of the FEI Officials Task Force proposed a generic Code of Conduct for ALL FEI Officials. What is the status of that document?

The 2018 Dressage rules still refer to the ANNEX 14 CODEX for FEI DRESSAGE JUDGES. Will there now be two documents?

Dressage Committee II:

NZL – agreed and added to 429.6

CAN – Please refer to the proposal under the Rules revision section on the FEI Website – General Regulations.

General - Championships

NED NF

Advise: We believe that it would be the best if the Championships would be divided in different categories:

- CH-EU Dressage Seniors
- CH-EU Dressage U25 / YR / JU
- CH-EU Dressage Pony's and Children

In our opinion it is better to organize the U25 Championships together with other Championships, like for example the Championships for Young Riders and Juniors. We think the U25 alone is such a small group, the event will never have the appearance of an International Championship. Also, combining these Championships will increase the costs, as an organization will have to hire their officials only once and a Chef d'Equipe will not have to travel to two different places for two different championships.

Next to that, we believe that it shouldn't be mandatory, to organize the Championships for pony's with three disciplines (Dressage, Showjumping, Eventing) together.

Dressage Committee II: For the moment organisers are not forced to mix championships, they are allowed to hold several. This cannot be a rule yet and the DTC will review each application received with this in mind, whenever possible.

General - Familiarisation

NED NF

Advise: Judges should not be allowed in the Judges hut during the familiarization of an international event. This might cause distorted view or prejudiced judges.

Dressage Committee II: There is no rule about this. Could be in the judge's guidelines but not in the rules. They would be allowed in the stands so the DTC does not see the rationale behind such a rule?

Other rule change proposals to which no comments were received:

Art. 422.2.10 Conditions de Participation

2.10.1 Consolation Competitions may be scheduled in small and medium tour. A Consolation Competition must be judged by three (3) Judges only and must be clearly marked in the Schedule and results lists.

Art. 422.3.9 Conditions de Participation

3.9 A Derby with change of Horses may be organised. It shall be open to and compulsory for the three (3) best Athlete/Horse combinations from one (1) or two (2) (to be specified in the Schedule) qualifying Competitions. No change of saddle, bridle and bit is permitted. The Horses must always be ridden in the same saddle, bridle and bit. Each Horse will be started by each Athlete, first by its own Athlete, then by the other Athletes by draw. This class will not count for the World Ranking list. Athletes may start with another horse that has not necessarily been ridden by the same Athlete in a qualifying competition.

Art. 425.3.1 Draw for the Starting Order

3.1. The Chef d'Equipe of each team will determine the starting order of team members within his team. The Chef d'Equipe must deliver to the Event Director, at the latest ~~one~~ two (2) hours before the draw of the next competition, a sealed envelope containing the order of go of the Athletes within his team.

For teams of three (3) Athletes only, the first starting position shall remain vacant.

Art. 428.4 Saddlery

4. **Gadgets.** Martingales, breast plates, bit guards, boots, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running or balancing reins, nasal strips etc.) and any form of blinkers are, under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden. See Article 430 of the Dressage Rules.

Art. 436.6 Prize-giving

6. It is allowed, for safety reasons, to carry a whip in the prize-giving ceremony.

Art. 445.8 Appeal Committee

8. Appeal Committee

8.1 ~~The President and the other members of the Appeal Committee~~One foreign Appeal Committee Judge is appointed by the NF and the OC, in agreement with the FEI. 3*, 4*, 5* and retired Judges of any of these categories of Dressage Judge. ~~At least one Member of the Appeal Committee shall be an active or retired Dressage Judge. Minimum one Member shall be foreign.~~

8.1.2 Should an OC wish to appoint an Appeal Committee, the President and the other Members are appointed by the NF and OC in agreement with GRs. At least one (1) Member shall be an active or retired Dressage Judge. Minimum one (1) member shall be foreign.

8.2 ~~An~~The appointed Appeal ~~Committee President~~ Judge or members are not allowed to officiate in any other functions during an Event (includes officiating in CDN Competitions).

Art. 447.1 Ground Jury and Technical Delegate

1. **Ground Jury:** for all FEI Championships (~~except for FEI Championships/Games on Grand Prix Level and Olympic Games – see Article 437.9.1~~) and Regional Games, the President and the other members of the Ground Jury must be appointed by the FEI and chosen from the FEI list of 5* and 4* Judges (Article 437 of the Dressage Rules).

Annex 7, General (i).5 Reimbursement of Judges

1. Per diem of EUR 120 per day, (remuneration for miscellaneous costs. This amount is net after relevant taxes being borne by the OC) ~~rest days between officiating days to be included. Per diem will be paid in addition for maximum one travel day if the official travels on separate days from the officiating days.~~ The per diem is due for all officiating days (including rest days between competitions) plus one. At the discretion of the Official, the per diem for this additional day may be forfeited if the Official can conveniently travel on the officiating days.