



2018 VAULTING RULES –proposed modifications

Introduction

Please find below the Vaulting Committee's proposals for changes and clarifications to the Vaulting Rules. The below document includes the feedback received from National Federations and the Committee detailed proposal for approval of the General Assembly.

Proposed changes in red.

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

Summarized feed-back from NFs are included under each proposal.

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

**2018 Vaulting Rules Revision – 9th Edition, Modifications
suggested for implementation in January 2018**

Chapter I VAULTING EVENTS

ARTICLE 701 EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS

701.10.1 CVIO4*

AUT NF

Sometime it is called "Official Team Competition" and on other places "Nations Cup Competition"

Table, column "Round II / Test 3: All individual Vaulters must be allowed to start in Round II, according to CVI3.*

Add: Final Score - In case of equality.....

Vaulting technical Committee II: *The TC agreed to propose new wording for both requests.*

Final proposed wording:

701.10.1 Change to **Official Nation's Team Competition** instead of Nation's Cup.

ARTICLE 701.10.3 WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES AND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS - NATIONS CUP FORMAT

10.23 World Equestrian Games and Senior Championships- Nations Cup Format:

	Pas-de-Deux	Individual Male & Female	Squads	Nations Team
Day Session 1		Compulsories test starting order: draw	Compulsories test starting order: draw	Declaration of Nations Team before compulsory tests. Starting order: reverse order of rankings compulsory test for Individuals and Squads combined.
Day Session 2	Freestyle test starting order: draw	Freestyle test starting order: reverse order of rankings Comp. Test. Only individuals not on nations team.		Freestyle Nations Team starting order: two individual first (order to be decided by Nation) squad last
				Medals Nations Team
Day Session 3	Freestyle test Starting order: reverse order of rankings Free test	Technical Test Starting order: Top 15 Individual Female and Male Athletes in reverse order of rankings of average of previous two tests	Freestyle test Starting order: reverse order of rankings Comp test. Only Squads not in Nations Team	
	Medals Pas-de-Deux			
Day Session 4		Freestyle Test Starting order: Top 15 Individual Female and Male Athletes in reverse	Freestyle test Starting order: Top 15 reverse order of rankings	



		order of rankings of average of previous three tests	of average of previous two tests. All Squads.	
		Medals Individual Female and Male	Medals Squads	

AUT NF

Session 1: Declaration of Nations Team *before after* compulsory tests. (This makes it easier)

Session 2 / Starting order Nation Team:

Freestyle Nations Team starting order: two individual first (order to be decided by Nation) squad last.

In the Rules the Test is called "*Free Test*" and not "Freestyle".

A Team consists of three to five competitive units; take the starting order of the Nations Cup in Jumping;

Order of starting

6.1. The starting order of the teams in the first round is determined by a draw in the presence of the Ground Jury and the Chefs d'Equipe. The draw will take place at a time fixed by the OC in agreement with the Ground Jury.

6.2. All the *individual vaulter* number ones start first in succession, then all the number twos and so on. The Chefs d'Equipe of teams comprising only *two or three individuals* may choose in which of the positions out of four they will start their Athletes.

6.3. *After the individual vaulters the squads start in the same order.*

At any place it must be decided, that the judges must be in the same position on day 2 and 3 (Individuals and squads) otherwise the results will not be consistent - no changing the tables from test to test.

Session 3 / Individual Male 6 Female

Technical Test

Starting order: Top 15 Individual Female and Male Athletes (*including the individuals starting in the Nations Teams*) in reverse order of rankings of average of previous two tests

Vaulting technical Committee II: The VTC agreed to have the "Declaration of Nations Team" after the Compulsory tests and not before. The world "Freestyle" will be changed to "Free test" on the table. The Starting order will be added to the Guidelines for 2018 but not to the rules. Article 701.10.3 has been modified accordingly

Final proposed wording:

10.23 World Equestrian Games *and Senior Championships*- Nations ~~Cup Team~~ Format:

	Pas-de-Deux	Individual Male & Female	Squads	Nations Team
Day Session 1		Compulsories test starting order: draw	Compulsories test starting order: draw	Declaration of Nations Team before after compulsory tests. Starting order: reverse order of rankings compulsory test for Individuals and Squads combined.

Day Session 2	Freestyle test starting order: draw	Freestyle test starting order: reverse order of rankings Comp. Test. Only individuals not on nations team.		Freestyle-Free test Nations Team starting order: two individual first (order to be decided by Nation) squad last
				Medals Nations Team
Day Session 3	Freestyle test Starting order: reverse order of rankings Free test	Technical Test Starting order: Top 15 Individual Female and Male Athletes in reverse order of rankings of average of previous two tests	Freestyle test Starting order: reverse order of rankings Comp test. Only Squads not in Nations Team	
	Medals Pas-de-Deux			
Day Session 4		Freestyle Test Starting order: Top 15 Individual Female and Male Athletes in reverse order of rankings of average of previous three tests	Freestyle test Starting order: Top 15 reverse order of rankings of average of previous two tests. All Squads.	
		Medals Individual Female and Male	Medals Squads	

For details on starting order, please see guidelines.

10.4 In case of equality in the Nations Team results, the Squad or Pas-de-Deux results count (see article 742.3 for Team or 753.3 for Pas-de-Deux). If two nations are still tied, the best Individual score will count, then the second best.

ARTICLE 702.2.2.1 STARTING POSSIBILITIES

702.2.2.1 Vaulters may only start once in any Individual Competition at an Event.

NED Comment

"According to art. 702 a solo vaulter is allowed to start both in the CVI1 as well as in the CVI2* at the same Event, provided the CVI1* has ended before the CVI2* starts. This rule allows athletes who obtain their qualification results in the CVI1* to compete in the CVI2*. We support the rule being used in this way. However, the rule is also used by already 2*/3* qualified athletes to compete both in the CVI1* and CVI2*. When the rule is being used in this way, the CVI1* serves more or less as a practice round. In our opinion, it's no problem when an experienced vaulter seizes this opportunity to start with a new horse. However, this opportunity can also be used with wrong intentions, leading to competition falsification. We therefore suggest to reconsider this rule."*

Vaulting technical Committee II:

The VTC agreed that this would need further review, this will be reviewed for 2019.

ARTICLE 702.4.1 ELIGIBILITY - STARTING POSSIBILITIES

However, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the GRs, a Vaultler competing in a Junior Individual Championship class may compete in a Senior Squad Championship class in a same calendar year (this possibility is the only exception to the rule). At Junior and Senior Championships held concurrently, such Vaultler may only compete twice in total. In Junior and Senior championships held separately, the participation of such Vaultler in the Senior Championships is strictly limited to the Squad of his Nation.

DEN Comment

"Please consider if it is possible to add Junior Pas-de-Deux to the exception, but still maintaining the "max. 2 starts" rule."

