

PROPOSALS FOR 2019 MODIFICATIONS TO THE JUMPING RULES

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Dear Member Federations,

Please find below a summary of the proposed changes to the Jumping Rules and the Rules for Jumping Championships and Games together with the corresponding explanations, the comments received as well as the reasoning for accepting or not accepting each comment.

Modifications to the text are indicated in red print; text that has been moved from one location to another is indicated in green.

Kindly note that modifications of a purely editorial nature and corrections to spelling and/or article numbers are not included in the summary below.

The proposed changes will be submitted for voting at the FEI General Assembly 2019.

Sincerely,



John P. Roche
Director Jumping

Article 200 – GENERAL
Explanation for Proposed Changes
Para 4: Generalisation of competitions for five year old horses, no need for special permission. Para 6: Need for team veterinarians to be able to sit with the athletes and Chef during meals. Clarification relating to per diem for FEI appointed Technical Delegate.
Proposed Wording
<p>Article 200 – GENERAL</p> <p>4. Other Competitions may be authorised by the Jumping Director in consultation with the Chair of the Jumping Committee, provided their conditions comply with the requirements set forth in the GRs and in the JRs. Detailed conditions of each Competition must be set out clearly in the Schedule and in the programme of the Event. OCs are not permitted to organise Competitions unless the FEI has approved the conditions according to which these Competitions may be run. OCs wishing to organise international Competitions for five year old Horses must apply for permission to the FEI through their National Federation (hereinafter "NF"). The conditions according to which these Competitions may be run must be approved by the FEI in writing.</p> <p>6. Expenses</p> <p><u>6.1.3 OCs of CSIOs are responsible for meeting the costs for meals from one day before the first official Competition until one day after the Event for Team Veterinarians.</u></p> <p>6.2.1.6. Per Diem (Daily Allowance) for the Technical Delegate</p> <p><u>A-For FEI Jumping Events and Jumping Championships, a</u> per diem allowance of minimum 300 Euros per day must be offered to the FEI appointed Technical Delegate during the period of the Event and during the Technical Delegate's preliminary visit(s) to the venue (not applicable for multi-sports Games). This remuneration for miscellaneous costs is to be provided net after relevant taxes being borne by the OC. A per diem will be paid in addition for a maximum total of one travel day if the Official's travel day(s) is/are different from the officiating days.</p>
Comments received
<p>GER NF:</p> <p><i>Art 200.6.1.3 OCs of CSIOs to cover the costs for meals also for Team Veterinarians</i></p> <p>Very welcomed modification. The Vet is part of the team and should not be excluded from common meals.</p>
FEI feedback
N/A, no proposed modifications received.
Proposed Final Wording
Proposal stands as written above.

Article 203 – BELL
Explanation for Proposed Changes
For safety reasons, in case of fall of athlete or horse they must be checked by the event's medical service, respectively Vet Delegate before they can be allowed to continue to compete.
Proposed Wording

Article 203 – BELL

1. The bell is used to communicate with the Athletes. One of the members of the Ground Jury is in charge of the bell and responsible for its use. The bell is used:

1.2. to give the signal to start and to activate a 45-seconds countdown shown in the timing equipment in the scoreboard or in another display beside the arena.

The 45-seconds countdown sets the time that the Athlete can spare before commencing his round. The Ground Jury has the right to interrupt the 45-seconds countdown if unforeseen circumstances occur. Incidents such as, but not limited to, disobediences ~~and falls~~, occurring between the signal to start and up until the moment the Athlete/Horse combination crosses the starting line in the correct direction, are not penalised (see JRs Art. 235.3). However, in the event of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse at any time from the moment the Athlete/Horse combination enters the Competition arena up until the moment they cross the starting line in the correct direction, whether or not the signal to start has been given, the combination will not be permitted to start in the round or Competition in question and the bell must be rung accordingly., ~~the 45-seconds countdown will not be interrupted.~~

Comments received

BEL NF: Comments applicable to articles 203 (Bell), 224 (Falls) & 235 (Faults)

We feel this measure is going too far. We do care about horses and people but we think that senior riders – when falling – can feel themselves whether or not they are still able to ride yes or no and we feel the check by the medical services is not needed.

However, we think this rule is appropriate for minors. When pony riders, children or juniors (up until the age of 18) fall, we feel the proposed rule should be applied. As a result, we propose to initiate this rule only during specific events for pony riders, children and juniors.

On top of that, we deem it necessary to have the Ground Jury decide whether or not (based upon the decision of the medical services) the athlete can participate in the next round. If it is clear and obvious that nothing is wrong, the athlete should be allowed to continue for example in the immediate jump off.

FEI feedback

The Jumping Committee disagrees with the proposal to exempt Seniors from the rule; for **safety reasons in all cases of falls the athlete must be checked by the event's medical service.**

IRL NF:

The IRL NF agree with this proposal, however the IRL NF considered the eventuality of a fall/incident clearly caused by another horse/competitor/outside agency in the arena.

On that basis, we would suggest the following additional wording to Article 203.1.2 ...

« Except in the event of exceptional circumstances as accepted by the Ground Jury. »

FEI feedback

The **IRL NF's** proposal is not supported; a fall is a fall and the risk of injury is the same, regardless of what caused the fall.

ISR NF: Comments applicable to articles 203 (Bell), 224 (Falls) & 235 (Faults)

A full list of possible results should be provided, for recording by the judges.

For example:

DNS (Did not start)

ATSL (Allowed to start late)

WDR (Withdrawn)

FEI feedback

If the fall occurs before the start of the competition/next round/jump-off and the athlete is not granted permission to start in the competition/next round/jump-off, he will be indicated as « NS » (non-starter) in the results of the competition/round/jump-off.

Proposed Final Wording

Proposal stands as written above.

Article 208 – OBSTACLES

Explanation for Proposed Changes

Clarification

Proposed Wording

Article 208 OBSTACLES – GENERAL

3. A sponsored obstacle is any obstacle inside the flags of which there is advertising material or a sponsors product or representation of a product. If advertising material or representation of a product on the wing of an obstacle is more than 0.50 m², the obstacle is also considered to be a sponsored obstacle. If the wings of an obstacle have advertising of 0.50 m² or less, the obstacle is not considered a sponsored obstacle. ~~No more than 30%, rounded up to the next whole number of the efforts, may be sponsored obstacles.~~

~~This paragraph applies to~~At the FEI World and Continental Championships, ~~and~~ FEI World Cup™ Final, ~~FEI Nations Cup™ Final~~ and other Events or Competitions as designated by the FEI. No more than 30%, rounded up to the next whole number of the efforts, may be sponsored obstacles. The Technical Delegate must approve the design and construction of all obstacles with regard to safety and technical suitability.

In agreement with the Chair of the Jumping Committee, FEI Commercial Director and FEI Director Jumping, the number of sponsored efforts may be increased up to 50%.

4. The maximum height of obstacles in the first round of any Competition which takes place within the frame of an Event classified according to GRs Art. 102.6 is:

(i) 1.40 m for CSI1* Events;

(ii) ~~cannot exceed~~1.45 m for CSI2* Events. In Competitions for which the Schedule indicates a height of 1.45 m, the height of obstacles in the Competition may, at the discretion of the Course Designer, exceed the height indicated in the Schedule by maximum 3 cm (see JRs 208.7).

The above does not apply for Six Bar and Puissance Competitions.

Comments received

Art. 208.3:

CAN NF:

Equestrian Canada requests further clarification in regards to how the other events and competitions are designated by the FEI.

Art. 208.4: No comments received.

FEI feedback

It is at the FEI's discretion to designate events and/or competitions for which the number of sponsored obstacles may be restricted. The Jumping Committee recommends allowing the number of sponsored efforts at such events to be increased from 50% to 75%, providing the additional 25% are approved by the Jumping Committee (images to be provided in advance). The number of sponsored obstacles is a matter of optics; the design and variety of obstacles are more important than the number of sponsored obstacles included on the course.

Proposed Final Wording

Article 208 OBSTACLES – GENERAL

3. A sponsored obstacle is any obstacle inside the flags of which there is advertising material or a sponsors product or representation of a product. If advertising material or representation of a product on the wing of an obstacle is more than 0.50 m², the obstacle is also considered to be a sponsored obstacle. If the wings of an obstacle have advertising of

0.50 m² or less, the obstacle is not considered a sponsored obstacle. ~~No more than 30%, rounded up to the next whole number of the efforts, may be sponsored obstacles.~~

~~This paragraph applies to~~At the FEI World and Continental Championships, ~~and~~ FEI World Cup™ Final, FEI Nations Cup™ Final and other Events or Competitions as designated by the FEI. ~~No more than 30%, rounded up to the next whole number of the efforts, may be sponsored obstacles.~~ The Technical Delegate must approve the design and construction of all obstacles with regard to safety and technical suitability.

In agreement with the Chair of the Jumping Committee, FEI Commercial Director and FEI Director Jumping, the number of sponsored efforts may be increased up to 50%. This number may be increased to 75%, pending approval of the FEI Jumping Committee of the design of the additional 25% of sponsored efforts.

4. The maximum height of obstacles in the first round of any Competition which takes place within the frame of an Event classified according to GRs Art. 102.6 is:

(i) 1.40 m for CSI1* Events;

(ii) ~~cannot exceed~~ 1.45 m for CSI2* Events. In Competitions for which the Schedule indicates a height of 1.45 m, the height of obstacles in the Competition may, at the discretion of the Course Designer, exceed the height indicated in the Schedule by maximum 3 cm (see JRs 208.7).

The above does not apply for Six Bar and Puissance Competitions.

Article 211 WATER JUMP, WATER JUMP WITH VERTICAL AND LIVERPOOL

13. At Olympic Games and FEI Senior Championships, the water jump must be used a minimum of two times, and a maximum of three times in the official Competitions of the Games/Championship, unless in the opinion of the Course Designer and the Technical Delegate it is unsafe to include it due to lighting conditions. The Course Designer will, at his discretion, decide in which Competitions the water jump will be used.

Comments received

No comments received.

FEI feedback

N/A, no comments received.

Proposed Final Wording

Proposal stands as written above.

Article 224 – FALLS

Explanation for Proposed Changes

For safety reasons, in case of fall of athlete or horse they must be checked by the event's medical service, respectively Vet Delegate before they can be allowed to continue to compete.

Proposed Wording

Article 224 FALLS

3. In case of a fall of an Athlete and/or a Horse at any time in the Competition arena, in the practice arena or elsewhere within the grounds of the Event, the Athlete and/or the Horse must be cleared by the Event's medical service, respectively the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or the Horse may be permitted to take part in the next round or Competition at the Event.

Comments received

BEL NF, ISR NF: See comments under Art. 203 Bell.

FEI feedback

See feedback under Art. 203 Bell.

Proposed Final Wording

Proposal stands as written above.

Articles 235 – FAULTS

Explanation for Proposed Changes

Clarification that a fall after crossing the finish line does not incur elimination but for safety reasons, in case of fall of athlete or horse they must be checked by the event's medical service, respectively Vet Delegate before they can be allowed to continue to compete.

Proposed Wording

Article 235 FAULTS

3. Disobediences, ~~falls, etc.~~, occurring between the signal to start and up until the moment the Athlete/Horse combination crosses the starting line in the correct direction, are not penalised. However, in the event of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse from the moment the combination enters the arena up until the moment they cross the starting line in the correct direction once the signal to start has been given, the combination will not be able to take part in the round or Competition in question, the 45-seconds countdown will not be interrupted. Furthermore, in the event of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse at any time in the Competition arena, whether the signal to start has been given or not, the Athlete and/or the Horse must **be cleared by the Event's medical service, respectively by the Veterinary Delegate at the Event, before the Athlete and/or Horse can be permitted to take part in the next round or Competition at the Event.** (Refer also to JRs Art. 224.3.)

4. A fall of the Athlete and/or Horse after crossing the finish line does not incur Elimination. However, in the event of a fall after the finish line, the following applies:

4.1. In case of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse after crossing the finish line in a Competition with an immediate jump-off, the Athlete/Horse combination may not continue to the jump-off, and will be placed according to their Score in the initial round. The Athlete and/or the Horse **must be cleared by the Event's medical service, respectively by the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or Horse can be permitted to take part in any further Competition at the Event.**

4.2. In case of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse after crossing the finish line in a Competition with a jump-off (but not an immediate jump-off) or after crossing the finish line of the first round of a two-round Competition, **the Athlete and/or the Horse must be cleared by the Event's medical service, respectively by the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or Horse can be permitted to take part in the jump-off, respectively in the second round.**

4.3. In case of a fall of the Athlete after crossing the finish line of a jump-off, or after crossing the finish line of the initial round if the combination did not qualify for the jump off, or after crossing the finish line in a Competition with no jump-off, the Athlete and/or the Horse **must be cleared by the Event's medical service, respectively by the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or Horse can be permitted to take part in any further Competition at the Event.**

Comments received

BEL NF, ISR NF: See comments under Art. 203 Bell.

MEX NF:

235.3 *"The combination will not be able to take part in the round or Competition in question."*

The combination will be placed as Retired, Eliminated or as a Withdrawal from the competition?

235.4.1 *"In case of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse after crossing the finish line in a competition with an immediate jump-off, the Athlete/Horse combination may not continue to the jump-off, and will be placed according to their score in the initial round"*

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Will the combination be placed with any combination that retires or withdraws from the jump-off or will the combination be placed immediately after the combinations that took part in the jump-off?

FEI feedback

235.3 : If the fall occurs before the start of the competition/next round/jump-off and the athlete is not granted permission to start in the competition/next round/jump-off, he will be indicated as « NS » (non-starter) in the results of the competition/round/jump-off.

235.4.1 : If the fall occurs after crossing the finish line of the initial round in a competition with an immediate jump-off the athlete will in fact be eliminated from the jump-off and placed equal with other athletes eliminated/retired/withdrawn from the jump-off.

Proposed Final Wording

Art. 235.3: The proposal stands as written above.

Art. 235.4.1:

4. A fall of the Athlete and/or Horse after crossing the finish line does not incur Elimination. However, in the event of a fall after the finish line, the following applies:

4.1. In case of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse after crossing the finish line in a Competition with an immediate jump-off, the Athlete/Horse combination is eliminated from the jump-off, and will be placed equal last in the jump-off with Athletes who have withdrawn, retired or been eliminated from the jump-off. The Athlete and/or the Horse must be cleared by the Event's medical service, respectively by the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or Horse can be permitted to take part in any further Competition at the Event.

Art. 235.4.2, 235.4.3: The proposal stands as written above.

Articles 239 – TABLE C

Explanation for Proposed Changes

Clarification for horse welfare reasons to avoid athletes riding too fast to make up time.

Proposed Wording

Article 239 TABLE C

2. Penalties under Table C

FAULT	PENALTY
(i) Obstacle knocked down while jumping, one or more feet in the water jump or on the lath defining its limits on the landing side;	<p>For indoor Competitions the following penalties apply:</p> <p>Height of obstacles up to 1.40 m: four seconds;</p> <p>Height of obstacles 1.45 m: three or four seconds, at the discretion of the OC, to be specified in the Schedule;</p> <p>Height of obstacles 1.50 m: two*, three or four seconds, at the discretion of the OC, to be specified in the Schedule.</p> <p><u>* The two second penalty may only be applied if at least 50% of obstacles on the course have a height of 1.50 m; if there are fewer than 50% of obstacles at 1.50 m,</u></p>

	<u>the three (or four) second penalty must be applied.</u>
Comments received	
No comments received.	
FEI feedback	
N/A, no comments received.	
Proposed Final Wording	
Proposal stands as written above.	