Vaulting technical Committee II:

The VTC has considered this proposal, but is not in favor of making any modification to this article for 2018. For the moment, the VTC does not believe this should be extended to PDD, as the age groups are clearer for PDDs.

ARTICLE 708 DRAW FOR THE ORDER OF START

708.1 and 708.2 At CVIs, the draw may be conducted by computer.

Vaulting Technical Committee: *This is easier for Organiser and encourages use of modern technology.*

USA Comment

Article 708 Draw for the Order of Start. It is suggested that the following language is added: "If conducted by computer, the name of each horse must be selected at random and the starting number is then also selected at random." The reasoning is that the horses' names (at the draw) may be simply listed on a page in alphabetical order – and then the starting numbers are drawn from the top of the page down. This is perceived as not really "random." A horse with a name starting with the letter A has many more chances at starting spots than the horse whose name starts with a Z. If the names are selected randomly by the computer and the numbers are selected randomly by the computer, this is more of a true random draw.

Vaulting technical Committee II:

The VTC Agreed with this comment and will be added to the 2018 rules

Final proposed wording:

At CVIs, the draw may be conducted by computer. When conducted by computer, the name of each horse must be selected at random and the starting number is then also selected at random.

708.3.1.2 Starting order second round - At Championships

In the case a Horse starts more than once or a Lunger lunges more than one Horse, ~~there should be the Lunger may request at least~~ one Horse in between. This will be decided by draw.

AUT Comment

In the case a Horse starts more than once or a Lunger lunges more than one Horse, the Lunger may request at least one Horse in between. ~~This will be decided by draw.~~ In this case the first Horse has to start earlier. This request must be done immediately after announcement of the results. Comment: There is no possibility to do a draw.

DEN Comment - *How will this be decided by a draw if it is the second round? One vaulter will have been placed higher than the other. We suggest that the lowest placed vaulter is then moved an additional place down the starting order, e.g. if they were placed 2nd and 3rd in the first round, then the 3rd placed vaulter will start in place 4 in the final. We have no suggestion for what to do, if the two vaulters were placed 14th and 15th... For CVIs the same problem is addressed differently in the rule proposal:*

"3.2.1.2 In the case a Horse starts more than once or a Lunger lunges more than one Horse, the Lunger may request there should be at least one Horse in between. This will be decided by scores."

SUI Comment - *In the case a Horse starts more than once or a Lunger lunges more than one Horse, the Lunger may request at least one Horse in between. In this case, the starting place of the lower ranked vaulter, will be set to an earlier point in time accordingly, by the President of the Ground Jury. Reason: Clarification and simplifying the process.*

Vaulting technical Committee II:

The VTC Agreed with this comments and will be added to the 2018 rules.

Final proposed wording:

In the case a Horse starts more than once or a Lunger lunges more than one Horse, the Lunger may request one Horse in between. **Whenever possible, the lower ranked Horse should move one starting place earlier.**

708.3.2.1 Starting order second round - At CVIs

Option 1 for the draw (in groups) has been removed and it was no longer used.

The only option is now: At CVIs, the starting order in the last test or second Round will be the reverse order of the results of the preceding Test or Round.

Vaulting Technical Committee: *it is now accepted and current that the starting order of the following tests are in reverse order, the system with the draw in groups is no longer used.*

AUT Comment: *At CVIs, the starting order in the last run test (or second Round) will be the reverse order of the results of the preceding Test/Tests or Round. Comment: In the Individual 3* Competition the starting order for the Tech Test should be according to the ranking after Test 1 and 2.*

Vaulting technical Committee II: This comment is supported by the VTC

Final proposed wording:

At CVIs, the starting order in the last test or second Round will be the reverse order of the results of the preceding Test^s or Round.

708.3.2.1.1 Starting order second round - At CVIs

3.2.2.1.1 In the last test or second round ~~only more than~~ one Individual or Pas-de-Deux may be on the Horse ~~at one run-in.~~ In this case, the starting place will be determined by the score of the lowest ranked Vaulters(s), with the lowest ranked Vaulters(s) starting first.

3.2.2.1.2 In the case a Horse starts more than once or a Lunger lunges more than one Horse, ~~the Lunger may request there should be at least~~ one Horse in between. Whenever possible, the lower ranked Horse should move one starting place earlier. This will be decided by scores. Exceptions may be granted by the OC and the President of the Ground Jury.

~~3.3. CVI Masterclass & CVIO Nations Cup:~~ the starting order in the last ~~run test~~ will be the reverse order of the results of the preceding Test or Round.

AUT Comment - *In the last test or second round more than one Individual or Pas-de-Deux may be on the Horse at one run-in. In this case, the starting place will be determined by the score of the lowest ranked Vaulters(s), ~~with the lowest ranked Vaulters(s) starting first.~~ The order of the vaulters on the Horse is the same as in the previous tests.*

Comment: *It would be better for the horse to have the same order.*

NED Comment - *Letting the lowest ranked athlete start first, is not conducive for the horse and not for the best ranked athlete. We therefore suggest, in case a horse starts more than once, to let the order of start be determined by the athletes who start on the horse. We assume this will be in the interest of the welfare of the horse and the performance of the best ranked athletes.*

Vaulting Technical Committee II: The VTC will review these suggestions in 2018 as this needs some further discussion to reach a consensus.

708.3.4 CVIO Nations Cup

The starting order in the last test will be the reverse order of the results of the preceding test of the ~~respectively~~ Squad or Pas-de-deux (as applicable).

AUT Comment

CVIO Nations Cup: the starting order ~~in the last test of the teams~~ will be the reverse order of the results of the ~~preceeding test~~ Test 2 of the respectively Squad or Pas-de-Deux (as applicable).

Comment: the Nations Cup has only one test. But it should be mentioned the starting

order within the teams, see Art. 701.10.3 Order of starting.

6.1. The starting order of the teams in the first round is determined by a draw in the presence of the Ground Jury and the Chefs d'Equipe. The draw will take place at a time fixed by the OC in agreement with the Ground Jury.

6.2. All the individual vaulter number ones start first in succession, then all the number twos and so on. The Chefs d'Equipe of teams comprising only two or three individuals may choose in which of the positions out of four they will start their Athletes.

6.3. After the individual vaulters the squads start in the same order.

Vaulting Technical Committee II: the VTC Agreed with this comments. Starting order procedure will be added to the Guidelines for 2018.

Chapter II – THE COMPETITION

ARTICLE 711 GENERAL

711.4 A table has been added for more clarity to show the starting possibilities per horse.

Starting possibilities per horse											
per horse on one Competition:	SQU	+	PDD								
per horse on one Competition:	SQU	+	IND	+	IND						
per horse on one Competition:	PDD	+	PDD	+	PDD						
per horse on one Competition:	PDD	+	PDD	+	IND	+	IND				
per horse on one Competition:	IND	+	IND	+	IND	+	IND	+	PDD		
per horse on one Competition:	IND	+	IND	+	IND	+	IND	+	IND	+	IND

Vaulting Technical Committee: clarification but no amendment.

SUI Comment: In the table: replace "competition" with "competition day"
Reason: Streamlining vocabulary.

ITA Comment: It is not clear if the starting possibilities per horse are "on any one competition day" as mentioned in the first sentence or "per horse on one Competition" as specified below. Sometimes due to timetable reasons it can happen that for example in the morning you have 1° compulsories for individuals, then 1° round compulsories also for the squad (or 1° round for PDD) and in the evening again individuals with 1st free style!

Vaulting Technical Committee II: This is correct and the table will be changed.

711.10 A Free Test and Technical Test must be performed with music.

DEN Comment

How does the word MUST affect us and the vaulter, if the music does not work (which happens almost at every CVI)? Is it then a zero? Maybe the word 'should' is a little less rigid.

Vaulting Technical Committee II: The VTC agreed with this comment.

Final proposed wording:

Free Test and Technical Test **are** performed with music.

711.12 The performance is to take place with the Horse and therefore no exercises or dance moves on the ground are allowed. Contravening to this rule ~~will~~may ~~enure~~ incur a Warning.

DEN Comment

Please consider making this a deduction in the artistic score. Warnings have no effect, since we are very reluctant to hand them out.

Vaulting Technical Committee II: This comment is not supported by the TC and they believe the sanction should remain as it is.

ARTICLE 712 TYPE OF COMPETITIONS

712.4 Official Team Competition

AUT Comment

"Official Team Competition" or "Nations Cup Competition"

Vaulting Technical Committee II:

The TC agreed to proposed new wording for this request.

Final proposed wording: Change to **Official Nation's Team Competition** instead of Nation's Cup.

ARTICLE 713 DRESS CODE

713.2.1 Dress Code in Competition

Individual and Pas-de-Deux Vaulters must wear a start number on the right arm or leg which are provided by the OC. Failure to comply will entail a Warning from Judge at A or President of Ground Jury.

Vaulting Technical Committee: clarification

AUT Comment

Individual and Pas-de-Deux Vaulters must wear a start number on the right arm or leg which are provided by the OC. Failure to comply will entail a Warning from Judge at A or President of Ground Jury

Comment: Please clarify which number for the Pas-de-Deux Vaulters.

- Are the Individual and Pas-de-Deux Vaulters numbered consecutively (on vaulter starting in Individual and PdD has the same number)*
- Are there different sets for Individual and PdD*
- Has each PdD its own number (PdD 1, both vaulters has a 1)*

SUI Comment - Individual and Pas-de-Deux Vaulters must wear a start number on the right arm or leg provided by the OC **or of the same size and legibility**. Failure to comply

will entail a Warning from Judge at A or President of Ground Jury. Reason: For reasons linked to aesthetics, size..., some vaulters may wish to wear numbers matching their dress/size. The numbers shall have the prescribed size and be clearly legible. - same comments for article 2.2

GER Comment - *This is not just a clarification. This would mean a major change for organisers and vaulters as well. Instead of making it more complicated with more vaulters who have to wear arm numbers, we propose: Neither the Pas-de-Deux Vaulters should start to wear arm numbers, nor should the individual vaulters need to wear an arm number. No arm numbers at all would be better.*

Reason: *The identification of a vaulter (or a Pas-de-Deux) is unique with the horse's bridle number because he (or the Pas-de-Deux) is competing on this horse alone.*

If there are more vaulters (or Pas-de-Deux) on one horse, then these vaulters have to wear an arm or back number so they can be identified by their bridle number in combination with their starting position on that horse. These vaulters (or Pas-de-Deux) should bring their own numbers to a competition, just as you have to bring your own bridle number. If you know you are competing on a horse with other vaulters, you have to organise your position number.

And not the OC's or all other competitors should be suffering from these minor cases. Because the majority is competing on one horse alone.

Example for identification on the score sheet:

53-1

53-2.... This would save us a lot of complicated organisation with the arm numbers and it would be a relief for OC's and competitors.

Vaulting Technical Committee II: The VTC agreed to take out the Pas-de-deux for 2018 as this would need further review, the VTC will review this for 2019.

Final proposed wording: Individual Vaulters **and Pas-de-Deux** must wear a start number on the right arm or leg which are provided by the OC. Failure to comply will entail a Warning from Judge at A or President of Ground Jury.

713.2.7 Dress Code in Competition

2.7. Dress must not give the effect of nudity.

2.7.1. In Children competitions the dress may not have any parts of skin coloured or transparent fabric, except for the arms and legs where this is permitted.

DEN Comment

Why do we have rules regarding dress for vaulters 12-14 years old, when they are competing as individuals, but not in squad, where we have vaulters even younger. Either we want to protect the kids from being too exposed or not. Some of the squad outfits are very revealing, and the flyers are lifted up into very prominent positions. If we made it an age-rule it would count for all situations, and it is not difficult for the squads to design a not-revealing outfit for their flyer that matches the rest of the squad. Just a thought ...

Vaulting Technical Committee II:

The VTC agreed that this would need further review, the VTC will review this for 2019.

ARTICLE 714 SALUTE

714.6 Immediately after ringing the bell for the signal to enter the arena, the Judge at A should stand up to wait for the salute, so that the Athletes can see that the signal was given.

Vaulting Technical Committee: with the music and public noise, it is often difficult for the Athletes to hear the bell. If the Judge at A stands, it is helpful for the Athletes and makes sure they do not miss the count down for the start of their performance.

USA Comments

The U.S. does not believe that this should be a Rule but the language would be more properly inserted in the Guidelines if needed. There are a couple of problems with making it a Rule.

1) What is the penalty if the judge does not do so? It is impossible to enforce. 2) What if the judge is physically unable? 3) CVIs always have two or three stewards managing the "Field of Play" area, making sure that the next competitor knew when it was time to enter the competition arena. Again, the language is better stated in a Guideline booklet or talked about at a seminar.

Vaulting Technical Committee II: The VTC sees this as guidance, and something that would benefit the Vaulters, if the Judge is physically able to stand up. However, with the Rules written like this, this is not intended to be a must. Therefore the VTC agreed to keep this new rule as proposed.

ARTICLE 715 ARENA

715.1 The arena must be of a soft and springy material. In the case of a Competition held indoors the height to the ceiling must be at least 5 m. The public must be at least 11 m away from the centre of the Lungeing circle, in Championships at least 14 m.

AUT Comments

The arena must be of a soft and springy material. In the case of a Competition held indoors the height to the ceiling must be at least 5 m. The public must be at least 11 m away from the centre of the Lungeing circle, in Championships at least ~~14 m~~ 16m.