Article 241 – ELIMINATIONS
Explanation for Proposed Changes
Clarifications
Proposed Wording
<p>Article 241 ELIMINATIONS</p> <p>1. Unless otherwise specified in the Rules or in the conditions for the Competitions, Elimination means that the Athlete with the Horse in question may not continue in the Competition at issue. <u>Elimination may also be retroactive.</u></p> <p>3. The following paragraphs lay down the reasons for which Athletes are eliminated in Jumping Competitions. The Ground Jury must enforce Elimination under the following circumstances:</p> <p>3.21. using a whip of more than 75 centimetres in length, or weighted at the end, on the showground or in its immediate proximity. No substitute for a whip may be carried. (For exception to this article refer to JRs Art. 257.2.2)<u>non-compliance with the rules relating to saddlery and equipment (see JRs Art. 257.1 and 257.2);</u></p> <p>3.25. fall of Athlete or Horse during the round (see JRs Art. 224, 236 and 239) <u>NB: fall after crossing the finish line does not incur Elimination (see JRs Art. 235.4);</u></p> <p>3.27. jumping or attempting to jump an obstacle in the arena after the completion of a round, <u>except in cases where circumstances rendered it impossible for the Athlete/Horse combination to avoid jumping the obstacle, e.g. if the bell is rung too late for the Athlete to pull up before the obstacle or if the Athlete has lost control of the Horse.</u> (Refer to JRs Art. 202.6 regarding authorisation to jump an obstacle for the press.)</p>
Comments received
<p>CAN NF:</p> <p>Equestrian Canada requests further clarification in regards to the situation in which a retroactive elimination would be applicable.</p>
FEI feedback
<p>Retroactive elimination would apply if, during the boot and bandage control carried out after the horse leaves the competition arena, a horse is found to have blood on the flanks or blood in the mouth that was not caused by the horse having bitten its tongue or lip.</p> <p>After further discussion of 241.3.27 the wording has been slightly modified for more clarity.</p>
Proposed Final Wording
<p>Art. 241.1, 241.21 and 241.25 stand as written above.</p> <p>Art. 241.3.27: jumping or attempting to jump an obstacle in the arena after the completion of a round, <u>except in cases where circumstances rendered it impossible for the Athlete/Horse combination to avoid jumping the obstacle, e.g. in a competition with an immediate jump-off or in a two-phase competition if the bell is rung too late for the Athlete to safely pull up before the obstacle.</u> (Refer to JRs Art. 202.6 regarding authorisation to jump an obstacle for the press.)</p>

Article 247 – ELIMINATION OR WITHDRAWAL FROM A JUMP-OFF

Explanation for Proposed Changes

247.1: Clarification

247.2: Athletes who do not complete the jump-off or second round for any reason should be placed equal last.

Article 247 ELIMINATION OR WITHDRAWAL FROM A JUMP-OFF

1. An Athlete/~~team-who that~~ is eliminated in a jump-off or second round will be placed last of the Athletes/~~teams-who that~~ have completed the jump-off/second round.

2. An Athlete, who with the permission of the Ground Jury withdraws from a jump-off, must always be placed after-equal with an Athlete eliminated or who retires for a valid reason on the course. ~~Athletes, who retire for no valid reason or who have themselves eliminated on purpose are placed equal with Athletes, who have withdrawn from the same jump-off.~~

Comments received

No comments received.

FEI feedback

For consistency the clarification to 247.2 regarding placing of athletes eliminated or retired in the jump-off should also be added to 247.1, i.e. that athletes/teams eliminated or retired from the jump-off or second round are placed equal last in the jump-off/second round. The same clarification should also be added to Art. 275 and 276 for athletes eliminated or retired in the winning round. **"Second Round" will be added to the title of Art. 247 due to the changes made.**

Proposed Final Wording

Article 247 ELIMINATION OR WITHDRAWAL FROM A JUMP-OFF OR SECOND ROUND

1. An Athlete or team-who that is eliminated or that retires in a jump-off or second round will be placed equal last ~~of the Athletes who have completed in~~ the jump-off/second round.

2. An Athlete, who with the permission of the Ground Jury withdraws from a jump-off, must always be placed after-equal with an Athlete eliminated or who retires for a valid reason on the course. ~~Athletes, who retire for no valid reason or who have themselves eliminated on purpose are placed equal with Athletes, who have withdrawn from the same jump-off.~~

Article 251 – ENTRIES

Explanation for Proposed Changes

Athletes participating at two events in the same week should not have an undue advantage with regard to earning ranking points.

Proposed Wording

Article 251 ENTRIES (see also GRs Art. 116)

15. An NF may not make definite entries for the same Athlete to more than one ~~OC on the same weekend~~Event in the same calendar week on Penalty of disqualification of the Athlete from the Events in which he participates unless and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the GRs both OCs concerned have given their agreement (Exception see JRs Art. 251.14). Nevertheless, an Athlete taking part in two Events during the same week with the agreement of both OCs may not earn Longines Ranking points in both Events: in principle the Athlete may only earn points in the first Event to which he accepted the invitation. Furthermore, the Athlete must be invited to the second Event within the quota of OC invitations for that Event. The Horse(s) of Athletes entered in more than one Event on the same weekend must be present at the first Horse Inspection of the respective Events (see also JRs Art. 280.2.1.1).

Comments received

USA NF:

The amendments to the Article are not supported as written:

- The principle of not allowing athletes to earn points at two events that run concurrently is supported. But as written, Event 1 could finish on a Monday and Event 2 could start on a Friday so for example in 2020 athletes will not be able to earn points at Olympia, London (GBR) and then Mechlen (BEL). Maybe use a competition week that starts Tuesday and ends close of play Monday.
- Athletes must be able to earn points at the events where they earned the most points. For many athletes, for example, an invitation to a 5* comes late and thus stating they earn at the first Event they accept will a) disadvantage lower ranked athletes and b) encourage athletes not to accept until the last possible moment if they are seeking an additional invite.

FEI feedback

Introducing a competition week that starts Tuesday and ends Monday would require a change to the CSI Invitation Rules as these stipulate that invitations are based on a competition week starting on Monday. As the recently approved Longines Ranking rules for 2019 will allow only one competition per athlete per day to count for points (the competition in which he earns the most points), the Jumping Committee feels that this will help balance the rankings and has therefore withdrawn the proposal that Athletes may only earn points at the first event entered. The modification to the first sentence of Art. 251.15 will be better worded to reflect that it refers to events at different venues, not those organised at the same venue by the same OC, e.g. a CSI1*/CSI3*.

Proposed Final Wording

Article 251 ENTRIES (see also GRs Art. 116)

15. An NF may not make definite entries for the same Athlete to more than one OC ~~on the same weekend of Events held in the same calendar week~~ on Penalty of disqualification of the Athlete from the Events in which he participates unless and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the GRs both OCs concerned have given their agreement (Exception see JRs Art. 251.14). The Horse(s) of Athletes entered in more than one Event on the same weekend must be present at the first Horse Inspection of the respective Events (see also JRs Art. 280.2.1.1).

Article 253 – DECLARATION OF STARTERS

Explanation for Proposed Changes

Clarification

Article 253 DECLARATION OF STARTERS

1. At CSIOs, on the day before the first Competition, the Chefs d'Equipe will designate in writing to the OC the ~~members of their team (Athletes and Horses)~~ that make up the official team (maximum six) and the names of individual Athletes ~~together with~~ and the names of their Horses (see JRs Art. 249). In the event of accident or illness preventing an Athlete and/or his Horse being declared as a starter in the team, Chefs d'Equipe may substitute ~~for~~ him/them from among the individual Athletes (if there are any), one hour at the latest before the start of the first Competition of the Event. An Athlete or a team Horse, which has been substituted, may not start as an individual. On the day preceding the Nations Cup Competition, the Chefs d'Equipe will designate in writing to the OC the members of their team (Athletes and Horses, minimum three, maximum four, selected from the official team) that will take part in the Nations Cup Competition. In case of accident or illness of an Athlete and/or a Horse between the declaration of combinations for the Nations Cup Competition, the Chefs d'Equipe may, upon presentation of a medical/veterinary certificate, substitute the Athlete/Horse from among the members of the official team.

Comments received

SWE NF:

Concerning Nations Cup refer to Art 264.5.5, or have the same wording in Art. 253 and 264.5.5.

FEI feedback

Further clarification should be added to distinguish between the declaration of official teams and declaration of the team members selected to take part in the Nations Cup competition.

Proposed Final Wording

Article 253 DECLARATION OF STARTERS

1. At CSIOs, on the day before the first Competition, the Chefs d'Equipe will designate in writing to the OC the ~~members of their team (Athletes and Horses)~~ that make up the official team (minimum three, maximum six) and the names of individual~~s~~ Athletes ~~together with and the names of~~ their Horses (see JRs Art. 249). In the event of accident or illness preventing an Athlete and/or his Horse being declared as a ~~starter in the member of the official~~ team, Chefs d'Equipe may substitute ~~for~~ him/them from among the individual~~s~~ Athletes (if there are any), one hour at the latest before the start of the first Competition of the Event. An Athlete or a team Horse, which has been substituted, may not start as an individual. Refer to Art. 264.5.5 for details on the declaration of Athletes and Horses (minimum three, maximum four, selected from the official team) that will take part in the Nations Cup Competition, and for details on substitution in the event of accident or illness to an Athlete and/or Horse declared for the Nations Cup.
2. At all Events, Chefs d'Equipe (CSIOs) or individual Athletes (CSIOs, CSIs) will declare to the OC at a time fixed by the OC the starters for the next day's Competitions.

Article 254 – PARTICIPATION AND NUMBER OF HORSES

Explanation for Proposed Changes

Young Horse competitions for five year old horses will be allowed without special permission. Clarification to conditions under which athletes may ride two horses in GP competitions. Clarification as to what type of competition may be used to fulfil horse eligibility requirements for GP competitions.

Proposed Wording

Article 254 PARTICIPATION AND NUMBER OF HORSES

- 1.2. Age of Horses – Northern and Southern Hemispheres
 - 1.2.2. International Competitions for Young Horses (five~~*~~/six /seven/eight year olds)

~~*Competitions for five year old Horses may only be held at the FEI World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses, unless special authorisation has been granted by the FEI.~~

(...)
5. At CSIOs each Athlete may ride only one Horse in the Grand Prix or, if there is no Grand Prix, in the Competition with the highest prize money. If there is a Grand Prix Competition and another Competition with the same prize money as the Grand Prix or with higher prize money, the Athlete may ride only one Horse in each of these Competitions, except when this Competition is a Derby, in which case more than one Horse per Athlete may be ridden.
6. The above paragraph also applies at CSIs. However, if in the Grand Prix or in similar Competitions listed in paragraph 5 above, there are 50 Athletes or less entered (subject to the remaining provisions of this article), the OC may allow each Athlete to ride two Horses in the Competition concerned, provided that this is indicated in the Schedule and that the total number of potential starters ~~does would~~ not exceed the maximum allowed for the Grand Prix or Competition in question. With respect to the Grand Prix specifically, the following applies:

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- CSI1*/CSI2*: If there are 50 starters or less, each Athlete may ride two Horses (maximum 100 in the Grand Prix)
- CSI3*/CSI4*: If there are 30 starters or less, each Athlete may ride two Horses (maximum 60 in the Grand Prix)
- CSI5*: If there are 25 starters or less, each Athlete may ride two Horses (maximum 50 in the Grand Prix)

If there is no Grand Prix or no Competition with the highest prize money at an Event, but there are several Competitions with the same prize money, the number of Horses per Athlete is not restricted in these Competitions.

These provisions do not apply to CSI-Amateur Events, at which the OC may allow Athletes to ride more than one Horse in all Competitions.

7. All Athletes taking part in the Grand Prix and/or in the Competition with the highest prize money if this is not the Grand Prix at a CSIO or a CSI must have first completed with their Grand Prix Horse, respectively with the Horse that will be ridden in the Competition with the highest prize money, the initial round of at least one FEI Competition at the same Event (see JRs 261.4.4 for details of specific FEI Competitions in which the eligibility requirement may be fulfilled). If the Grand Prix or the Competition with the highest prize money is held on the first day of the Event or is the only FEI Competition at the Event, the Organising Committee must schedule a training session to provide Athletes with the opportunity to jump their Horse in the arena prior to the Grand Prix, respectively the Competition with the highest prize money (see also JRs Art. 261.4.4). If the Competition with the highest prize money is the Derby, these provisions are not applicable.

Comments received

CAN NF:

Equestrian Canada strongly opposes the proposed changes.

We oppose limiting the number of horses entered per athlete in a 3* Grand Prix as this will effectively decrease the number of athletes entering the competition overall. The unfortunate consequence of this rule change would fall on the competition organizers in North America as running a 2* competition would be much more viable than a higher level competition.

Considering there are few CSI3* in Eastern Canada, the fact that those that do exist are losing some riders' second and third horses in FEI makes running high prize money FEI events less viable. It also significantly reduces the amount of revenue to the FEI due to those lost entries.

We would like to propose the below wording in place of the new wording.

- CSI3*/CSI4*: Two Horses per Athlete are permitted, with a maximum number of qualified entries for the Grand Prix being limited to 60 Athlete/Horse combinations.

We feel this wording would firmly limit the number of starters to 60 while still allowing the possibility of 2 horses per rider in the Grand Prix.

Alternatively, we propose that FEI horses may become eligible for National competition upon officially leaving FEI stabling as opposed to the end of the final FEI class of the competition.

This would ensure the athlete would not be penalized for entering a second horse expecting 30 or less entries.

FEI feedback

The Jumping Committee feels that two horses per athlete in the Grand Prix or competition with the highest prize money should only be allowed if all athletes have the same opportunity to ride two horses. The CAN proposal is not supported as it cannot ensure that all athletes would have the same opportunity.

The title of the article should include age of horses, as this is referenced in Art. 254.1.

Proposed Final Wording

Article 254 PARTICIPATION, AGE AND NUMBER OF HORSES

Proposal stands as written above.

Article 256 – DRESS, HEADGEAR AND SALUTE

Explanation for Proposed Changes

Clarification relating to the colour of jackets.

Inclusion of a provision on advertising in alignment with a modification to the GRs in 2018.
Re-arrangement of the articles on advertising in a more logical sequence.

Proposed Wording

Article 256 DRESS, PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR AND SALUTE

1.5. Civilians are required to wear the uniform or clothing approved by their NF, a ~~red coat or a black coat~~ jacket (Competition jackets may be any colour; the collar may be the same colour as the jacket or a different colour), white or light fawn breeches, black or brown boots. Other dark coloured boots may be approved at the discretion of the FEI. Boots must have a heel. Shirts may have long or short sleeves and must have a white collar; long-sleeved shirts must have white cuffs. A white tie or choker must be worn. If a jacket is not worn (refer to Art. 256.1.3 for exceptions due to weather), shirts must have sleeves; either short or long sleeves are permitted.

1.8. Athletes shall wear the official clothing of their NF in the Nations Cup Competition at CSIOs and in all stages of competition (team and individual) at Regional, Continental and World Championships and, subject to the approval of each relevant national Olympic Committee, during the Competitions at Olympic and Regional Games. Should an NF not have official clothing, the Athlete(s) of such NF shall be entitled to dress in accordance with JRs Art. 256.1.5 or 256.1.6, as applicable, subject to the provisions of JRs Art. 256.3.

Black, red, navy and green jackets with collars of the same colour cannot be registered as the official jacket of any NF.

Team member jackets must be the same colour (the collar may be the same colour as the jacket or a different colour). Athletes not complying with this rule will be fined with **CHF 1'000 (one thousand Swiss Francs) by the Ground Jury. In addition, the Athlete will** be requested to leave the arena and will not be permitted to return until the jacket complies with the rules for participation.

3. Advertising on Athletes and Horses (See GRs Art. 135)

3.1.2. Identification of Sponsors

3.1.2.1. While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies the **name and/or logo of the Athlete's sponsor(s), his team sponsor(s) and/or his NF's sponsor(s)** may appear on a surface area not exceeding:

~~a) two hundred square centimetres (200 cm²) on each side of the saddle cloth;~~

b) eighty square centimetres (80cm²) on each of the two sides of jackets or top garments at the height of breast pockets;

ei) sixteen square centimetres (16 cm²) on both sides of the shirt collar or centrally in the middle part of the collar of ladies' blouses;

~~d) seventy five square centimetres (75 cm²) for the logo on ear hoods.~~

eiii) Civilians are allowed to wear the logo of their sponsor vertically in the middle part of their Headgear. Said logo must not be longer than 25 centimetres and wider than five centimetres.

fiy) eighty square centimetres (80 cm²) (maximum 20 centimetres long, maximum four centimetres wide) only once lengthwise on the left leg of the riding breeches.

av) two hundred square centimetres (200 cm²) on each side of the saddle cloth;

avi) seventy-five square centimetres (75 cm²) for the logo on ear hoods.