Comment: In the last years the diameter of the Lungeing circle was at Championships at least 26m. When the judges' tables are at least 14m from the centre and the public also 14m, it would not work. It would be necessary to adopt the drawings and to add one for 6 judges.

Vaulting Technical Committee II: The VTC agreed to correct the drawing according to the current rules.

ARTICLE 716 TIMING / BELL

716.3 The time allowed for the Test begins at the moment the first Vaulters touches the surcingle, the pad or the Horse and ends with the time limit. The judging ends when the last vaulter touches the ground after the final dismount.

Only exercises (static or dynamic exercises or dismounts) already in progress when at the time limit may be finished and will be included in the evaluation for Technique and Artistic Scores. **Only exception is artistic score in Technical Test, see guidelines.** All following exercises and dismounts starting after the time limit will be considered in the Performance Score, including deductions for falls, but not in the Degree of Difficulty and Artistic Score. **Only exception is artistic score in Technical Test, see guidelines.**

USA Comments

The adoption of the new language is not supported. A late dismount has been defined in the rules, and the U.S. believes the technical test artistic scoring can be done while still adhering to that standard. It is felt it is a mistake to make an exception and is unnecessary.

Vaulting Technical Committee II: will be clarified in the 2018 Guidelines

Chapter III - VAULTING HORSE

ARTICLE 719 EQUIPMENT OF THE VAULTING HORSE

719.2.1 Bridle with noseband and smooth snaffle bit, with no more than 2 joints. Rubber bit guards are permitted. If an unjointed rubber snaffle is used, the bit must be flexible. (See Annex 1 and 2). Minimum diameter of mouthpiece to be 14mm for horses and 10mm for Ponies. The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece at the widest point.

Steward General Comments

*Bridle with noseband and smooth snaffle bit, with no more than 2 joints. Rubber bit guards are permitted. If an unjointed rubber snaffle is used, the bit must be flexible. (See Annex 1 and 2 **plus all snaffle bits allowed according the FEI Dressage rules Art. 428**). Minimum diameter of mouthpiece to be 14mm for horses and 10mm for Ponies. The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece at the widest point.*

Vaulting Technical Committee II: This is supported by the VTC

Final proposed wording: Bridle with noseband and smooth snaffle bit, with no more than 2 joints. Rubber bit guards are permitted. If an unjointed rubber snaffle is used, the bit must be flexible. (See Annex 1 and 2 **plus all snaffle bits allowed in the FEI Dressage Rules**). Minimum diameter of mouthpiece to be 14mm for horses and 10mm for Ponies. The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece at the widest point.

719.2.2 Two side reins. (Standing reins or auxiliary reins are not permitted).

Steward General Comments

*Two side reins. (Standing reins or auxiliary reins are not permitted) **which can be either at the bit or cavesson.***

Vaulting Technical Committee II: The VTC believes this is already covered in the rules as written now.

719.2.3 Vaulting surcingle with underpad and girth. Under the **girth (description and Measurements, see diagram)**, an underpad and/or pieces of sheepskin may be used for skin protection. The surcingle has two solid handles with two loops, one on each side. One short extra strap made of leather, may be fixed between the inner edges of the right and left handle. **This strap may be wrapped with proper material.**

Vaulting Technical Committee: *A diagram showing a surcingle has been added for more clarity on the description and measurements.*

AUS Comments - *A minor recommendation for Article 719.2.3 is in relation to the proposed wording. We believe that the wording "proper materials" is ambiguous and could lead to confusion. We suggest the following alternate wording; "This strap may be wrapped with material suitable to provide protection from injury".*

Vaulting Technical Committee II: *This is agreed by the VTC and will be changed for 2018.*

Final proposed wording: Vaulting surcingle with underpad and girth. Under the **girth (description and Measurements, see diagram)**, an underpad and/or pieces of sheepskin may be used for skin protection. The surcingle has two solid handles with two loops, one on each side. One short extra strap made of leather, may be fixed between the inner edges of the right and left handle. **This strap may be wrapped with material suitable to provide protection from injury.**

719.2.4 The equipment of the Horse in the warm-up arena will be as under Article 719.2 with the following additions:

- Auxiliary reins are allowed.
- Double bridle is allowed when riding.
- Side Reins must not be fastened in place for an excessive period. After such times they must be unfastened and the Horse allowed to move freely for a period of time before the side reins are reattached.

Steward General Comments - *The equipment of the Horse in the warm-up arena will be as under Article 719.2 with the following additions:*

- *Auxiliary reins are allowed.*
- *Double bridle is allowed when riding.*
- *Side Reins or auxiliary reins must not be fastened in place for an excessive period. After such times they must be unfastened and the Horse allowed to move freely for a period of time before the side reins are reattached. In assessing the position of the head carriage the Steward will be mindful of each horse's natural conformation, especially in relation to native breeds or ponies, and will therefore use discretion in determining this. Deliberate extreme flexions of the neck involving either high, low or lateral head carriages, should only be performed for very short periods. If performed for longer periods the steward will intervene. Movements which involve having the horse's head and neck carriage in a sustained or fixed position should only be performed for periods not exceeding*

approximately ten minutes without change. Change may constitute a period of relaxation and lengthening or a movement which involves stretching the head and the neck of the horse.

Vaulting Technical Committee II: The VTC agreed that this would need further review and BD explained that the FEI HQ planed a full review of FEI Multidisciplinary rules concerning Equipments, the VTC and the FEI HQ will review this for 2019.

Chapter IV OFFICIALS

ARTICLE 723 OFFICIALS

9. Conflict of Interest Definition – General

9.3 An FEI Official may not participate in any other capacity in any competition(s) taking place at an Event at which he/she is officiating.

9.3-4 FEI Judges and members of the Appeal Committee Officials may not coach or train Athletes who are competing at Championships they have been appointed for, within the same year, starting on 1st January of the Championship year until the end of the Championships.

Vaulting Technical Committee: Judges were lunging (competing) at Events where they were judging as well. This was perceived as a potential conflict of interest and did not reflect well on the sport.

AUS Comments - In relation to Article 723.9.3 we believe this change will have a serious impact on the opportunities for Australian Judges to maintain their FEI accreditations. In Australia, the Vaulting community is small and the opportunities for Judges who are also Coaches and Lungers are limited. We propose that you include an additional sentence as follows: "Organising Committees for CVI's outside of Europe may apply to FEI/VTC for an exemption in circumstances preventing FEI Judges from maintaining their accreditations. In all instances Officials should never officiate at competitions where there is a clear conflict of interest." Our rationale for this change is because in Australia we do not have enough competitions and entries to allow FEI Judges the opportunity to compete at one CVI and not another. It is common practice in the Australian Vaulting community that we have Judges who are also Coaches and Lungers who may compete at an event where they will also be judging. We manage the conflict by never judging a class that has entrants (vaulters or horses) from their club and by declaring the possible perception of conflict of interest prior to the event.