3.1.2.2. The OC may display the name and/or logo of a Competition and/or Event sponsor(s) on members of the OC crew present in the competition area, as well as on stable rugs when they are in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies at all FEI Events. The size of name and/or logo on Athlete's number shall not exceed 100 cm².

3.1.3. Athlete's National Identification

3.1.3.1. While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies the name or logo of the Athlete's nation, its national symbol and/or its national flag, and/or the Athlete's NF logo or name may appear on a surface area not exceeding:

(i) a reasonable size on each of the two sides of jackets or top garments, at the height of breast pockets, and on the collar;

(ii) either two hundred square centimetres (200 cm²) on one arm of jackets or top garment or one hundred square centimetres (100 cm²) on each arm of jackets or top garments.

(iii) vertically in the middle part of the Headgear (see specifications JRs Art. 256.3.1.2.1.e)

(iv) eighty square centimetres (80 cm²) (maximum 20 centimetres long, maximum four centimetres wide) only once lengthwise on the left leg of the riding breeches.

~~(iv) 200 cm² on each side of the saddle cloth~~

~~(iii) vertically in the middle part of the Headgear (see specifications JRs Art. 256.3.1.2.1.e)~~

~~(iv) eighty square centimetres (80 cm²) (maximum 20 centimetres long, maximum four centimetres wide) only once lengthwise on the left leg of the riding breeches.~~

(vi) seventy-five square centimetres (75 cm²) for the logo on ~~fly bonnet~~ ear hoods.

In any case, the Athlete's national identification may be combined in the same surface area with the name and/or logo of the Athlete's sponsor(s), his team sponsor(s) and/or the NF's sponsor(s) as long as their presence and visibility are in compliance with the surface areas mentioned in Art. 3.1.2.1 and 3.1.3.1. (...)

Comments received

IRL NF:

The IRL NF oppose these proposals. It is important for NFs to be in a position to offer corporate sponsors visibility on NF team kit. In the event the dimensions are reduced, the offering to sponsors is materially impacted. For the IRL NF we heavily rely on sponsorship to assist with funding our High Performance Programmes. Where dimensions are reduced, this will ultimately **have an impact on sponsor's ability to drive brand engagement, sentiment and awareness** which are all key factors for sport sponsorship. The IRL NF would urge the FEI to reconsider this proposal.

FEI feedback

The only new modification to the rules on advertising is the addition of Art. 256.3.1.3.1 (ii), which does not reduce dimensions, but allows for additional national identification on the sleeves of jackets, in alignment with the updates made to the 2018 GRs Art. 135.2. The other modifications are only to re-arrange the existing rules in a more logical sequence.

With regard to the size of a non-sponsor **manufacturer's logo**, stipulated in GRs 135.2.1.1(i) and JRs 256.3.1.1 as maximum 3 cm² (max. 1 cm high and 3 cm wide) the Jumping Committee recommends removing the reference to max. 1 cm x 3 cm as logos are not always rectangular.

Proposed Final Wording

Art. 256.1.5, 256.1.8, 256.3.1.2 : The proposals stand as written above.

Art. 256.3.1.1 Identification of a Non-Sponsor Manufacturer :

3.1.1.1 While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies names or logos identifying a non-sponsoring manufacturer of the clothing and equipment may appear

only once per item of clothing and equipment and solely on a surface area not exceeding three square centimetres (3 cm²) ~~(maximum 1 cm high and 3 cm wide)~~ for clothing and equipment.

Article 257 – SADDLERY

Explanation for Proposed Changes

257.1.6: Clarification and harmonisation of penalty for non-compliance with rules on saddlery.
257.2.4: Description of the type of hind boots that will be permitted in future, starting in 2019.

Proposed Wording

Article 257 SADDLERY

1. In the Competition arena

(...)

1.5 Draw reins (running reins) are forbidden in the Competition arena except during prize giving ceremonies and march-past parades.

~~1.6 Failure to comply with any of the provisions listed in Art. 257.1.1 – 257.1.5 will incur Elimination (see JRs Art. 241.3.21).~~

2. Anywhere within the grounds of the Event (restricted area) under control of the OC, the following provisions apply:

2.1. In the interests of safety, the stirrup iron and the stirrup leather (this also applies to safety stirrups) must hang freely from the bar of the saddle and the outside of the flap. The Athlete must not directly or indirectly tie any part of his body to the saddlery.

2.2. Athletes are allowed to use a dressage whip when working on the flat but are strictly forbidden to use or carry a whip which is weighed down at the end at any time, or to carry or use one which is more than 75 centimetres in length in the arena and schooling areas when riding over poles or any obstacle. No substitute for a whip may be carried.
~~Failure to comply with this paragraph will incur Elimination (see JRs Art. 241.3.21).~~

2.3. The total maximum weight of equipment allowed to be placed on a Horse's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings, etc), is 500 grams (shoe excluded). ~~Failure to comply with this paragraph will incur disqualification (see JRs Art. 242.2.8).~~

2.4. ~~For At all international FEI Jumping Events for Young Horses Competitions (five*, six, seven and eight year old Horses) and at all FEI Jumping Events for Pony Riders, Children, Amateur Owners and Veterans, only hind boots meeting the following description may be used: All hind leg protections must have a maximum interior length of 16 centimetres; the width of the fastener must be at least five centimetres (refer to FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual on the FEI website for diagram).~~

~~* NB: Competitions for five year old Horses may only be held at the FEI World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses, unless special authorisation has been granted by the FEI.~~

~~The following criteria must be respected in relation to hind boots worn in international Young Horses Competitions (see also the FEI Jumping Stewards Manual on the FEI website):~~

~~Boots with a protective element on the inside only and double-shell boots, that is, boots that wrap around the back of the fetlock and have a protective shell on the inside and the outside, are permitted. The rounded protective part of the boot must be placed around the fetlock (if the boot has a protective element on one side only, the rounded protective part of the boot must be placed on the inside of the fetlock).~~

~~The inside of the protection boot must be smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points on the inside of the boot; for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the boot that attaches the inner lining to the shell, is permitted. Sheepskin linings are allowed. The maximum length of the inside of the boot may not exceed 20 cm.~~

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~~Only non-elastic Velcro-type fasteners are permitted; no hooks, buckles, clips or other methods of attaching the fasteners may be used; Only the following types of fasteners are permitted:~~

- Velcro-type fasteners: straps may be elastic or non-elastic.	
- Stud-type fasteners: straps with holes at the end that fit over a stud; straps must be elastic.	
- Hook-and-eye type fasteners: straps with a hook at the end that fits into an "eyelet"; straps must be elastic.	

~~The rounded rigid part of the protection must be placed around the inside of the fetlock; Fasteners must be one-directional, that is, the fastener must be attached directly from one side of the boot to the other side; no mechanism permitting the fastener to double back on itself is permitted. Boots may have one or two fasteners; if the boot has only one fastener, it must have a minimum width of 5 cm. If the boot has two fasteners, they must each have a minimum width of 2.5 cm.~~

No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the boot itself, other than a protective ~~flapskirt~~, providing it is soft and clearly intended for protection only.

Fetlock rings may be used for protective purposes providing they are properly adjusted and **providing the total weight of equipment on the horse's leg does not exceed 500 grams** (see JRs 257.2.3).

- 2.5. ~~For implementation as of 1 January 2019: Only boots used solely for protective purposes, as described in the FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual, may be used in FEI Competitions for Pony Riders, Children, Amateur Owners and Veterans.~~ For implementation as of 1 January 2020: Only hind boots used solely for protective purposes, as described in the FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual JRs Art. 257.2.4, may be used in-at FEI Competitions Jumping Events for Juniors, Young Riders and U-25.

_____ For implementation as of 1 January 2021: Only hind boots used solely for protective purposes, as described in the FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual JRs Art. 257.2.4, may be used in-at FEI Jumping Competitions Events.

- 2.6. The use of a tongue-strap is forbidden. For the use of tongue guards, see VRs Art. 1035.4.

2.7 Failure to comply with any of the provisions of Art. 257.2.1 - 257.2.6 will incur Elimination (see JRs Art. 241.3.21).

Comments received to Art. 257.1.5 (no modifications were proposed for 2019)

Art. 257.1.5 "Draw reins (running reins) are forbidden in the Competition arena except during prize giving ceremonies and march-past parades."

IRL NF:

The IRL NF suggests that Pony Riders and Children on Horses athletes should be forbidden from using Draw Reins (running reins) at all times.

FEI feedback

The Jumping Committee does not recommend modifying the rules relating to the use of draw reins for the Children's and Pony Riders' categories without further consultation among all NFs.

Comments received to Art. 257.2.4

Art. 257.2.4 Description of hind boots allowed as of 2019 for YH/Am/V/Y/P/Ch:

BEL NF:

We do not understand the logic of allowing double-shell boots for young horses. This was not allowed in the past and should not be allowed in the future as well. There is a proven impact on the horses when they are using these type of boots.

CAN NF:

Equestrian Canada strongly opposes the proposed changes.

We oppose the elimination of hind boots that may impact performance as this will cause a drastic change in the number of high performance horses available. We feel a gradual modification to this rule, limiting the size, number of straps, strap material and types of closures would be steps away from the current boot rules while not creating a drastic change.

This gradual change would allow for a collective review of the consequences of this rule change therefore we can ensure the most level playing field of sport while always keeping in mind the welfare of the horse.

GER NF:

Agreed. *[with the proposed description]*

IRL NF:

The IRL NF agree with our EEF colleagues and the SUI NF and further support the proposal to prohibit elastic straps in general from all boot types.

SUI NF:

Switzerland plans to introduce a general prohibition on using long hind boots starting 1st January 2019. We prefer the sentence under 257.2.4 that you replaced with a more flexible description. Only non elastic Velcro type fasteners are permitted. I attach our local proposal for your information. We think your regulation should be stricter and not leave so much room.

JOC (International Jumping Owners Club):

The matter of hind boots has always been of huge concern for our members for numerous reasons, including fair competition, horse welfare and the image of our sport. Therefore, the JOC is strongly in favor of prohibiting the usage of hind boots and has supported the FEI decision to stop the usage of hind boots from 1st January 2021.

It is the reason why we were globally in agreement with the draft description issued by the Jumping Committee on June 25 *[preliminary consultation process with JOC]*, and only asked for a minor change on the fasteners.

In our view, the new description of July 4 raises more questions. We fear that this new description could be badly interpreted and would open the door to further drifts that we must avoid for our sport sake. This description goes in the right direction. However, as it is, we do not think it can be considered as the ban of the usage of hind boots that the FEI had officially announced. Especially if double shell boots are still allowed and that the new description for old horses would also apply to young horses who have for the time a stricter description, this could be interpreted as a backtrack from the FEI.

The JOC considers that: i) to allow hind boots for protective purposes only; ii) to be in accordance with the will expressed by the FEI to ban the usage of hind boots; should lead to a description strictly based on what currently applies for young horses competitions.

FEI feedback

The Jumping Committee agrees that due to the nature of Young Horse competitions, i.e. that they are for horses that have done much less jumping than horses entered in regular CSI competitions, Young Horses should only be allowed to wear the type of boots as described in the current rules. For horses taking part in regular competitions at FEI Jumping Events, the Committee agrees that boots with a protective shell on the inside and outside should be allowed providing they have no pressure points and comply with restrictions on length and type of fasteners.

Comments received to Art. 257.2.7

Art. 257.2.7 "Failure to comply with any of the provisions of Art 257.2.1-257.2.6 will incur elimination."

BEL NF:

We feel it necessary to add that failure to comply with any of these provisions will incur elimination but at the discretion of the Ground Jury additional sanctions can be taken if horse welfare is jeopardised by not following these provisions (for example if elements are added in **the hind boot like velcro, ...**)

FEI feedback

As the Ground Jury always has the possibility to impose additional sanctions in cases of abuse of the horse under the provisions of Art. 243, the Jumping Committee does not feel that additional provisions need to be added to the above article. For those items of saddlery prohibited under Art. 257.2 (anywhere within the grounds of the event) clarification will be added that failure to comply with the provisions of 257.2 "in the competition arena" will incur elimination.

Proposed Final Wording Art. 257

Article 257 SADDLERY

1. In the Competition arena

(...)

1.5 Draw reins (running reins) are forbidden in the Competition arena except during prize giving ceremonies and march-past parades.

1.6 Failure to comply with any of the provisions listed in Art. 257.1.1-257.1.5 will incur Elimination (see JRs Art. 241.3.21).

2. Anywhere within the grounds of the Event (restricted area) under control of the OC, the following provisions apply:

2.1. In the interests of safety, the stirrup iron and the stirrup leather (this also applies to safety stirrups) must hang freely from the bar of the saddle and the outside of the flap. The Athlete must not directly or indirectly tie any part of his body to the saddlery.

2.2. Athletes are allowed to use a dressage whip when working on the flat but are strictly forbidden to use or carry a whip which is weighed down at the end at any time, or to carry or use one which is more than 75 centimetres in length in the arena and schooling areas when riding over poles or any obstacle. No substitute for a whip may be carried.
~~Failure to comply with this paragraph will incur Elimination (see JRs Art. 241.3.21).~~

2.3. The total **maximum weight of equipment allowed to be placed on a Horse's leg, front or hind** (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings, etc), is 500 grams (shoe excluded). ~~Failure to comply with this paragraph will incur disqualification (see JRs Art. 242.2.8).~~

2.4. For all international FEI Jumping Competitions for Young Horses Competitions (five^{*}, six, seven and eight year old Horses): All hind leg protections must have a maximum interior length of 16 centimetres; the width of the fastener must be at least five centimetres (refer to FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual on the FEI website for diagram).

~~* NB: Competitions for five year old Horses may only be held at the FEI World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses, unless special authorisation has been granted by the FEI.~~

The following criteria must be respected in relation to hind boots worn in international Young Horse Competitions ~~(see also the FEI Jumping Stewards Manual on the FEI website):~~

All hind leg protections must have a maximum interior length of 16 centimetres; the width of the fastener must be at least five centimetres (refer to FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual on the FEI website for diagram).

The rounded rigid part protective element of the protection boot must be placed around the inside of the fetlock.

The inside of the protection boot must be smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points on the inside of the boot; for the avoidance of

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doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the boot, is permitted. Sheepskin linings are allowed.

Only non-elastic Velcro-type fasteners are permitted; no hooks, buckles, clips or other methods of attaching the fasteners may be used.

No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the boot itself, other than a protective flap, providing it is soft and clearly intended for protection only.

Fetlock rings may be used for protective purposes providing they are properly adjusted **and providing the total weight of equipment on the horse's leg does not exceed 500 grams** (see JRs 257.2.3).

2.5 At all FEI Jumping Events for Pony Riders, Children, Amateur Owners and Veterans, only hind boots meeting the following descriptions may be used:

2.5.1 Boots as described in Art. 257.2.4.

2.5.2 Boots that have a protective element on the inside and outside, that is, double-shell boots that wrap around the back of the fetlock, are permitted providing they meet the following criteria:

The boot must have a maximum length of 20 centimetres.

The rounded protective part of the boot must be placed around the fetlock.

The inside of the boot must be smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points on the inside of the boot; for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the boot, is permitted. Sheepskin linings are allowed.

The boot must have two elastic fasteners with a minimum width of 2.5 cm each. Only the following types of fasteners are permitted:

- <u>Stud-type fasteners: straps with holes at the end that fit over a stud:</u>	
- <u>Hook-and-eye type fasteners: straps with a hook at the end that fits into an "eyelet".</u>	

Fasteners must be one-directional, that is, the fastener must be attached directly from one side of the boot to the other side and may not wrap around the entire boot; no mechanism permitting the fastener to double back on itself is permitted.

No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the boot itself.

2.56. ~~For implementation as of 1 January 2019: Only boots used solely for protective purposes, as described in the FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual, may be used in FEI Competitions for Pony Riders, Children, Amateur Owners and Veterans.~~ For implementation as of 1 January 2020: Only hind boots used solely for protective purposes, as described in the FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual Art. 257.2.4 and 257.2.5, may be used ~~in-at~~ FEI Competitions-Jumping Events for Juniors, Young Riders and U-25.

For implementation as of 1 January 2021: Only hind boots used solely for protective purposes, as described in the FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual JRs Art. 257.2.4 Art. 274.4 and 257.2.5, may be used ~~in-at~~ FEI Jumping Competitions Events.

2.67. The use of a tongue-strap is forbidden. For the use of tongue guards, see VRs Art. 1035.4.

2.8 Failure to comply with any of the provisions of Art. 257.2.1–257.2.7 in the Competition arena will incur Elimination (see JRs Art. 241.3.21).

Article 259 – OFFICIALS

Explanation for Proposed Changes

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Recommendation of the FEI-appointed Officials Working Group that the rules include reference to the Code of Conduct and job descriptions for Officials.

Addition of one member of the Ground Jury due to the need for a liaising-judge for the boot and bandage control.

Addition of a Secretary to the Ground Jury to be provided by the OC as this function cannot be assigned to one of the three Judges responsible for the judging of the competition.

Proposed Wording

Article 259 OFFICIALS

All officials officiating at CIMs, CSIs, CSIOs, Championships and Games must abide by the FEI Code of Conduct for Officials (see GRs Annex H) and carry out their duties in accordance with the job description for their respective function as published on the FEI website.

1. Ground Jury

Events	Number of Judges ¹	President Ground Jury	Foreign Judge	Members	Additional Members	President of Competition	Water Jump Judge
	Minimum	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualif.	Minimum Qualif.	Minimum Qualif.	Minimum Qualif.
Olympic Games / Youth Olympic Games (YOG)/ World Championship	President (**) + 3 <u>4</u> Members (**)	Level 4 Compulsory from foreign nation	If appointed, Level 4 (PGJ must be foreign and may act as FJ)	Min. two <u>three</u> Level 4; <u>one Level 3</u>	Level 3 <u>n/a</u>	Level 4	Level 3 (water jump not applicable for YOG)
Pan-Am Games / Continental Championship Senior / World Cup Final / Nations Cup Final	President (**) + 3 <u>4</u> Members (**)	Level 4 Compulsory from foreign nation	If appointed, Level 4 (PGJ must be foreign and may act as FJ)	Min. two <u>one Level 4</u> <u>three</u> Level 3	Level 3	Level 3	Level 3
CSIO5*	President + <u>Foreign Judge (**)</u> + 3 <u>Members</u>	Level 4	Level 3	Min. two Level 3; <u>one Level 2</u>	National or Level 2	Level 3	Level 2
Regional Games / Other Championships / CSIO 4 * - 4*	President + <u>Foreign Judge (**)</u> + 3 <u>Members</u>	Level 3 Preferably from host nation	Level 3	Min. two Level 3; <u>one Level 1</u>	National or Level 2	Level 3	Level 2
<u>CSIO1* - 2*</u>	<u>President + Foreign Judge (**)</u> + 3 <u>Members</u>	<u>Level 3 Preferably from host nation</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Min. one Level 3;</u> <u>one Level 2;</u> <u>one National or Level 1</u>	<u>National or Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 2</u>
<u>CS15*</u>	<u>President + Foreign Judge (**)</u> + 2 <u>Members</u>	<u>Level 3 Preferably from host nation</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Min. one Level 3;</u> <u>one Level 1</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Level 2</u>
CS15* , CS14*, CS13*	President + <u>Foreign Judge (**)</u> + 2 <u>Members</u> (*)	Level 3 <u>Preferably from host nation</u>	Level 3	Min. two <u>one</u> Level 3; <u>one National or Level 1</u>	National or Level 1	Level 3 <u>2</u>	Level 2

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CSI2* / CSIYH2* CSIU25 Cat. A & B CSIY/J/Ch/V/Am Cat. A, CSIP	President + <u>Foreign Judge + 2 Members</u> (*)	Level 3 <u>Preferably from host nation</u>	Level 3	Min. one Level 2; <u>one National or Level 1</u>	National or Level 1	Level 2	Level 2
CSI1* / CSIYH1* CSIY/J/Ch/V/Am Cat. B	President + <u>2-3 Members</u> (*)	Level 3 <u>Preferably from host nation</u>	<u>Appointment of Foreign Judge</u> recommended but not compulsory, Level 3	Min. one <u>two</u> National <u>or</u> Level 1 if FJ appointed; <u>Min. three</u> National <u>or</u> Level 1 if FJ not appointed	<u>National or Level 1</u>	National or Level 1	National or Level 1
Events that are part of Tours (any star level)	As per the star level of the Event	As per the star level of the Event	<u>Level as required for the star level of the Event</u> <u>Level 3</u> Appointed by FEI (**)	As per the star level of the Event	As per the star level of the Event	As per the star level of the Event	As per the star level of the Event

¹ One additional Judge minimum Level 3 to be appointed by the FEI for Events at which limb sensitivity testing is carried out. At all Events, including Games and Championships, one Ground Jury Member will be assigned on a rotating basis to act as liaison-Judge for the boot and bandage control; this Judge should preferably be minimum Level 2.

(*) Add one Judge for the water jump (if there is one) or more if there is a large number of Competitions per day.

(**) Appointed by FEI.

For the avoidance of doubt, National Judges are not limited to officiating in their home country.

Each Competition is to be judged by a group of three Judges in the Judges' box and one additional Judge for the water jump, if there is one.

IMPORTANT: The number of judges mentioned is a minimum and must be adapted to the number of Competitions per day and the number of arenas functioning at the same time.

1.1 Secretary to the Ground Jury

At all CIMs, CSIs, CSIOs, Championships and Games the OC must provide a secretary to the Ground Jury for all Competitions taking place at the Event.

(...)

6. Stewards

6.2. Foreign Steward

A Foreign Steward will be appointed by the FEI for all 5* Events and for all Events of Tours, regardless of the star level; the Foreign Steward appointment is in addition to the appointment of the Chief Steward and the Assistant Stewards.

Comments received Art. 259.1

Art. 259.1 Ground Jury:

IRL NF:

The IRL NF respectfully suggests that the Water Jump Judge at CSIO5* should be Level 3.

FEI feedback

The IRL NF's proposal is supported.

In addition, as all Youth CSIOs (CSIO-Y/J/P/Ch), are considered higher level events and the FEI appoints the Foreign Judge for all CSIOs, clarification to this effect should be added to Art. 259.1.

Comments received Art. 259.1.1

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Art. 259.1.1 Secretary to the Ground Jury:

CAN NF:

Equestrian Canada requests further clarification in regards to the allocation of the role of Ground Jury Secretary. We feel the proposed additional Ground Jury member would be capable of completing the paperwork while also acting as a Ground Jury Member.

USA NF:

This is an unnecessary burden on Organizers, especially at the lower star level. No "Job Description" is given and no justification as to why the (now increased in a number of situations) Ground Jury cannot carry out their role without a "secretary".

FEI feedback

If a Ground Jury member is not assigned to another task during any given competition, he/she may perform the duties of the secretary, but requiring a Ground Jury member to act as secretary limits the number of judges available to undertake supervisory tasks elsewhere, e.g. in the warm-up arena or at the boot and bandage control. The Jumping Committee also sees the position of secretary to the Ground Jury as a way to encourage new Judges, for example a national judge, or other person interested in gaining experience. It should be clarified that the secretary to the Ground Jury is a voluntary position and as such the provisions relating to expenses of officials do not apply.

Comments received Art. 259.6.2**Art. 259.6.2 Foreign Steward:**

IRL NF:

The IRL NF suggest that a clarification of the drafting of the above proposal (*Art. 259.6.2*) is required. A definition of the 'Events of Tours' does not appear. Furthermore, the IRL NF would question the economic return for OCs required to have a Foreign Steward for Events of Tours where some Tours would be lower-level events.

FEI feedback

Clarification should be added that Tours are defined as Jumping Events organised by the same OC at the same venue on at least two consecutive weekends.

Proposed Final Wording Art. 259**Article 259 OFFICIALS**

All officials officiating at CIMs, CSIs, CSIOs, Championships and Games must abide by the FEI Code of Conduct for Officials (see GRs Annex H) and carry out their duties in accordance with the job description for their respective function as published on the FEI website.

1. Ground Jury

Events	Number of Judges ¹	President Ground Jury	Foreign Judge	Members	Additional Members	President of Competition	Water Jump Judge
	Minimum	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualif.	Minimum Qualif.	Minimum Qualif.	Minimum Qualif.
Olympic Games / Youth Olympic Games (YOG)/ World Championship	President (**) + 3 4 <u>Members</u> (**)	Level 4 Compulsory from foreign nation	If appointed, Level 4 (PGJ must be foreign and may act as FJ)	Min. two three Level 4: <u>one Level 3</u>	Level 3n/a	Level 4	Level 3 (water jump not applicable for YOG)
Pan-Am Games / Continental Championship Senior / World Cup Final / Nations Cup Final	President (**) + 3 4 <u>Members</u> (**)	Level 4 Compulsory from foreign nation	If appointed, Level 4 (PGJ must be foreign and may act as FJ)	Min. two one Level 4 : <u>three</u> Level 3	Level 3	Level 3	Level 3

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CSIO5*	President + <u>Foreign Judge (**)</u> + 3 <u>Members</u>	Level 4	Level 3	Min. two Level 3; <u>one Level 2</u>	National or Level 2	Level 3	Level 2 ₃
Regional Games / Other Championships / CSIO 4 ₃ * - 4*	President + <u>Foreign Judge (**)</u> + 3 <u>Members</u>	Level 3 Preferably from host nation	Level 3	Min. two Level 3; <u>one Level 1</u>	National or Level 2	Level 3	Level 2
<u>CSIO1* - 2*</u>	<u>President + Foreign Judge (**)</u> + 3 <u>Members</u>	<u>Level 3 Preferably from host nation</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Min. one Level 3;</u> <u>one Level 2;</u> <u>one National or Level 1</u>	<u>National or Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 2</u>
<u>CS15*</u>	<u>President + Foreign Judge (**)</u> + 2 <u>Members</u>	<u>Level 3 Preferably from host nation</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Min. one Level 3;</u> <u>one Level 1</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Level 2</u>
CS15* , CS14*, CS13*	President + <u>Foreign Judge (**)</u> + 2 <u>Members</u> (*)	Level 3 <u>Preferably from host nation</u>	Level 3	Min. two <u>one Level 3;</u> <u>one National or Level 1</u>	National or Level 1	Level 2 ₃	Level 2
CS12* / CS1YH2* CSIU25 Cat. A & B CS1Y/J/Ch/V/Am Cat. A, CSIP	President + <u>Foreign Judge + 2 Members</u> (*)	Level 3 <u>Preferably from host nation</u>	Level 3	Min. one Level 2; <u>one National or Level 1</u>	National or Level 1	Level 2	Level 2
CS11* / CS1YH1* CS1Y/J/Ch/V/Am Cat. B	President + <u>2-3 Members</u> (*)	Level 3 <u>Preferably from host nation</u>	<u>Appointment of Foreign Judge</u> recommended but not compulsory, Level 3	Min. one <u>two National or Level 1 if FJ appointed;</u> <u>Min. three National or Level 1 if FJ not appointed</u>	<u>National or Level 1</u>	National or Level 1	National or Level 1
Events that are part of Tours (any star level) <u>Definition of Tours:</u> <u>FEI Jumping Events organised by the same OC at the same venue on at least two consecutive weekends</u>	As per the star level of the Event	As per the star level of the Event	<u>Level as required for the star level of the Event</u> <u>Level 3</u> Appointed by FEI (**)	As per the star level of the Event	As per the star level of the Event	As per the star level of the Event	As per the star level of the Event

¹ One additional Judge minimum Level 3 to be appointed by the FEI for Events at which limb sensitivity testing is carried out. At all Events, including Games and Championships, one Ground Jury Member will be assigned on a rotating basis to act as liaising-Judge for the boot and bandage control; this Judge should preferably be minimum Level 2.

(*) Add one Judge for the water jump (if there is one) or more if there is a large number of Competitions per day.

(**) Appointed by FEI.

For the avoidance of doubt, National Judges are not limited to officiating in their home country.

Each Competition is to be judged by a group of three Judges in the Judges' box and one additional Judge for the water jump, if there is one.

IMPORTANT: The number of judges mentioned is a minimum and must be adapted to the number of Competitions per day and the number of arenas functioning at the same time.

1.2 Secretary to the Ground Jury

At all CIMs, CSIs, CSIOs, Championships and Games the OC must provide a secretary to the Ground Jury for all Competitions taking place at the Event. The function of secretary is a voluntary position and as such the provisions of JRs Art. 200.6.2 relating to expenses for officials do not apply.

(...)

6. Stewards

6.2. Foreign Steward

A Foreign Steward will be appointed by the FEI for all 5* Events, and for all Events of Tours (FEI Jumping Events organised by the same OC at the same venue on at least two consecutive weekends), regardless of the star level; the Foreign Steward appointment is in addition to the appointment of the Chief Steward and the Assistant Stewards.

Article 261 – NORMAL COMPETITIONS AND GRAND PRIX COMPETITIONS

Explanation for Proposed Changes

Clarification to athletes pre-qualified for the GP and to the type of competition in which horses may fulfil eligibility requirements for GP.

Proposed Wording

Article 261 NORMAL COMPETITIONS AND GRAND PRIX COMPETITIONS

4. Qualification for Grand Prix

4.2. If qualification conditions for Athletes/~~Horse~~ are scheduled for the Grand Prix at a CSI Event, it is compulsory that the formula given below is referred to. This does not apply to CSI events that are part of a series approved by the FEI Bureau.

The following Athletes (not Athlete/Horse combinations) are automatically qualified for the Grand Prix at CSI Events, if present:

4.2.1. **The winner of that Event's Grand Prix the previous year, according to the following conditions:**

- For the Grand Prix at a CSI3*/CSI4*/CSI5* Event, the winner of that Event's Grand Prix the previous year is eligible to participate, providing the previous year's Event was the same star level or a higher star level;

- For the Grand Prix at a CSI1*/CSI2*, the winner of that Event's Grand Prix the previous year is eligible to participate, regardless of the star level of the previous year's Event;

4.4. All Athletes taking part in a Grand Prix at a CSIO or a CSI must have completed, with their Grand Prix Horse, the initial round of at least one FEI Competition among those listed below* prior to the Grand Prix. If an Athlete/Horse combination has completed the initial round of ~~an FEI one of these~~ Competitions prior to the Grand Prix, and the Athlete is subsequently eliminated or disqualified from the Competition in question, the Athlete may take part in the Grand Prix (if qualified), with the same Horse, as the Horse is deemed to have fulfilled the eligibility requirement of completing the initial round of an FEI Competition prior to the Grand Prix. If the Grand Prix takes place on the first day of the Event, or if it is the only Competition at the Event, regardless on which day it is held, the Organising Committee must schedule a training session to provide Athletes with the opportunity to jump their Horse in the arena prior to the Grand Prix. The same provisions apply to FEI World Cup™ Competitions.

* FEI Competitions that may count for fulfilling the eligibility requirement for Horses taking part in the Grand Prix:

Art. 261 "Normal Competitions"

Art. 262.4 "Masters Competitions"

Art. 263 Hunting Competition or Speed and Handiness Competition

Art. 264 Nations Cup Competition

Art. 265 Sponsor Team and other Team Competitions

Art. 267 Hit and Hurry Competition

Art. 269 Accumulator Competition

Art. 270 Top Score Competition

Art. 271 Take Your Own Line Competition

Art. 273 Competition over Two Rounds

Art. 274.5.1 Normal Two-Phase Competitions (it is sufficient to complete the first phase)

Art. 274.5.2 Special Two-Phase Competitions (both phases must be completed to fulfil the Horse eligibility requirement)

Art. 275 Competition in Groups with Winning Round

Art. 276 Competition with Winning Round

Art. 277 Derby

Art. 278 Competition over Combinations

For the avoidance of doubt, the eligibility requirement for Horses taking part in the Grand Prix may not be fulfilled in any of the following Competitions: Art. 262.2 Puissance, Art 262.3 Six Bar, Art. 266 Fault-and-Out, Art. 268 Relay, Art. 272 Knock-Out, and completing only the first phase of Art. 274.5.2 Special Two-Phase.