Vaulting Technical Committee II: this was reviewed by the VTC and a new wording is proposed for 2018

Final proposed wording:

Article 723.9.3 An FEI Official may not participate in any other capacity in any competition(s) taking place at an Event at which they are officiating. Exceptions to this rule may only be permitted if granted by the FEI further to a written request from the FEI Official. The request must be received by the FEI no later than three (3) months prior to the relevant Event and must set out the specific reason(s) for the exception request. The FEI shall be under no obligation to grant an exception and the decision of the FEI shall be final.

Chapter V CEREMONIES, PRIZES AND EXPENSES

ARTICLE 725 AWARDS

2.1 In Championships and FEI World Equestrian Games, FEI medals will be awarded to first, second and third placed:

- Male Individual Vaulters and their Lungers
- Female Individual Vaulters and their Lungers
- Squads Members and their Lungers
- Pas-de-Deux Vaulters and their Lungers.

2.2 In addition, prizes and rosettes at a rate of one prize for each commenced 4 Athletes (Lunger and Vaulters) **with a minimum of five (5) prizes** must be provided by the OC.

2.3 **Minimum requirement for participation at Prize-giving ceremonies: Participation in the prize-giving ceremony for the first five placed Individual Male/Female and Pas-de-Deux and first three placed Squads.**
Participation to prize-giving ceremonies is mandatory. Failure to do so entails losing the classification (rosette, plaque, prize in kind, prize money). Exception to this rule can only be granted by the President of the Ground Jury/Foreign Technical Delegate and/or the Judge at A for the particular class.

***Vaulting Technical Committee:** with this proposal, the VTC wishes to ensure OCs of a fair participation in Prize-Giving ceremonies.*

SUI Comments - Minimum requirement for participation at Prize-giving ceremonies: Participation in the prize-giving ceremony for the first five placed Individual Male/Female and Pas-de-Deux and first three placed Squads. Participation to prize-giving ceremonies is mandatory. Failure to do so entails losing the classification (rosette, plaque, prize in kind, prize money) as well as the qualification score for higher levels of CVIs or for Championships. Exceptions to this rule can only be granted by the President of the Ground Jury/Foreign Technical Delegate and/or the Judge at A for the particular class. Reason: Clarification

***Vaulting Technical Committee II:** The proposal of the VTC is to remove (rosette, plaque, prize in kind, prize money) for more clarity.*

Final proposed wording:

Minimum requirement for participation at Prize-giving ceremonies: Participation in the prize-giving ceremony for the first five placed Individual Male/Female and Pas-de-Deux and first three placed Squads.

Participation to prize-giving ceremonies is mandatory. Failure to do so entails losing the classification **(rosette, plaque, prize in kind, prize money)**. Exception to this rule can only be granted by the President of the Ground Jury/Foreign Technical Delegate and/or the Judge at A for the particular class.

Chapter VI SANCTIONS

ARTICLE 729 ELIMINATIONS

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

729.2.6.1 Horses bleeding on the flank(s), in the mouth or nose or marks indicating excessive use of the whip anywhere on the Horse (in minor cases of blood in the mouth, such as where a Horse appears to have bitten its tongue or lip – Officials may authorize the rinsing or wiping of the mouth and allow the Lunger to continue – any further evidence of blood in the mouth will result in elimination.)

Vaulting Technical Committee: alignment with other disciplines.

DEN Comments

3. Elimination is left to the discretion of the Judge at A in the following cases:
3.6 Not entering the arena within 30 seconds after the bell.
3.8 Taking more than 30 seconds after the bell following the trot, to commence the first exercise. Please consider making this a deduction in the horse score.

Vaulting Technical Committee II: The VTC agreed that this would need further review, the VTC will review this for 2019.

ARTICLE 730 DISQUALIFICATION

730.2 The Ground Jury may disqualify an Athlete and/or a Horse in the following cases:

DEN Comments

Why the word 'may'? The causes listed for disqualification are of a level of severity that should not leave it at the discretion of the ground jury.

Vaulting Technical Committee II: This comment is not supported by the VTC.

Chapter VII SCORNING

ARTICLE 731 GENERAL

1. Every test receives four scores with equal value according to the special demands of the test.
2. Compulsory Test:

Score		Coefficients
A	Horse Score	25 %
B	Exercises	25 %
C	Exercises	25 %
D	Exercises	25 %

3. Free Test:

Score		Coefficients
A	Horse Score	25 %
B	Technique	25 %

C	Artistic	25 %
D	Technique	25 %

4. Technical Test

Score		Coefficients
A	Horse Score	25 %
B	Exercises	25 %
C	Artistic	25 %
D	Exercises	25 %

5. If the Ground Jury consists of four Judges, each Judge will give one score.
6. If the Ground Jury consists of more than 4 Judges, up to four marks will be given two times. The average score out of the two marks will be listed in the result sheet. Distribution of Judges for larger Ground Juries is outlined in the Guidelines.

DEN Comments

Have you considered listing the final scores as percentages similar to the dressage system? Maybe this will make it easier for non-vaulting people to understand our scores, since they may not realize that it is 8.2 out of a possible 10 – a score of 82% is more intuitive.

Vaulting Technical Committee II: The VTC agreed that this would need further review, the VTC will review this for 2019.

ARTICLE 736 THE ARTISTIC SCORE

736.2 (...). Only exception is artistic score in Technical Test, see guidelines.

Vaulting Technical Committee: new guidelines have been discussed and approved at the FEI Seminar and this should be reflected in the Rules (new guidelines on the scoring of artistic score).

SUI Comments

The only exception is the Artistic Score in the Technical Test, see Guidelines.

Vaulting Technical Committee II: This is Correct and changed.

Chapter VIII SQUAD VAULTING COMPETITION

ARTICLE 738 ROUNDS

2.

		Round 1		Qualification for 2nd round	Round 2
		Test 1	Test 2		Test 3
Senior	CVI 1* Squad Competition Senior 1*	Squad Comp Test 1	Squad Free Test 1	<i>Offering 2nd round is Optional number of starters according to</i>	Squad Free Test 1

	CVI 2* Squad Competition Senior 2*	Squad Comp Test 2	Squad Free Test 2	<i>schedule</i> <u>Number of starters</u> <u>According to schedule</u>	Squad Free Test 2
	CVI 3* Squad Competition Senior 3*	Squad Comp Test 3	Squad Free Test 2	<u>Number of starters</u> <u>According according to schedule</u>	Squad Free Test 2
	Championships Squad Competition Senior	Squad Comp Test 3	Squad Free Test 2	12 best Squads *)	Squad Free Test 2
Junior	CVIJ 1* Squad Competition Junior 1*	Squad Comp Test 1	Squad Free Test 1	<u>Offering 2nd round is</u> <u>Optional number of starters</u> <u>according to schedule</u>	Squad Free Test 1
	CVIJ 2* Squad Competition Junior 2*	Squad Comp Test 2	Squad Free Test 1	<u>Number of starters</u> <u>According according to schedule</u>	Squad Free Test 1
	Championships Squad Competition Junior	Squad Comp Test 2	Squad Free Test 1	12 best Squads *)	Squad Free Test 1

*) The 12 best Squads of the first round, number may be increased upon the discretion of the Ground Jury.