Comments received

No comments received.

FEI feedback

N/A, no comments received.

Proposed Final Wording

Proposal stands as written above.

Article 264 – NATIONS CUP

Explanation for Proposed Changes

Dimensions of water jump modified in alignment with what is allowed at Championships, minimum length of course reduced from 500 to 450 m in view of the limitation to 12 obstacles.

Proposed Wording

Article 264 NATIONS CUP

3.1. The number and dimensions of the obstacles and the length of the course must be within the following limits:

	5* NC	4* NC	3* NC	2* NC	1* NC
Min./max. spread of water jump (metres) (refer to JRs Art. 211.1)	4.00/4.20 3.80/4.00	3.80/4.00 3.70/3.90	3.50/3.70	3.20/3.50	2.70/3.00
Min./max. length of the course (metres)	450 0 /700	450 0 /700	450 0 /700	450 0 /700	450 0 /700

Comments received

No comments received.

FEI feedback

N/A, no comments received.

Proposed Final Wording

Proposal stands as written above.

Article 273 – COMPETITION OVER TWO ROUNDS

Explanation for Proposed Changes

Clarification to avoid confusion between classification and placing.

Proposed Wording

Article 273 COMPETITION OVER TWO ROUNDS

4. ~~Placing~~Classification

- 4.1. ~~Athletes will be placed~~The classification will be established according to the Penalties and time in the jump-off. ~~The remaining~~Classification of Athletes ~~not taking part in the jump-off~~ will be ~~placed~~ according to aggregate Penalties over both rounds and the time incurred in the first round.
- 4.2. ~~Athletes will be placed~~The classification will be established according to the Penalties and time in the jump-off. ~~The remaining~~Classification of Athletes ~~not taking part in the jump-off~~ will be ~~placed~~ according to aggregate Penalties over both rounds.
- 4.3. ~~Athletes will be placed~~The classification will be established according to aggregate Penalties over both rounds and the time incurred in the second round. ~~Classification of~~ Athletes not taking part in the second round will be ~~placed~~ according to the Penalties incurred in the first round (if the first round is not against the clock) or according to ~~their~~ Penalties and time in the first round (if the first round is against the clock).
- 4.4. ~~Athletes will be placed~~The classification will be established according to the Penalties and time in the jump-off. ~~The remaining~~Classification of Athletes ~~not taking part in the jump-off~~ will be ~~placed~~ according to aggregate Penalties over both rounds and the time incurred in the second round. ~~Classification of~~ Athletes not taking part in the second round ~~are placed~~will be according to ~~their~~ Penalties and time in the first round (if the first round is against the clock) or according to ~~their~~ Penalties in the first round (if the first round is not against the clock).

Comments received

BEL NF:

In this article we need an additional paragraph outlining the interpretation if additional prizes are attributed for the best individual riders in a Nations Cup.

- If a team is eliminated in the first round, can individual riders still be eligible to ride **the second round to become one of the "best riders" ?**
- If a team is eliminated in the second round, and one of the riders can still become one of the best riders after the elimination, are these riders still allowed to ride ?
- If a rider is one of the best riders, but the team is eliminated after his round, can he still claim individual prizes ?

SUI NF:

Art. 273.4.1: should this not read time of the second round? Not clear for us. Please explain.

FEI feedback

The inclusion of an additional paragraph to Art. 273.4 is considered unnecessary. The Nations Cup is a team competition; to be eligible for the individual prize for the best performance an athlete must be part of a team that has made it to the second round. Allowing individual athletes to take part in the second round would be unfair as they would not be under the same pressure as the team athletes. Athletes of teams eliminated in the second round may still ride to try to achieve the best performance, in the same way that they may do so if both rounds of the Nations Cup count towards qualification for the Grand Prix.

The modifications to Art. 273.4.1 should be read in context with Art. 273.3, to which no modifications were proposed. Art. 273.4.1 provides an option for classification of competitions run according to 273.3.1: first round against the clock, second round not against the clock.

Art. 273.4.4 provides an option for classification of athletes not taking part in the jump-off according to aggregate penalties over both rounds and the time of the second round.

Proposed Final Wording

Proposal stands as written above.

Article 274 – COMPETITION IN TWO PHASES

Explanation for Proposed Changes

Clear distinction between normal two-phase competitions and special two-phase competitions in which athletes penalised in the 1st phase may continue to the 2nd phase.

Proposed Wording

Article 274 – COMPETITION IN TWO PHASES

1. Normal Competition in Two-Phases

1.3 Athletes penalised in the first phase are halted by ringing the bell after they have jumped the last obstacle or when the time allowed for the first phase has been exceeded, after crossing the finishing line of the first phase. They must stop after crossing the first finishing line. ~~Exception Art. 274.5.6: Unless eliminated, Athletes penalised in the first phase may continue in the second phase.~~

1.4 Athletes not penalised in the first phase continue the course, which finishes, after crossing the second finishing line.

1.5 The manner of judging this Competition must be specified in the Schedule in accordance with one of the following formulas:

First phase	Second phase	Placing
<u>1.5.1.</u> Table A Not against the clock	Table A Not against the clock	According to the penalties in the 2 nd Phase, and, if necessary, Athletes who do not qualify for the 2nd Phase are placed according to the penalties in the 1 st Phase.
<u>1.5.2.</u> Table A Not against the clock	Table A Against the clock	According to the penalties and time in the 2 nd Phase, and, if necessary, Athletes who do not qualify for the 2nd Phase are placed according to the penalties in the 1 st Phase.
<u>1.5.3.</u> Table A Against the clock	Table A Against the clock	According to the penalties and time in the 2 nd Phase, and, if necessary, Athletes who do not qualify for the 2nd Phase are placed according to the penalties and time in the 1 st Phase.
<u>1.5.4.</u> Table A Not against the clock	Table C	According to the total time (Table C) of the 2 nd Phase, and, if necessary, Athletes who do not qualify for the 2nd Phase are placed according to the penalties in the 1 st Phase.
<u>1.5.5.</u> Table A Against the clock	Table C	According to the total time (Table C) of the 2 nd Phase, and, if necessary, Athletes who do not qualify for the 2nd Phase are placed according to the penalties and time in the 1 st Phase.

5.6. Table A not against the clock Minimum 5 obstacles Maximum 7 obstacles in first phase	Table A Against the clock Remaining obstacles (Total of minimum 11 and maximum 13 obstacles in both phases)	According to the aggregate penalties in both phases (faults on obstacles and penalties for exceeding the time allowed in both phases) and, if necessary, according to the time of the 2nd phase.
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1.6 Athletes stopped after the first phase may only be placed after Athletes who have taken part in both phases.

1.7 In the event of equality for first place, the tied Athletes will be placed equal first.

1.8 In order to fulfil the eligibility requirement for Horses taking part in the Grand Prix (see JRs Art. 261.4.4), it is sufficient to complete the first phase of Competitions conducted according to any of the formulas listed in Art. 274.1.5.1 – 274.1.5.5.

2. Special Two-Phase Competition

2.1 This Competition comprises two phases run without interruption, each at an identical or different speed, the finishing line for the first phase being identical with the starting line for the second phase.

2.2 The first phase is a course of five to seven obstacles with or without combinations. The total number of obstacles in both phases is a minimum of 11 and maximum of 13 obstacles. The second phase may include one combination.

2.3 Athletes completing the first phase may continue in the second phase.

2.4 The second phase finishes after crossing its finishing line.

2.5 This Competition must be judged in accordance with the following formula:

First phase	Second phase	Placing
<u>Table A not against the clock Minimum 5 - Maximum 7 obstacles</u>	<u>Table A Against the clock Remaining obstacles (Total of minimum 11 and maximum 13 obstacles in both phases)</u>	<u>According to the aggregate penalties in both phases (faults on obstacles and penalties for exceeding the time allowed in both phases) and, if necessary, according to the time of the 2nd phase.</u>

2.6 Athletes who are eliminated or retire from either the first or second phase will not be placed.

2.7 In the event of equality for first place, the tied Athletes will be placed equal first.

2.8 In order to fulfil the eligibility requirement for Horses taking part in the Grand Prix (see JRs Art. 261.4.4), both phases of Competitions conducted according to Art. 274.2.5 must be completed.

Comments received

No comments received.

FEI feedback

N/A, no comments received.

Proposed Final Wording

Proposal stands as written above.

Article 276 – COMPETITION WITH WINNING ROUND

Explanation for Proposed Changes

Clarification in case of elimination in the winning round.

Proposed Wording

Article 276 COMPETITION WITH WINNING ROUND

1. Competition with two rounds and winning round

1.10. An Athlete who is eliminated in the winning round will be placed last of the Athletes who have completed the winning round.

2. Competition with one round and winning round (winning round: Athletes start with zero Penalties)

2.1. In this Competition at least 25% and a minimum of ten Athletes ~~(and in any case all clear rounds)~~ of the first round qualify for the winning round, in which they start in reverse order of the results (Penalties and time) of the first round. The following Athletes qualify for the winning round according to the conditions of the Schedule:

(i) at least 25% or a set number of Athletes, in any case a minimum of ten Athletes, qualify for the winning round based on their Penalties and time in the first round; or,

(ii) at least 25% or a set number of Athletes, in any case a minimum of ten Athletes, qualify for the winning round, based on their penalties and time in the first round, and in any case all Athletes without penalties in the first round, qualify for the winning round.

The exact percentage or number of Athletes to return for the winning round must be indicated in the Schedule.

(...)

2.6 An Athlete who is eliminated in the winning round will be placed last of the Athletes who have completed the winning round.

Comments received

Art. 276.1.10 "An Athlete who is eliminated in the winning round will be placed last of the Athletes who have completed the winning round."

SWE NF:

Same text as in Art.276.2.6.

FEI feedback

The text in Art. 276.1.10 is the same as in Art. 276.2.6 because the same provisions relating to classification of athletes eliminated in the winning round apply, regardless if the competition is run as two rounds with a winning round (276.1) or one round with a winning round (276.2). In line with the modifications made to Art. 247 (classification of athletes eliminated/retired in the jump-off or second round) the same clarification should be included in Art. 276 that athletes who retire in the winning round will be placed equal last with eliminated athletes.

Proposed Final Wording

Article 276 COMPETITION WITH WINNING ROUND

1. Competition with two rounds and winning round

1.10. Athletes who are eliminated or who retire in the winning round will be placed equal last in the winning round.

2. Competition with one round and winning round (winning round: Athletes start with zero Penalties)

2.1. In this Competition at least 25% and a minimum of ten Athletes ~~(and in any case all clear rounds)~~ of the first round qualify for the winning round, in which they start in reverse order of the results (Penalties and time) of the first round. The following Athletes qualify for the winning round according to the conditions of the Schedule:

(i) at least 25% or a set number of Athletes, in any case a minimum of ten Athletes, qualify for the winning round based on their Penalties and time in the first round; or,

(ii) at least 25% or a set number of Athletes, in any case a minimum of ten Athletes, qualify for the winning round, based on their penalties and time in the first round, and in any case all Athletes without penalties in the first round, qualify for the winning round. The exact percentage or number of Athletes to return for the winning round must be indicated in the Schedule.

(...)

2.6 Athletes who are eliminated or who retire in the winning round will be placed equal last in the winning round.

ANNEX I – FEI BADGES OF HONOUR

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification

Proposed Wording

1. FEI Badges of Honour for Jumping will be awarded to those Athletes who have completed the first round of a Nations Cup Competition at a CSIO for Seniors, the team and/or individual Competition at the Olympic Games and the World and Senior Continental team and/or individual Championships for Seniors, without retiring or being eliminated on the following scale:
 - (i) A Gold Badge for completing the first round of 40 Nations Cup Competitions.
 - (ii) A Silver Badge for completing the first round of 20 Nations Cup Competitions.
 - (iii) A Bronze Badge for completing the first round of 10 Nations Cup Competitions.
2. ~~All-Completing first round of any of the Competitions below~~ counts as five Nations Cup Competitions:
 - (i) the team ~~and~~/or individual Final Competition at the Olympic Games.
 - (ii) the team ~~and~~/or individual Final Competition at the World Championship.
 - (iii) the team ~~and~~/or individual Final Competition at the Continental Championship.
 - (iv) the team ~~and~~/or individual Final Competition at the Pan-American Games
 - (v) the team ~~and~~/or individual Final Competition at the Asian Games

Comments received

No comments received.

FEI feedback

N/A, no comments received.

Proposed Final Wording

Proposal stands as written above.

ANNEX V – CSI INVITATION RULES

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification

Proposed Wording

Invitation Rules for CSI 2*/CSI 3*/CSI 4*/CSI 5* Events (Worldwide)

~~The following CSI Invitation Rules will apply during weeks 11 and 21 of 2018 and as of week 31 30 July 2018. Prior to week 31 and outside of weeks 11 and 21 of 2018, the 2016 CSI Invitation Rules, published at 2016 CSI Invitation Rules, will apply.~~

The following rules apply for all CSI2*/CSI3*/CSI4*/CSI5* Events at which the number of invited Athletes as indicated in the Schedule is restricted, except for CSIs that are part of an FEI-approved series for which the invitation rules have been explicitly approved by the FEI

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Bureau. The CSI Invitation Rules do not apply to other categories of CSI Events (e.g. CSI1*, CSI-Am, CSIY, CSIJ etc) or to CSIOs.

For all Events at which the CSI Invitation Rules apply, a certain percentage of Athletes must be invited in descending order of the Longines Ranking, a certain percentage of Athletes are home Athletes selected by the host NF and a certain percentage are Athletes invited by the Organising Committee (OC); the percentages for each invitation group are established for each star level as follows:

Event Level	Athletes from the Longines Ranking	Athletes selected by the host NF	OC Invitations
CSI5*	60%	20%	20%
CSI4*	50%	25%	25%
CSI3*	40%	30%	30%
CSI2* Compulsory for "stand-alone" CSI2* (CSI2* that are not combined with CSI3*, 4* or 5*)	30%	30%	40%
CSI2* <u>option</u> with no Longines Ranking Competitions (<u>option</u> available only for CSI2* that are combined with CSI3*, 4* or 5* <u>upon specific request of the OC</u>)	0%	20%	80%

(...)

The OC/host NF of CSI2* Events that are combined with a CSI3*, 4* or 5* must indicate, either with the calendar application form or at the latest by the Monday 16 weeks before the week of the Event, whether the 30%/30%/40% invitation percentages for ~~stand-alone~~ CSI2* will apply, or whether they wish to avail of the option to invite 20% home Athletes and 80% OC invitations, in which case no Longines Ranking Competitions may be offered at the CSI2*. If this information is not received by the Monday 16 weeks prior to the week of the Event, the default value for the CSI2* will follow the 30%/30%/40% quotas for ~~stand-alone~~ CSI2* Events.

Comments received

No comments were received to the proposed clarification, but the following comments and proposals relating to the invitation system and quota percentages for CSI2*-5* were received:
BEL NF:

With regards to the invitation rules, the Belgian NF advises to make another adjustment for the lower level events (CSI2*). Whilst we do support the approach to use the online platform for invitations based on the Longines Ranking, we do feel an important constraint, specifically for the CSI2*. Because of the growing number of events, the administration and follow-up of invitations will be more complex for CSI2*. Therefore we propose to review the quota per group as follows, whether or not the CSI2* is linked towards a higher level event.

Event Level	% Longines Ranking	% Host NF	% OC Invitations
CSI5*	60%	20%	20%
CSI4*	50%	25%	25%
CSI3*	40%	30%	30%
CSI2*	30 15%	40 15%	80 70%

In this approach naturally, ranking points need to be attributed as currently outlined in the Longines Ranking Rules.

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GER NF, NED NF, SUI NF: [All support the EEF's proposed modifications to the invitation quotas, below. The comments received per NF are detailed separately under the chart.]

Event Level	% Longines Ranking	% Host NF	% OC Invitations
CSI5*	60%	20%	20%
CSI4*	50 35-50%	25 25-40%	25%
CSI3*	40 25-45%	30 25-45%	30%
CSI2* "stand alone"	30 15-35%	30 25-45%	40%
CSI2* "big event"	0%	20%	80%

GER NF :

No change has been made, our corridor quota proposal was not accepted.

We repeat our compromise proposal [above] that was backed by the EEF General Assembly in Rome this year.

For CSI 5*: The formula of 60 % / 20 % / 20 % should also be applicable to World Cup events.

The invitation rules state that the quota system does not apply at Nations' Cup Events, World Cup Events and Series approved by the FEI Bureau. In the debate about invitations, many NFs and stakeholders have pointed out that they want the invitation rules to apply for all CSI including those being part of an FEI approved Series.

If such change requires that the invitation rules also need to be applied for the World Cup Series, we would certainly agree to such a change. Thus, we propose to FEI Headquarters to check this before the final drafts will be sent to NFs.

Having said that, it is absolutely clear that the invitation rules cannot apply for Nations' Cup events because of the different nature of how competitors are selected and entered through their NF.

For CSI 2*: After the experiences made so far, we recommend to look for an improved solution for CSI2* that still prevents the use of pay cards, but is more user-friendly particularly with regards to the high number of possible participants.

Section 2 Art. 2.4 Home NF quota: "... remaining invitations will revert to Section 1: compulsory invitations"

Unused slots should be kept by the home NF until the latest possible date. It is a valuable tool to give up-and-coming riders an opportunity to compete.

NED NF:

In order to ensure that needs of both riders, Organizing Committees and National Federations are met, we suggest to replace the proposed chart by the chart [above]:

SUI NF:

Should apply to all events with the exception of Nations Cups. And we are for the EEF Proposal on flexible percentage rates of the NF and Ranking Quota as suggested by Germany [above].

In General we question to name mention the World Ranking in the Rules as Longines Ranking, as this is a Sponsoring Name, we would prefer if the Rules refer to FEI Ranking or World Ranking as term.

We also support the proposal of the IJRC regarding invitation system.

SWE NF:

The SWE NF proposal of change of the invitations system:

The following rules apply for all CSI2*/CSI3*/CSI4*/CSI5* Events at which the number of invited Athletes as indicated in the Schedule is restricted, ~~except for CSIs that are part of an FEI-approved series for which the invitation rules have been explicitly approved by the FEI Bureau.~~ The CSI Invitation Rules do not apply to other categories of CSI Events (e.g. CSI1*, CSI-Am, CSIY, CSIJ etc) or to CSIOs. For all Events at which the CSI Invitation Rules apply, a certain percentage of Athletes must be invited in descending order of the Longines Ranking, a certain percentage of Athletes are home Athletes selected by the host NF and a certain percentage are Athletes invited by the Organising Committee (OC); the percentages for each invitation group are established for each star level as follows: (...) [Invitation quotas as approved at the 2017 GA and included in the 2018 JRs Annex V]

IJRC:

Considering:

the Rights from the IOC Athletes Chart:

- to compete (where qualification criteria are met, and as per team/delegation selection rules)
- to a fair and transparent selection process

and in respect to the principle that all athletes must be treated equally the IJRC would like to guarantee as much as possible the access to all competitions for meritocracy. The IJRC believe that the Invitation system implemented by FEI is a great opportunity to guarantee access to competitions for meritocracy.

We would like to underline that it is important to specify than when the rule states : "Athletes invited in descending order of the Longines Ranking", it is intended just for the Athletes that apply to take part to the event and not all the Athletes in descending order of the ranking list. This to guarantee access to the event to the best riders that entered a specific show.

For this reason the World Cup is safe as 32 on 50 of the riders (more than the 60%) are appointed and entered by the NF. In the World Cup the entries are totally under the control of the NFs, they do not enter more riders than requested. Consequently the riders entered are the best that apply.

- CSIO 5* and World Cup

The exception of CSIO and World Cup find legal support by the fact that in these two competitions the athletes are selected by the NFs with a transparent process that takes into consideration the meritocracy.

We kindly ask to consider:

- 1) that the quota allocated to the NF for 1*,2*,3* and 4* can change proportionally depending of the numbers of home riders registered in the FEI and taking part in International events.
- 2) and to consider one of the two options herewith:

Option 1:

Invitation Rules for CSI 2*/CSI 3*/CSI 4*/CSI 5* Events (Worldwide)

The following rules apply for all CSI2*/CSI3*/CSI4*/CSI5* Events at which the number of invited Athletes as indicated in the Schedule is restricted, except for CSIs that are part of an FEI-approved series, where Athletes are appointed by a transparent and meritocracy selection by National Federations in respect of the IOC athletes rights, for which the invitation rules have been explicitly approved by the FEI Bureau. The CSI Invitation Rules do not apply to other categories of CSI Events (e.g. CSI1*, CSI-Am, CSIY, CSIJ etc) or to CSIOs.

For all Events at which the CSI Invitation Rules apply, a certain percentage of Athletes that applied for the Event, must be invited in descending order of the Longines Ranking, a certain percentage of Athletes are home Athletes selected by the host NF and a certain percentage are Athletes invited by the Organising Committee (OC); the percentages for each invitation group are established for each star level **as follows: (...)** [Invitation quotas as approved at the 2017 GA and included in the 2018 JRs Annex V]

Option 2:

Invitation Rules for CSI 2*/CSI 3*/CSI 4*/CSI 5* Events (Worldwide)

The following rules apply for all CSI2*/CSI3*/CSI4*/CSI5* Events at which the number of invited Athletes as indicated in the Schedule is restricted, ~~except for CSIs that are part of an FEI-approved series for which the invitation rules have been explicitly approved by the FEI Bureau~~. The CSI Invitation Rules do not apply to other categories of CSI Events (e.g. CSI1*, CSI-Am, CSIY, CSIJ etc) or to CSIOs.

For all Events at which the CSI Invitation Rules apply, a certain percentage of Athletes that applied for the Event, must be invited in descending order of the Longines Ranking, a certain percentage of Athletes are home Athletes selected by the host NF and a certain percentage are Athletes invited by the Organising Committee (OC); the percentages for each invitation group are established for each star level as follows: (...)

[Invitation quotas as approved at the 2017 GA and included in the 2018 JRs Annex V]

Compromise Proposal for Nations with a big number of athletes registered in the FEI and taking part in international events [as proposed by GER, NED, SUI, EEF, see above]

Event Level	% Longines Ranking	% Host NF	% OC Invitations
CSI5*	60%	20%	20%
CSI4*	50 35-50%	25 25-40%	25%
CSI3*	40 25-45%	30 25-45%	30%
CSI2* "stand alone"	30 15-35%	30 25-45%	40%
CSI2* "big event"	0%	20%	80%

FEI feedback

The percentage quotas included in the CSI Invitation Rules as currently published in JRs Annex V were established further to an extensive consultation process and were approved by the 2017 General Assembly. The Jumping Committee is not in favour of modifying the percentages that have been approved by the General Assembly before the rules come into effect. The percentages proposed above will be considered during **next year's rule** revision, once the online invitation system has been implemented and can be properly evaluated.

The proposal to not allow an exemption to the CSI Invitation Rules for FEI-approved series with specific invitation rules that have been approved by the Bureau is not supported as it would have a serious effect on **FEI World Cup™** events, especially in the Western European League (WEL). The majority of invitations to these events, aside from the invitations for the top ten on the Longines Rankings, are for the NFs to use as a development tool permitting them to select the athletes of their choice; depriving these NFs of this possibility would be interfering in their development programme for their athletes. Requiring 60% of athletes at WEL events to be selected from the top of the rankings would also block the possibility of some Western European League athletes from earning points towards qualification for the Final, which would be a step backwards for the League. The same applies to other Leagues; priority for invitations must be given to NFs and athletes participating in the League.

The basic premise of the CSI Invitation Rules has been from the outset that a certain percentage of available spaces at an event must be reserved for athletes selected in descending order of the Longines Ranking regardless of whether they have applied to take part in the event or not. The online invitation system does however permit athletes to indicate a number of events for which they would like their invitation to be automatically accepted upon receipt, as well as events at which they do not wish to participate, in which case the system will automatically decline the invitation. This allows the system to issue more invitations to athletes further down the list. Once the 2nd pilot phase has been completed the FEI will closely evaluate how the online invitation system is working to see if any adjustments need to be made to the implementation of the rules to ensure a smooth functioning.

Proposed Final Wording

Proposal stands as written above, with the following modification to the first paragraph only, due to the delay of the second pilot phase and launch of the online implementation of the CSI Invitation Rules:

Invitation Rules for CSI 2*/CSI 3*/CSI 4*/CSI 5* Events (Worldwide)

~~The following CSI Invitation Rules will apply during weeks 11 and 21 of 2018 and as of week 31 30 July 2018. Prior to week 31 and outside of weeks 11 and 21 of 2018, the 2016 CSI Invitation Rules, published at [2016 CSI Invitation Rules](#), will apply.~~

The following CSI Invitation Rules will apply as of a date to be determined by the FEI Secretary General and duly notified to NFs with sufficient prior written notice. Until such date the 2016 CSI Invitation Rules, published at [2016 CSI Invitation Rules](#), will apply.

ANNEX VI – CSI/CI SO REQUIREMENTS

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification to participation in national and international competitions at same event.

Minimum prize money requirements for Grand Prix at 3*-5* events (for FEI World Cup™ competition at CSI-Ws as it has the status of a Grand Prix) as the Grand Prix should be considered the best individual competition at an event.

Inclusion of the breeder's name on start lists and results sheets to give breeders recognition.

Clarification to splitting competitions with over 100 starters and distribution of prize money.

Maximum entry fee for Young Horses at CSIOs, applicable worldwide.

Proposed Wording

1. CSI REQUIREMENTS WORLDWIDE

Requirements	Amat. Owner	CSI 1*/2*	CSI 3*	CSI 4*	CSI 5*
Combined CSIs/ CSIOs	n/a				
	<p>Multiple CSIs of the same star level may be held at the same venue on the same dates but must be completely separate CSIs with separate Competitions; each CSI must have different Athletes and Horses. For CSIs of different star levels <u>held</u> at the same venue on<u>during</u> the same <u>dates</u><u>week</u>, each level is considered a separate CSI; combined Competitions at such CSIs are not permitted. Horses entered in one CSI star level may not enter another CSI star level at the same Event. Horses may not take part in national Competitions and international Competitions at the same Event <u>only under the following conditions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>- If the national Event ends at the latest one hour prior to the start of the Horse Inspection of the international Event, Horses may take part in both;</u> <u>- If the national Event ends later than one hour prior to the start of the Horse Inspection at the international Event, Horses may not take part in national Competitions and international Competitions;</u> 				

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	<p><u>- If the national Event includes Competitions on the day after the international Event ends, Horses having taken part in the international Event may take part in national Competitions on that day only, i.e. following the conclusion of the international Event.</u></p> <p>A CSI-1* or a CSI-2* may be held together with a CSIO. OCs organising such Events must have 2 arenas; one for the CSI and one for the CSIO. The CSIO horses may not take part in the CSI.</p>				
<u>Min. prize money for the GP³</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>According to min. required for Longines Ranking point Group C</u>	<u>According to min. required for Longines Ranking point Group B</u>	<u>According to min. required for Longines Ranking point Group A</u>
<u>Start lists and results sheets</u>	<u>The name of the Horse's breeder is to be included on all start lists and results sheets</u>				

² Maximum 100 starters per Competition other than the GP. If more than 100 starters are declared, the Competition must be split and the OC must provide the following percentages of additional prize money for every ten declared starters, up to 120 declared starters:

- 101 to 110 declared starters: the Competition must be split into two groups and the OC must provide 133% of the original Competition prize money ~~must be provided which is to be divided equally between the two groups;~~
- 111 to 120 declared starters: the Competition must be split into two groups and the OC must provide 166% of the original Competition prize money ~~must be provided which is to be divided equally between the two groups;~~

If more than 120 starters are declared, the OC must split the Competition into two groups and provide the equivalent amount of ~~the OC must provide 200% of the original Competition prize money for the additional Competition, which is to be divided equally between the two groups.~~

OCs may apply either of the following methods for splitting the Competition:

The competition is split into two groups before it starts. ~~There may be a different number of starters in each group.~~ There may be athletes with multiple horses in each group but all horses of any one athlete must be in the same group. If it is not possible to have two groups of equal size ~~There may be a different number of starters in each group;~~ OR

The competition is run as one single competition and split afterward into two groups and the classification established as follows: the athlete with the best score is the winner of the first group, the athlete with the second best score is the winner of the second group and so on until prizes have been allocated to 25% of the total number of starters. *NB: In this case separate results must be sent to the FEI for each of the two groups, e.g. results for Competition 1a and for Competition 1b.*

In both cases above each group must offer the same amount of prize money ~~as indicated for the original Competition.~~ For the avoidance of doubt, it is the number of declared starters in the Competition, not the final number of starters that determines whether the Competition must be split.

If there are more than 240 declared starters, the OC must split the Competition into as many three groups ~~as~~ and apply the same percentages of additional prize money as indicated above.

³ For CSI-W Events with a Grand Prix Competition in addition to the FEI World Cup™ competition, the minimum prize money requirements indicated above for the Grand Prix apply only to the FEI World Cup™ Competition as it has the status of a Grand Prix; the Grand Prix Competition at such Events cannot offer more prize money than the prize money offered for the FEI World Cup™ Competition. Refer to the FEI Jumping World Cup™ rules for details relating to date of implementation of this rule at CSI-W Events.

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3. CSIO REQUIREMENTS WORLDWIDE				
Requirements	CSIO 1*/2*	CSIO 3*	CSIO 4*	CSIO 5*
Combined CSIs / CSIOs	Horses may not take part in national competitions and international competitions at the same Event <u>only under the following conditions.</u> [Refer to modifications to CSI Requirements Worldwide, above, relating to participation in national and international competitions at same event, also applicable to CSIOs.]			
<u>Min. prize money for the GP³</u>	n/a	<u>According to min. required for Longines Ranking point Group C</u>	<u>According to min. required for Longines Ranking point Group B</u>	<u>According to min. required for Longines Ranking point Group A</u>
<u>Start lists and results sheets</u>	<u>The name of the Horse's breeder is to be included on all start lists and results sheets</u>			
Maximum entry fee per horse* VAT excluded <u>* Maximum Entry Fee for Young Horses € 300 per Horse for all categories</u>	€ 550	€ 550	€ 550	€ 550
	The Entry Fee covers the costs for stabling of one Horse for the duration of the Event, use of all facilities at the Event, the right to participate in all Competitions in accordance with the conditions in the Schedule and Administrative fees. The Entry Fee does not include Compulsory Fees (for services not covered under the Entry Fee) or Discretionary Fees (for optional commodities). Refer to definitions of Fees in the Glossary of the JRs. Compulsory Fees and Discretionary Fees as defined in the Glossary may be charged in addition to the Entry Fee; no other fees may be charged.			
<p>² Maximum 100 starters per Competition other than the GP. If more than 100 starters are declared, the <u>competition must be split and the</u> OC must provide the following percentages of additional prize money for every ten declared starters, up to 120 declared starters: [Refer to modifications made to CSI Requirements Worldwide, above, relating to splitting of competitions with more than 100 starters and distribution of prize money, also applicable to CSIOs.]</p> <p>³ <u>For CSIO-W Events with a Grand Prix Competition in addition to the FEI World Cup™ Competition, the minimum prize money requirements indicated above for the Grand Prix apply only to the FEI World Cup™ Competition as it has the status of a Grand Prix; the Grand Prix Competition at such Events cannot offer more prize money than that which is offered for the FEI World Cup™ Competition. Refer to the FEI Jumping World Cup™ rules for details relating to date of implementation of this rule at CSIO-W Events.</u></p>				
Comments received (listed by topic)				
<p><i>Participation in National and International Competitions at the same Event:</i></p> <p>SUI NF: Why would you not let a horse participate in national and international competitions if they keep within the allowed number of starts?</p> <p>USA NF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The U.S. supports clarification surrounding the participation of Horses taking part in national and international Events. However, the U.S. does <u>not</u> support the proposal stating that <u>"If the national Event ends later than one hour prior to the start of the Horse Inspection at the international Event, Horses may not take part in national Competition and international Competitions"</u>. This would be a burden on Organizers and unnecessary restrict athletes. Also if there are timetable changes (for example due to weather) a National Event could end later than planned and an International Horse could, retrospectively have fallen foul of this rule. A far cleaner and fairer Rule would be to state <u>"International Horse can compete in National classes up to one hour prior to the Horse Inspection."</u> 				

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- The following if the previous bullet point is passed by the GA could contradict – i.e. if a National Event starts before the International Event and end after the International Event, then athletes can compete in the National Event under one proposal but can't under the other. *"If the national Events includes Competitions on the day after the international Event ends, Horses having taken part in national Competitions on that day only, i.e. following the conclusion of the international Event."*
- There was split opinion but the U.S. does not fully support the following: *If the national Events includes Competitions on the day after the international Event ends, Horses having taken part in national Competitions on that day only, i.e. following the conclusion of the international Event.*

FEI feedback

Allowing horses to compete in national and international competitions at the same event without any restrictions should not be allowed as the horse would be competing alternately under national rules and international rules during the event, which will lead to confusion as to which rules apply at any given moment. It is therefore necessary to establish a clear delineation between participation in the national and international events.