Note: for CVIO4* ref to Article 701.10

SUI Comments

In case of withdrawal of a qualified Individual, PdD or Squad, occurring until one hour before the start of second round at the latest, the next highest Competitive Unit in the ranking may participate in the second round.

OR

In case of a withdrawal of a qualified Individual, PdD or Squad, between the first and the second round, the starting place will not be reallocated to another Competitive Unit.

Reason: Clarification

Vaulting Technical Committee II: *The VTC agreed with the first proposal and will be changed for 2018.*

Final proposed wording:

If a qualified Squad in Round II withdraws up to one hour before the start of Round II, the next highest placed Squad in the ranking may move up and participate in Round II, with the approval of the PGJ and OC. If the withdrawal occurs less than one hour before the start of Round II, there is no option for another to move up and participate.

ARTICLE 739 SQUAD COMPULSORY TESTS

739.3 Squad Comp Test 2

Exercises to be shown:

1. Vault on
2. Basic Seat
3. Flag
4. Mill
5. Scissors Forwards
6. Scissors Backwards
7. Stand
8. Swing off from seat astride to the inside

SUI Comments

Exercises to be shown:

1. *Vault on*
2. *Basic Seat*
3. *Flag*
4. *Mill*
5. *Scissors Forwards*
6. *Scissors Backwards*
7. *Stand*
8. *Swing off from seat astride to the outside*

Reason: Vaulters, Trainers and Judges have come to the conclusion that the forces acting on the body when performing a Swing off to the inside are more difficult to handle, and bear a higher risk of injury, than the swing off to the outside. Given the performance level & age group this set of compulsories is intended for, it would therefore make sense to ask for a Swing off to the outside.

Vaulting Technical Committee II: The VTC agreed that this would need further review, the VTC will review this for 2019.

ARTICLE 740 SQUAD FREE TESTS

740.1 Mounts and dismounts carried out with assistance from the ground will **not be scored** get a deduction (see Guidelines).

Vaulting Technical Committee: new guidelines have been discussed and approved at the FEI Seminar and this should be reflected in the Rules. Reason: security has been considered.

NED Comments

Deduction in ALL cases of mounts and dismounts with assistance from the ground, discourages original/authentic exercises. For example, the "the stairs dismount of Fredenbeck" and the "flying dismount" are attractive for the audience and are under the proposed rule changes being deducted. We therefore suggest not to change art. 740.1.

Vaulting Technical Committee II: instead of not being scored at all, such dismounts would only get a deduction. The VTC believes this is a fair decision.

CHAPTER IX INDIVIDUAL VAULTING COMPETITION

ARTICLE 743 ROUNDS

		Round 1			Qualification for 2nd round	Round 2	
		Test 1	Test 2	Test 3		Test 3	Test 4
Senior	CVI 1* Individual Competition Senior 1*	Individual Comp Test 1	Individual Free Test	N/A_	<i>Offering 2nd round is optional - Number of starters according to the schedule 2nd round optional</i>	Individual Comp Test 4 Individual Free Test	Individual Free Test
	CVI 2* Individual Competition Senior 2*	Individual Comp Test 2	Individual Free Test	N/A_	<i>Number of starters According according to the schedule</i>	Individual Free Test	N/A_
	CVI 3* Format A Individual Competition Senior 3*	Individual Comp Test 3	Individual Tech Test	Individual Free Test	N/A_	N/A_	N/A_
	CVI 3* Format B Individual Competition Senior 3*	Individual Comp Test 3	Individual Free Test	Individual Tech Test	N/A_	N/A_	N/A_
	Championships Individual Competition Senior	Individual Comp Test 3	Individual Free Test	N/A_	15 best Vaulters	Individual Tech Test	Individual Free Test

		Round 1			Qualification for 2nd round	Round 2	
		Test 1	Test 2			Test 3	Test 4
Junior	CVIJ 1* Individual Competition Junior 1*	Individual Comp Test 1	Individual Free Test		<i>Offering 2nd round is optional - Number of starters according to the schedule 2nd round optional</i>	Individual Comp Test 4 Individual Free Test	Individual Free Test
	CVIJ 2* Individual Competition Junior 2*	Individual Comp Test 2	Individual Free Test		<i>Offering 2nd round is optional - Number of starters according to the schedule</i>	Individual Comp Test 2	Individual Free Test

	Championships Individual Competition Junior	Individual Comp Test 2	Individual Free Test		15 best Vaulters	Individual Comp Test 2	Individual Free Test
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		Round 1			Qualification for 2nd round	Round 2	
		Test 1	Test 2			Test 3	Test 4
Children	CVICh 1* Individual Competition Children 1*	Individual Comp Test 1	Individual Free Test		<i>-2nd round optional</i>	<i>-Individual Comp Test 1-</i>	<i>-Individual Free Test-</i>
	CVICh 2* Individual Competition 2* Children	Individual Comp Test 2	Individual Free Test		<i>-2nd round optional</i>	<i>-Individual Comp Test 2-</i>	<i>-Individual Free Test-</i>

SUI Comments

In case of withdrawal of a qualified Individual, PdD or Squad, occurring until one hour before the start of second round at the latest, the next highest Competitive Unit in the ranking may participate in the second round.

OR

In case of a withdrawal of a qualified Individual, PdD or Squad, between the first and the second round, the starting place will not be reallocated to another Competitive Unit.

Reason: Clarification

Vaulting Technical Committee II: *The VTC agreed with the first proposal and will be changed for 2018.*

SUI Comments

CVI1 - The optional 2nd round for CVI 1* shall also contain a compulsory and a free test. Reason: Given that the score of any round could count for the qualification for the 2* level, this provides the vaulters two qualification opportunities per competition, which is especially beneficial for participants from outside of Europe.*

Championships - In order to reflect the actual performance level of a vaulter, the Technical Test needs to be taken into consideration for the qualification for the Finals. This would also avoid vaulters showing a relatively low level of Technical Test during the finals.

Vaulting Technical Committee II: *This comment is not supported by the TC.*

Final proposed wording:

If a qualified Individual in Round II withdraws up to one hour before the start of Round II, the next highest placed Individual in the ranking may move up and participate in Round II, with the approval of the PGJ and OC. If the withdrawal occurs less than one hour before the start of Round II, there is no option for another to move up and participate.