Proposed Final Wording

Proposal stands as written above.

Minimum prize money for the GP at 3/4*/5* events:*

GER NF:

We do not support introducing a minimum prize-money for the Grand Prix competition from Three-Star level upwards. This is another step towards judging the quality of an event by the prize-money. It endangers the existence of traditional horse shows whose attractiveness is a result of many other factors as well. In the long run, we risk to lose our classic shows that **used to attract the "basis" of our Athletes and friends of horse sport events.**

FEI feedback

The overall prize money of the event has not been modified; as the minimum amount of prize money required for Longines Ranking point groups A and C was lowered in 2018, the Jumping Committee does not feel that the proposed prize money requirements for the GP would put an undue burden on OCs.

Proposed Final Wording

Proposal stands as written above.

Maximum number of starters - splitting the competition and prize money required:

BEL NF:

We have a detailed proposal for the prize money calculation in case there are 101-110 declared starters or 111-120 declared starters.

We think, in these cases, the competition should be run as one class, and additional prize money needs to be distributed. We think however the prize money should not only be raised by 33% or 66% but we should spread the money across more ranked riders and reduce as a result the number of additional prizes.

Below you find the modified prize charts in case the prize money is raised by 33% or 66%. The prize charts for both 25% and 33% for the winner have been updated. The logic behind is that the winner in all cases receives 25% or 33% of the original prize money but we redistribute prizes til places 16 if we have 101-110 declared starters or 20 if we have 111-120 starters. This is logical because in case we have more than 120 declared starters we double the prize money and distribute it amongst 24 starters.

On top of that in the current system the winner gets 25% out of the 166% of the original prize money if he wins a class of 120 starters. If we have 121 starters then the winner gets only 25% out of the 100% of the original prize money. It is as a result financially better to win a class of 120 starters instead of 121. That is not logical.

Prize Money	100%	133%	166%	Prize Money	100%	133%	166%
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Chart 25%	<100	101-110	111-120	Chart 33%	<100	101-110	111-120
1	25	25	25	1	33	33	33
2	20	20	20	2	20	20	20
3	15	20	20	3	15	15	15
4	10	15	15	4	10	15	15
5	7	10	10	5	6	10	15
6	5.5	10	10	6	4.5	10	10
7	4	7	10	7	3	6	10
8	3	5.5	10	8	2.5	6	10
9	3	3	7	9	2	4.5	6
10	2.5	2.5	7	10	2	3	6
11	2.5	2.5	5.5	11	1	2.5	4.5
12	2.5	2.5	5.5	12	1	2	4.5
13		2.5	3	13		2	3
14		2.5	3	14		2	3
15		2.5	2.5	15		1	2.5
16		2.5	2.5	16		1	2.5
17			2.5	17			2
18			2.5	18			2
19			2.5	19			1
20			2.5	20			1
	100	133	166		100	133	166

On top of that, clarification needs to be given on what to do when combinations are placed equal. Imagine we have an equal first in a class that is split afterwards. Do both combinations become the winner of one group? In the rules it states that the second best (which is in this case the third) becomes the winner of the second group.

USA NF:

The US believes that Competitions with over 100 starters should be required to split the class and offer the same prize money as at 100 starters. With the language as written, it appears that if an OC is offering minimum prize money for a Ranking Class, once split at 133%, neither "section" would remain a Ranking Class; this is not fair on athletes. The U.S. understand the financial burden this could place on OCs and supports their right to restrict entries if they feel having additional athletes does not also generate significant additional income. OCs cannot be allowed to invite large number of athletes and split classes resulting in lower prize money.

FEI feedback

The BEL NF's proposal to extend the prize money distribution chart to 16, respectively 20, athletes for competitions with 101-110, respectively 111-120 starters, is supported and the the prize money distribution charts published in the Draft Schedules will be updated accordingly.

Proposed Final Wording
(For CSIs and CSIOs worldwide)

² Maximum 100 starters per Competition other than the GP. If more than 100 starters are declared, the OC must provide the following percentages of additional prize money for every ten declared starters, up to 120 declared starters:

- 101 to 110 declared starters: the OC must provide 133% of the original Competition prize money, ~~must be provided,~~ which is to be distributed among the 16 best placed athletes in the Competition according to the prize money distribution chart I or II. The additional prize money provided by the OC is not taken into consideration with regard to the overall prize money that determines the star level of the Event or the Longines Ranking point group of the Competition, if applicable.
- 111 to 120 declared starters: the OC must provide 166% of the original Competition prize money, ~~must be provided,~~ which is to be distributed among the 20 best placed athletes in the Competition according to the prize money distribution chart I or II. The additional prize money provided by the OC is not taken into consideration with regard to the overall prize money that determines the star level of the Event or the Longines Ranking point group of the Competition, if applicable.

If more than 120 starters are declared, the OC must split the Competition into two groups and provide the equivalent amount of 200% of the original Competition prize money for the additional Competition, which is to be divided equally between the two groups. The additional prize money provided by the OC is not taken into consideration with regard to the overall prize money that determines the star level of the Event or the Longines Ranking point group of the Competition, if applicable.

OCs may apply either of the following methods for splitting the Competition:

The competition is split into two groups before it starts. ~~There may be a different number of starters in each group.~~ There may be athletes with multiple horses in each group but all horses of any one athlete must be in the same group. If it is not possible to have two groups of equal size ~~There may be a different number of starters in each group;~~ OR

The competition is run as one single competition and split afterward into two groups and the classification established as follows: the athlete with the best score is the winner of the first group, the athlete with the second best score is the winner of the second group and so on until prizes have been allocated to 25% of the total number of starters. *NB: In this case separate results must be sent to the FEI for each of the two groups, e.g. results for Competition 1a and for Competition 1b.*

In both cases above each group must offer the same amount of prize money ~~as indicated for the original Competition.~~ For the avoidance of doubt, it is the number of declared starters in the Competition, not the final number of starters that determines whether the Competition must be split.

If there are more than ~~240-200~~ declared starters, the OC must split the Competition into ~~as many three~~ groups ~~as and apply provide~~ the same percentages of additional prize money as indicated above. (100% of original Competition prize money to be provided for each of the three groups if each group has 100 or fewer starters; 133% of original prize money to be provided for each group if any of the three groups has 101-110 starters; 166% of original prize money to be provided for each group if any of the three groups has 111-120 starters).

³ For CSI-W Events with a Grand Prix Competition in addition to the FEI World Cup™ competition, the minimum prize money requirements indicated above for the Grand Prix apply only to the FEI World Cup™ Competition as it has the status of a Grand Prix; the Grand Prix Competition at such Events cannot offer more prize money than the prize money offered for the FEI World Cup™ Competition. Refer to the FEI Jumping World Cup™ rules for details relating to date of implementation of this rule at CSI-W Events.

Including the breeder's name on start lists and results sheets:

GER NF:

Is this compatible with data protection requirements? If the breeder is added, also add the owner.

USA NF:

If there is language regarding the Breeder then the list of who and what must be included **should be complete. It is perhaps often more important to include the Owners' names** for example.

FEI feedback

It is common practice to include the owner's name on start lists and results of Jumping Competitions and this should be included in the rules.

Proposed Final Wording

(For CSIs and CSIOs worldwide)

Start lists and results sheetsThe names of the Horse's owner(s) and breeder (if available, refer to GRs Art. 124) are to be included on all start lists and results sheets.*Entry fees and OC obligations: (New proposals unrelated to 1st draft of JRs for 2019)*

SWE NF:

The SWE NF ask the FEI to consider having all extra costs included in the entry fee, i.e. costs for manure, parking and electricity should be included in the entry fee.

IJRC:

We kindly ask the re-introduction of 2 meals a day plus Breakfast for the groom.

We are against the increase of the entry fees for the reason that EUR 550 + TVA + manure + parking + electricity means more than EUR 800 per horse each week. Considering 3 horses this means at least EUR 2.500 for each event. This amount it is not sustainable for Junior, YR, coming up athletes and owned horses owned breeders, that represent more than the 70% of the participants of 1* for 2* and 3*.

The maximum of the entry fees should be requested only from events that provide the maximum of the prize money for the category, very good infrastructure and very good conditions for riders, grooms, horses. (There must be a proportion between entry fees and **prize money, it's not** acceptable to have the maximum of entry fees and the minimum of prize money and bad infrastructure and conditions).

We request that the FEI rethink the extra fee and put a limit to how much an organizer can ask.

FEI feedback

The Jumping Committee did not propose any modifications to the entry fees for 2019. Should the SWE NF and the IJRC wish to propose a maximum amount that may be charged as an all inclusive entry fee, this will be considered during the 2019 revision process, as will the proposal to require OCs to cover the cost of meals for grooms. The proposal to establish the entry fee according to the prize money offered, the infrastructure and conditions at the event can only be realistically considered once the Event Classification is implemented for all events.

Proposed Final Wording

Proposal stands as written above.

Maximum entry fee for Young Horses:

GER NF:

General remark regarding currency: Why is prize-money stated in CHF, other amounts in EUR in the same chart?

FEI feedback

The overall prize money requirements are stated in CHF as all FEI fees, e.g. calendar fees and organising dues, which are based on the amount of prize money offered, are charged in CHF.

The entry fees and manure disposal fees were expressed in Euros when first introduced, in view of the large proportion of events taking place in Europe.

Proposed Final Wording

Proposal stands as written above.

ANNEX VIII – QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR OLYMPIC GAMES, WORLD AND CONTINENTAL JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Explanation for Proposed Change

Additional technical specifications for courses of special qualifying competitions for fulfilling the minimum eligibility requirements for earning a Certificate of Capability.

Proposed Wording

8. In exceptional circumstances, if an NF finds it impossible for its Athletes to qualify as above, it may request the FEI to send a foreign assessing delegate at the expense of the NF to assess the level of performance, at a special qualifying Competition; permission for a special qualifying Competition may be granted by the Jumping Committee. Special qualifying Competitions should be held at a CSI or a CSIO and must be run in accordance with the following FEI protocol.

The OC must inform the FEI of the exact dimensions of the outdoor arena (and any fixed elements) in order for the course plan to be designed. The OC must appoint an FEI Course Designer to build the course.

The FEI will appoint a Technical Delegate.

(...)

The FEI will select an FEI Course Designer to design the course plan according to the following dimensions and technical requirements; the course plan must be sent to the FEI Director Jumping for approval.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

- The first obstacle may be a vertical minimum height 1.45 m or an oxer minimum height 1.40 m for the front pole and 1.45 m for the back pole;
- One set of planks on flat cups (an exception may be allowed by the Course Designer in agreement with the President of the Ground Jury or the TD to remove it in case of extremely windy weather);
- Triple bar minimum 1.80 m spread and 1.50 m height;
- One wall or gate;
- One narrow vertical or spread obstacle with frontal width between 2.50 to 3.00 m;
- Minimum one triple and one double combination (three doubles are not allowed);
- The triple combination must have at least one oxer minimum 1.50 m height and 1.50 m spread, and at least one one-stride distance either from A to B or from B to C;
- Approximately 50% of the efforts must be vertical obstacles and 50% must be spread obstacles (e.g. oxer, triple bar, Swedish oxer, narrow oxer etc.). Nevertheless, no more than 55% of the efforts may be vertical and no more than 60% of the efforts may be spread obstacles, including the water jump if there is one;
- At least two verticals (other than the wall) must have a height of 1.60 m;
- At least two spread obstacles with minimum height of 1.50 m and minimum spread of 1.60 m;

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- ~~A liverpool obstacle, as either a vertical or a spread.~~ Two liverpool obstacles, one vertical and one spread. If the course includes a water jump, a minimum of one liverpool will be allowed;
- Bend or straight line of up to six strides between two single obstacles;
- Depth of cups: minimum 50% of cups must have a depth of 18 mm; depth of cups maximum 20 mm if poles are 350-400 cm long;
- Minimum length of course 400 meters with a minimum speed of 375m/min;
- The course will include minimum 12 and maximum 14 obstacles.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED CRITERIA (at least two of the following recommended criteria must be included in the course):

- One line between two obstacles should be a forward line up to five strides;
- One bend or straight line up to seven strides with minimum three obstacles;
- Double combination in a bend or straight line with an obstacle before or after at maximum seven strides;
- A related distance bend or straight line of up to eight strides leading to the triple combination or up to seven strides following the triple combination;
- One of the combinations must have a related distance (maximum seven strides) with an obstacle (before or after the combination) in a straight line.

The FEI will provide the course plan to the Course Designer appointed by the OC on the morning of the special qualifying Competition. (...)

Comments received

No comments received.

FEI feedback

The FEI Jumping Committee recommends that the technical requirements for courses of special qualifying competitions as proposed above, apply as of 1/1/2021 (i.e. for 2022 WEG and 2024 Olympic Games) also to Grand Prix, Nations Cup and FEI World Cup™ competitions in which Certificates of Capability can be earned for the World Championship and the Olympics. **It is intended to add this to the rules during next year's rule revision.**

Proposed Final Wording

Proposal stands as written above.

ANNEX IX – RULES FOR UNDER 25 (U25), YOUNG RIDERS AND JUNIORS

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarifications, correction

Proposed Wording

Article 4 International Events (See GRs Article 102)

3. CSIU25, CSIY or CSIJ Category B Events

3.5. The appointment of the Ground Jury for CSIU25 Cat. B is as per the rules for CSI2* Events for Seniors; the appointment of the Ground Jury for CSIY or CSIJ Cat. B Events is as per the rules for CSI1* Event for Seniors.

~~3.56.~~ All other requirements as per rules for CSI1* Event for Seniors.

Comments received

No comments received.

FEI feedback

N/A, no comments received.

Article 6 Eligibility at International Events and Championships

1. Age of Athletes ~~and Horses~~

At Regional and Olympic Games, Athletes may take part in Jumping from the year in which they reach their 18th birthday. However, Athletes may take part in Regional Games and Regional Championships for Seniors from the year in which they reach their 16th birthday, providing the height of obstacles in the initial round of Competitions of these Games and Championships does not exceed 1.40 m.

Comments received

No comments received.

FEI feedback

N/A, no comments received.

Article 16 Competitions (Regional and Continental Championships)

4. Second Competition (Team Final, second Individual)

4.2. Starting Order in the second Competition.

Starting order in the second Competition will be according to a draw in the first round. In the second round the order of starting will be according to the reverse order of total Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes from among the five Athletes of each nation in the first Competition and the best three Athletes per team in the first round.