ARTICLE 748 FINAL SCORE - INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

4. In Championships the total marks from the two Tests in the first round are added and divided by 2.

In the second round the total marks from the two Tests are added and divided by 2. The final mark is the average of the 2 rounds.

5. In case of equality, the higher mark from the first Test in CVI1* and CVI2* will decide and in CVI3* and CVI04*above, the result of the Technical Test will decide.

SUI Comments

4. In Championships the first round the total marks from the **three Tests in the first round are added and divided by 3. After the second round the total marks from all Tests are added and divided by 4. The final mark is the average of the 4 Tests.**

5. In case of equality, the higher mark from the first Test from the first round in CVI1* and CVI2* will decide and in CVI3*, **the average between Compulsory Test and Technical Test will decide.**

Reason: The Technical Test is not a sufficient and reliable indicator for the performance level of the vaulter.

Vaulting Technical Committee II: The VTC agreed that this would need further review, the VTC will review this for 2019.

CHAPTER X PAS-DE-DEUX COMPETITION

ARTICLE 749 ROUNDS

		Round 1		Qualification for 2nd round	Round 2
		Test 1	Test 2		Test 2
Senior	CVI 1* Pas-de-Deux Competition Senior 1*	PdD Comp Test	PdD Free Test 2	No 2nd round	no
	CVI 2* Pas-de-Deux Competition Senior 2*	PdD Free Test 2	no	<u>Number of starters According according to the schedule</u>	PdD Free Test 2
	CVI 3* Pas-de-Deux Competition Senior 3*	PdD Free Test 2	no	<u>Number of starters According according to the schedule</u>	PdD Free Test 2
	Championships Pas-de-Deux Competition Senior	PdD Free Test 2	no	12 best Pas-de-Deux	PdD Free Test 2

Junior	CVIJ 1* Pas-de-Deux Competition Junior 1*	PdD Comp Test	PdD Free Test 1	No 2nd round	no
	CVIJ 2* Pas-de-Deux Competition Junior 2*	PdD Free Test 1	no	<i>Number of starters According to ording to the schedule</i>	PdD Free Test 1
	Championships Pas-de-Deux Competition Junior	PdD Free Test 1	no	12 best Pas-de-Deux	PdD Free Test 1

SUI Comments

In case of withdrawal of a qualified Individual, PdD or Squad, occurring until one hour before the start of second round at the latest, the next highest Competitive Unit in the ranking may participate in the second round.

OR

In case of a withdrawal of a qualified Individual, PdD or Squad, between the first and the second round, the starting place will not be reallocated to another Competitive Unit.

Reason: Clarification

Vaulting Technical Committee II: *The VTC agreed with the first proposal and will be changed for 2018.*

Final proposed wording:

If a qualified Pas-de-Deux in Round II withdraws up to one hour before the start of Round II, the next highest placed Pas-de-Deux in the ranking may move up and participate in Round II, with the approval of the PGJ and OC. If the withdrawal occurs less than one hour before the start of Round II, there is no option for another to move up and participate.

ANNEX 3 BADGE OF HONOUR

Badges of Honour for ~~Individual~~ Vaulters

Badges of Honour will be awarded on the following scale ~~to Individual Vaulters~~:

Gold Badge 3 gold medals at FEI World and/or Continental Championships

Silver Badge 3 medals at FEI World and/or Continental Championships

Bronze Badge 2 medals ~~and/or 4th or 5th or 3~~ placings in the Top 5 at FEI World and/or Continental Championships or 5 placings within the top 10 best ranked at FEI World and/or Continental Championships.

At least one of the above accomplishments must be achieved at a Senior Championship.

These Badges may be earned in Individual and/or Pas-de-Deux Senior Championships.

Applications for badges must be accompanied by supporting evidence and sent to the FEI HQ by the Athlete's NF.

For Full description of privileges, please refer to Article 132 of the FEI General Regulations.

Badges of Honour for Lungers

Badges of Honour will be awarded on the following scale:

Gold Badge 6 gold medals at FEI World and/or Continental Championships

Silver Badge 6 medals at FEI World and/or Continental Championships

Bronze Badge 4 medals or 6 placings in the Top 5 at FEI World and/or Continental Championships or 10 placings within the top 10 best ranked at FEI World and/or Continental Championships.

At least one of the above accomplishments must be achieved at a Senior Championship.

These Badges may be earned in Individual and/or Pas-de-Deux Championships.

Applications for badges must be accompanied by supporting evidence and sent to the FEI HQ by the Lunger´s NF.

For Full description of privileges, please refer to Article 132 of the FEI General Regulations.

Vaulting Technical Committee: new proposal and the VTC believes Lungers deserve such recognition as well, as they also get Medals at Championships. However, the number of Medals to get a badge of honour should be higher.

AUT Comments

These Badges may be earned in Individual and/or Pas-de-Deux and/or Squad Championships.

Comment: *It is much more difficult to earn a medal at Squad Championships.*

DEN Comments

Nice proposal. Can the qualifying lunging medals be for different nations?

Vaulting Technical Committee II: *The proposal has been accepted by the VTC and will be changed for 2018*

GENERAL COMMENTS

DEN Comments

It has been more complicated to enter for the championships this year than previously. We would like to suggest that the entry and accreditation procedure is made more straight forward. It may just be that we are doing it wrong and thus making it complicated, but the impact of getting it wrong i.e. vaulters not able to compete, makes us extra careful.
Entries: *Between Nominated and Definite we have to narrow down our selection of vaulters, which is of course reasonable, fair, and straight forward. But why do we have to list reserve lungers and reserve horses for our definite entries, if according to rule 707.3 we are allowed to substitute with any horse or lunger that was entered on the Nominated list and for horses that have been through vet inspection (please do not change this rule, it is a very good rule that makes life less stressful for all of us).*

Accreditations: This year the accreditation process has been very unclear. In previous years there has been a detailed list in the Schedule that we could refer to when making our lists. This year there are no lists, only a note that we can bring one groom/horse which is excellent and very helpful, but nothing about how many reserve lungers, etc. If this means that the rules about accreditations have been made more flexible then that is great, but we spent a lot of time looking for information this year, because the rules are usually much more rigid.

It has become normal to only offer accreditation packages (entry+food), which means that everyone pays the same, and there is no option to not pay for meals. We acknowledge that the OC needs to sell a certain number of food-packages for the system to work, but €390 for an accreditation package is a lot of money for a member of the team that may not wish to eat but also for our athletes, if we cannot trust that the food will be suitable for athletes. It may be a cultural thing, but the lack of fresh vegetables and fruit this year was notable – this was not an issue the previous years. We would be happy to forfeit all the cakes for more vegetables and fruit. On top of this we only found out after asking the OC directly that Horse Owners could be accredited at no cost. This information was not provided to all NFs, and we found out three days after our Definite Entries had been submitted and we had already paid. It is great with flexibility in the system, and we especially appreciate that we were able to bring one groom for each horse this year, so the horses know their groom from home. It is just a bit hard to plan ahead and communicate the rules and procedures to the clubs, when the system changes every year. In response to the events at this years' championships, we have a few comments. Please consider adding a description of the procedures around finals and what happens if a competitor withdraws. In the dressage rules it states: 'In case of certified illness of Athlete and/or Horse, the next Athlete/Horse combination in the respective classification will move up to fill the number of combinations allowed'. They also include time limits etc. And if the next competitor is not interested, should the place then be offered to the next? In case the empty space is not filled due to e.g. too little time before the class starts, it would be very helpful with clear guidelines as to whether the next competitors will have to enter earlier than expected, or there will be a short break. If there is time to inform the next competitors well in advance, then this is of course not necessary, but if warm up has already started then it is not easy to suddenly have to go in earlier. How much information is enough information? Many changes were only noted on the start lists in front of the show office, where only chef d'equipes had access. This is simply not enough. Any information that affects start times (breaks, withdrawals) and other important matters must be made available in multiple sites where all athletes have access, and if possible with a time stamp of when it was changed. The rules about horses being in view of stewards at all times were made for a reason. If we have rules about where horses are allowed to be (for grazing, walking, etc.), then these should be enforced. It is really difficult to explain to trainers and grooms, why their horses cannot go and graze outside the perimeter, if they see a large number of other horses doing it. This is probably a comment for the OC and not for the committee, so we apologize if this is the case. Again thanks for all the great work you do, Lise Berg on behalf of Vaulting Denmark

Vaulting Technical Committee II: we are aware of the issues related to accreditations that happened this year and in the past years. This will be reviewed next year and should be addressed in the Host Agreement.

NED Comments Again, we would like to seize the opportunity to discuss the Guidelines for Judges. The Guidelines were being evaluated during the FEI Seminar last February, like last year. The Guidelines came into effect in March 2017. Because the FEI Vaulting Rules should be read in conjunction with the Guidelines for Judges, we strongly suggest to match the Rules

Revision process with the Guidelines revisions.

Vaulting Technical Committee II: This is already approved by the VTC.

GER - comments Guidelines:

Basic Score Guidelines table of the Clarification Document to the Technical Test Artistic Score Judging Guidelines (of 2017-05-02), last two lines of the table (for Base Scores 7.5 - 8.5 and 8 - 10): GER recommendation: The requirement "two or more exercises/transitions" per sequence should be changed to "one or more exercises/transitions" per sequence.

Reason: With the time limit remaining at 60 sec it will be virtually impossible to achieve a final score higher than 7.5 in C1.

Vaulting Technical Committee II: *This is already on the list of modification for the next edition of the Guidelines.*

OTHER CHANGES WITH NO COMMENTS

Chapter - I VAULTING EVENTS

Article 701 EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS

10.1 CVIO4*- Format - with Squads

	Round 1		Qualification for round II	Round II			Nations Cup Team Competition	CVIO Nations Cup Team Results
	Test 1	Test2		Test3				
Individual Male	All Athletes	All Athletes	As per Rules / Schedule	Qualified Individuals	CVI Results	Nations Team declaration	Test 4	2 Ind. Male /Female and 1 Squad per Nation
Individual Female	All Athletes	All Athletes	As per Rules / Schedule	Qualified Individuals	(3 Tests)		Test 4	
Squads	All Squads	All Squads		N/A	CVI Results Squads		Test 3	

~~10.1.1~~ 10.1.1 A Consolation test may be organised for Squads not declared on the Nations Team. The results of this consolation test will count as a separate competition.

10.2 CVIO4* - format with Pas-de-Deux

	Round 1		Qualification for round II	Round II			Nations Cup Team Competition	CVIO Nations Cup Team Results
	Test 1	Test2		Test3				
Individual Male	All Athletes	All Athletes	As per Rules / Schedule	Qualified Individuals	CVI Results	Nations Team declaration	Test 4	2 Ind. Male /Female and 1 PDD per Nation
Individual Female	All Athletes	All Athletes	As per Rules / Schedule	Qualified Individuals	(3 Tests)		Test 4	
Pas-de-deux	All PDD	All PDD		N/A	CVI Results PDD		Test 3	

10.2.1 A Consolation test may be organised for Pas-de-Deux not declared on the Nations Team. The results of this consolation test will count as a separate competition.

Article 706 DECLARATION OF STARTERS

- The Chef d'Equipe at Championships ~~and CVIOs~~, the Chef d'Equipe or the Lunger at all other Events must declare the names of the six Squad members, Individuals, Pas-de-Deux Vaulters, Horses, Lungers ~~and composition of the official Team at CVIOs~~ after the Horse Inspection and no later than the time fixed by the OC-
- Composition of the Official Nations Team must be declared after the compulsory tests

Chapter II – THE COMPETITION

Article 711 GENERAL

8. The Technical Test consists of defined technical exercises and additional freestyle exercises, chosen by the Vaulters. The Vaulters choose the sequence and order of the technical and free test exercises.

Article 713 DRESS CODE

2. Competition

- 2.6 Dress must be formfitting and all articles of clothing, or parts thereof, must remain attached to the Vaulters' body at all times. All decorative Accessories and props (for details see guidelines) must be made of soft or cloth-like and/or pliable material. Props are strictly forbidden in the arena. See guidelines for further details.
- 2.8 Only shoes must be worn and only soft soled shoes are permitted.
- 2.12 The dress of Squad Vaulters should give the obvious effect of uniformity or should be related to each other reflecting the artistic concept.

Chapter III – VAULTING HORSE

Article 719 EQUIPMENT OF THE VAULTING HORSE

1. All equipment must be used in without changing the purpose of its manufactured state. The use of any other equipment and any other way of attachment of the equipment than described below, may entail elimination.

Article 722 HORSE INSPECTION OF HORSES

1. Before the first Competition or official training which ever is the earliest (and in principle not more than 24 hours before either of them) the Veterinary Delegate (at Championships, the Veterinary Commission), and a Member of the Ground Jury, preferably the President, will inspect the Horses, in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations.

Chapter VIII SQUAD VAULTING COMPETITION

Article 742 FINAL SCORE SQUAD COMPETITION

1. The total marks for the three tests are added and then divided by 3.

2. For Squads ~~who only participated in 2 tests who did not qualify for the 2nd round~~, the total marks for the two tests of the first round are added and then divided by 2.
3. In case of equality, the higher mark from the Test 1 of the first round will decide.

Chapter IX INDIVIDUAL VAULTING COMPETITION

Article 747 SCORING INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

7. Artistic Score

Individual Free Test and Technical Test

- The artistic score is divided into two parts, Structure of the ~~Free~~-Test and Choreography
- For scoring criteria see Guidelines