Comments received

MEX NF:

Art. 16.4.2 "from among the five Athletes"

We do not agree with this change. We think that it should be in alignment with rules for Seniors. Sometimes, when rules are different from the Seniors, athletes and trainers get confused. Also, it will put in disadvantage the Teams that don't have five Athletes entered. This is especially true in the North American Youth Championships where some teams are composed, *with three Athletes from different regions*, in a draw before the First Competition. Finally, Team members should be selected among the five Athletes entered (when there are five to choose from) before the First Competition. Finally, we don't think it's fair for same - Nation/NF/Team - Athletes to be competing among themselves in the First Competition and then be selected for the Team. Our experience had been that, when teams are already declared, the team spirit and integration of the Athletes is much more positive than when **one knows who is the "Reserve Rider". We should give the Youth Athletes the experience of a unified and motivated Team.**

In case this change is not approved, the MEX NF proposes to clarify the wording of Article 14:

1. Chefs d'Equipe must declare the composition of their team (four Athletes/Horses) to the OC in writing, before 18.00 hours, on the day preceding the First Competition. The fifth pair (Athlete/Horse) may take part in the second Competition as an Individual and in the third (Individual Final) Competition if qualified.
2. The fifth pair (Athlete/Horse) may only be eligible to start as a member of the team in case of an accident or illness either to one of the four team Athletes or to one of the four horses, provided the Chef d'Equipe obtains the approval of the Ground Jury. Such Substitution may be made up to one hour before the start of the First Competition.

FEI Feedback

The proposed modification could also affect the South American Youth Championships, which commonly have regional teams in view of the small number of NFs taking part. Counting the best three scores from among the five per NF in the first competition, before the declaration of teams, gives an advantage to the stronger NFs that are able to field teams of five. The Jumping Committee recommends that the North and South American Championships for Youth follow the rules for the Senior Continental Championship, while still allowing five medals per team.

The proposal to delete the reference to special prizes for girl and boy athletes at events for Children and Pony Riders was also to be included in Annex IX, Art. 9.3.6.1, but was mistakenly omitted. It has been included in the final wording below.

Proposed Final Wording

Article 4 International Events (See GRs Article 102)

3. CSIU25, CSIY or CSIJ Category B Events

3.5. The appointment of the Ground Jury for CSIU25 Cat. B is as per the rules for CSI2* Events for Seniors; the appointment of the Ground Jury for CSIY or CSIJ Cat. B Events is as per the rules for CSI1* Event for Seniors.

~~3.56.~~ All other requirements as per rules for CSI1* Event for Seniors.

(...)

Article 6 Eligibility at International Events and Championships

1. Age of Athletes ~~and Horses~~

At Regional and Olympic Games, Athletes may take part in Jumping from the year in which they reach their 18th birthday. However, Athletes may take part in Regional Games and Regional Championships for Seniors from the year in which they reach their 16th birthday, providing the height of obstacles in the initial round of Competitions of these Games and Championships does not exceed 1.40 m.

(...)

Article 9 Prizes

3.6. OCs should award as many extra prizes as possible, for example:

3.6.1. Athletes with the best style ~~(possible division as 3.6.2. and 3.6.3. below);~~

~~3.6.2. best girl Athletes;~~

~~3.6.3. best boy Athletes;~~

3.6.42. sportsmanship.

(...)

Article 14 Declaration of Starters and Substitutions

1. Declaration of Teams

1.1. The For Regional and Continental Championships in Europe, Chefs d'Equipe must declare the composition of their team (minimum three, maximum four Athletes/Horses) to the OC in writing, before 18.00 hours, on the day preceding the ~~team-second~~ Competition (Team Final). The fifth pair (Athlete/Horse) may take part in the second Competition as an individual and in the third (Individual Final) Competition if qualified.

1.2 For Regional and Continental Championships outside of Europe, the Chefs d'Equipe must declare the composition of their team (minimum three, maximum four Athletes/Horses) to the OC in writing, before 18.00 hours, on the day preceding the first Competition. The fifth pair (Athlete/Horse) may take part in the first and second Competitions as an individual, and in the third (Individual Final) Competition if qualified.

2. The fifth pair (Athlete/Horse) may only be eligible to start as a member of the team in case of an accident or illness either to one of the four team Athletes or to one of the four Horses, provided the Chef d'Equipe obtains the approval of the Ground Jury. Such substitution may be made up to one hour before the start of the first round of the Team Final.

3. If the Championship is held during a CSI the OC may allow the Athletes participating in the Championship to take part with different Horses in the Competitions of the CSI (Article 7 above). The Horses to be ridden in the Championship must, however, be declared before arrival at the Event and may not be substituted.

(...)

Article 16 Competitions (Regional and Continental Championships for Y/J)

3. First Competition (Teams and Individuals)
 - 3.1. Starting Order in the first Competition.
There will be a draw for the starting order of the Athletes, regardless of their nationality.
 - 3.2. Format of the first Competition (Young Riders and Juniors)
This Competition is run over a Table A course judged under Table C (see JRs Art. 239 and 263) without a jump-off in the event of equality for the first place.
The Score obtained by each Athlete in the first Competition will be converted into Penalties **according to the following method. Each Athlete's time will be multiplied by the coefficient 0.50 and converted into points; the points must be rounded to two decimal places. The second decimal place will be rounded up from .005 and rounded down from .004.** The Athlete with the lowest number of points after this conversion will be given zero Penalties, the other Athletes being credited with the number of Penalties representing the difference in points between each of them and the leading Athlete.
If an Athlete is eliminated or retires, he will be penalised with 20 Penalties more than the Athlete who has been the most severely penalised after the times of all Athletes who completed the Competition have been converted into Penalties.
4. Second Competition (Team Final, second Individual)
 - 4.1. This Competition is run over two rounds, identical or different, with the same degree of difficulty in the second round according to Table A not against the clock with a jump-off against the clock in case of equality for first, second and/or third place in the overall classification for the Team Championship.
This Competition to be open only to Athletes and Horses which have taken part in the first Competition (paragraph 3 above), the team classification only affecting the members of the teams who have declared to start.
 - 4.2. Starting Order in the second Competition.
 - 4.2.1 For Regional and Continental Championships in Europe, the starting order in the second Competition will be according to a draw in the first round. In the second round the order of starting will be according to the reverse order of total Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes from among the five of each nation in the first Competition and the best three Athletes per team in the first round.
 - 4.2.2 For Regional and Continental Championships outside of Europe, the starting order in the second Competition will be according to a draw in the first round. In the second round the order of starting will be according to the reverse order of total Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes of each team in the first Competition and the best three Athletes per team in the first round.
 - 4.2.3 In the second round individual Athletes will start before the teams. In the case of individuals or teams with equal Penalties, the same starting order will be retained as in the first round.
 - 4.3. The starting order in the possible jump-off will revert to the starting order in the second round.
If two jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the second and first places.
 - 4.4. Number of teams in the second round
 - 4.4.1 The second round is open only to the ten best teams based on the total Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes of each nation in the first Competition and the best three Athletes per team in the first round and those teams placed equal for 10th place.
~~In the second round individual Athletes will start before the teams.~~ Before the ten best placed teams and those placed equal for 10th place begin their second round, all individuals and team members not qualified for the second round may take part in a

second round qualifier for the third Competition. There must be a break of at least 30 minutes between the second round qualifier and the second round of the Team Final.

4.4.2.1 For the North American combined Championships for Juniors and Young Riders, the following applies:

The second round of the Team Final is open only to the six best placed teams and those teams placed equal for the sixth place following the first round of the Team Final.

(...)

Article 18 Team Classification

1. For Regional and Continental Championships in Europe, ~~the~~ the team classification is decided by adding the Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes from among the five of each nation in the first Competition and the Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes per team in each of the two rounds of the Team Final. For those teams not qualified for the second round the results of the best three Athletes per team-nation in the first Competition and the best three Athletes per team in the first round of the Team Final count.

2. For Regional and Continental Championships outside Europe, the team classification is decided by adding the Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes per team in the first Competition and the Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes per team in each of the two rounds of the Team Final. For those teams not qualified for the second round the results of the best three Athletes per team in the first Competition and in the first round of the Team Final count.

3. Team Athletes not completing the first or second round of the Team Final receive 20 Penalties more than the worst placed team Athlete who has finished that particular round.

(...) [The remaining paragraphs of Art. 18 to be renumbered 4 –8]

ANNEX X – RULES FOR VETERAN ATHLETES

Explanation for Proposed Change

Correction, Certificates of Capability are not required for Veterans Championships.

Proposed Wording

Article 10 Qualifications

3. ~~Certificates of Capability~~ Only those Athletes and Horses likely to be able to complete the Championship may be entered.

Comments received

No comments received.

FEI feedback

N/A, no comments received.

Proposed Final Wording

Proposal stands as written above.

ANNEX XI – RULES FOR PONY RIDERS

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarifications, reference to prizes for girl and boy athletes removed in line with principle of gender equality, modifications to rules relating to saddlery in alignment with rules for Seniors.

Proposed Wording

Article 6 Continental Championships

1. Each year, a Continental Championship in Jumping may be organised within each Continent. Jumping, Dressage and Eventing Continental Championships for Pony Riders should be, as far as possible, may be organised within the same Event <u>or may be organised separately.</u>
Comments received
No comments received.
FEI feedback
N/A, no comments received.
Article 9 Prizes
3. In Championships, the following minimum number of awards must be presented:
3.6. OCs should award as many extra prizes as possible, for example:
3.6.1. Athletes with the best style (possible division as 3.6.2. and 3.6.3. below);
3.6.2. best girl Athletes;
3.6.3. best boy Athletes;
3.6.4. sportsmanship.
Comments received
No comments received.
FEI feedback
N/A, no comments received.
Article 19 Dress and Salute
3. Dark coat <u>Competition jacket of any colour (the collar may be the same colour as the jacket, or a different colour)</u> or club uniform coat <u>jacket</u> . White or fawn breeches or jodhpurs with boots. <u>Boots must have a heel.</u> White shirt and tie or hunting stock. Spurs optional but if used must be made of smooth metal. If there is a shank it must not be more than 4 cm long, measured from the boot to the tip of the spur, and must point only towards the rear; the end of the shank must be blunt. If the shank is curved, the spurs must be worn only with the shank directed downwards. Rowel <u>spurs</u> are not permitted. Hammer spurs are allowed provided they meet the above requirements. Metal or plastic "Impulse spurs" with round hard plastic or metal knobs and "Dummy spurs" with no shank are allowed. Spurs with flat disks are allowed. The contact surface with the horse and all edges must be smooth and rounded.
Maximum length of whip: 75 cm.
Comments received
No comments received.
FEI feedback
N/A, no comments received.
Article 21 Inspection of Saddlery
1. The following applies throughout the Competitions grounds at all times from the time of arrival until the conclusion of the entire Event or championship:
2.1.1. Reins must be attached to the bit or the connecting piece, or directly to the bridle. Only running unrestricted martingales are allowed. Double bridles, and blinkers are not allowed. The following types of bits and nosebands are allowed:
1.1.1. Bits
Bits may be made of any material (metal, rubber, plastic, leather...) but must be used in the original manufactured state. Double bridles are not allowed. The minimum diameter of the bit shall be 10 mm.
NB: No wire, double wire, or chain bits may be used. <u>The following bits are permitted:</u>
(...)

1.1.2. Nosebands

Nosebands must be flat. Nosebands constructed from materials other than leather are not permitted. A small disc of sheepskin may be used in the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband. The following nosebands are permitted for Pony Jumping Events:

~~Nosebands must be flat. Nosebands constructed from materials other than leather are not permitted. A small disc of sheepskin may be used in the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband.~~

(...)

1.2. The use of a tongue-strap is forbidden. For the use of tongue guards, see VRs Art. 1035.4.

1.3. In the interests of safety, the stirrup iron and the stirrup leather (this also applies to safety stirrups) must hang freely from the bar of the saddle and the outside of the flap. The Athlete must not directly or indirectly tie any part of his body to the saddlery.

1.4. Maximum length of whip: 75 cm.

1.5. The total maximum weight of equipment allowed to be placed on a Pony's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings, etc), is 500 grams (shoe excluded).

1.6. Refer to JRs Art. 257.2.4 for the description of the type of hind boots that may be used at FEI Pony Jumping Events.

2. In the Competition arena:

2.1. Blinkers and fly masks that cover the Horse's eyes are forbidden.

2.2. Leather, sheepskin or similar material may be used on each cheek piece of the bridle providing the material does not exceed three centimetres in diameter measured from the Horse's cheek.

2.3. Draw reins (running reins) are forbidden in the Competition arena except during prize giving ceremonies and march-past parades.

3. Failure to comply with any of the provisions listed in Art. 21.1 and 21.2 will incur Elimination.

34. The Ground Jury has the right, based on veterinary advice, to forbid the use of a bit or spurs that may cause injury to the Pony.

45. A steward must be appointed to check the saddlery of each Pony before it enters the arena.

Comments received

No comments received.

FEI feedback

N/A, no comments received.

Article 22 Continental Jumping Championships

6.3. Second Competition (Team Final, Second Individual)

6.3.2. Starting Order in the Second Competition.

Starting order in the Second Competition will be according to a draw in the first round, conducted according to JRs Art. 252. In the second round the order of starting will be according to the reverse order of total Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes ~~per~~ from among the five Athletes of each nation in the first Competition and by the best three Athletes per team in the first round of the Team Final.

Comments received

No comments received.

FEI feedback

N/A, no comments received.

Proposed Final Wording

Article 6 Continental Championships

1. Each year, a Continental Championship in Jumping may be organised within each Continent. Jumping, Dressage and Eventing Continental Championships for Pony Riders ~~should be, as far as possible, may be~~ organised within the same Event or may be organised separately.
(...)

Article 9 Prizes

3. In Championships, the following minimum number of awards must be presented:

3.6. OCs should award as many extra prizes as possible, for example:

3.6.1. Athletes with the best style ~~(possible division as 3.6.2. and 3.6.3. below);~~

~~3.6.2. best girl Athletes;~~

~~3.6.3. best boy Athletes;~~

3.6.4. sportsmanship.

(...)

Article 19 Dress and Salute

3. ~~Dark coat~~ Competition jacket of any colour (the collar may be the same colour as the jacket, or a different colour) or club uniform ~~coat~~ jacket. White or fawn breeches or jodhpurs with boots. Boots must have a heel. White shirt and tie or hunting stock. Spurs optional but if used must be made of smooth metal. If there is a shank it must not be more than 4 cm long, measured from the boot to the tip of the spur, and must point only towards the rear; the end of the shank must be blunt. If the shank is curved, the spurs must be worn only with the shank directed downwards. Rowel spurs are not permitted. Hammer spurs are allowed provided they meet the above requirements. Metal or plastic **"Impulse spurs" with round hard plastic or metal knobs and "Dummy spurs" with no shank** are allowed. Spurs with flat disks are allowed. The contact surface with the horse and all edges must be smooth and rounded.

~~Maximum length of whip: 75 cm.~~

(...)

Article 21 Inspection of Saddlery

1. The following applies throughout the Competition's grounds at all times from the time of arrival until the conclusion of the entire Event or championship:

~~2.1.1.~~ Reins must be attached to the bit or the connecting piece, or directly to the bridle. Only running unrestricted martingales are allowed. Double bridles, ~~and blinkers~~ are not allowed. The following types of bits and nosebands are allowed:

1.1.1. Bits

Bits may be made of any material (metal, rubber, plastic, leather...) but must be used in the original manufactured state. Double bridles are not allowed. The minimum diameter of the bit shall be 10 mm.

NB: No wire, double wire, or chain bits may be used. The following bits are permitted:

(...)

1.1.2. Nosebands

Nosebands must be flat. Nosebands constructed from materials other than leather are not permitted. A small disc of sheepskin may be used in the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband. The following nosebands are permitted for Pony Jumping Events:

~~Nosebands must be flat. Nosebands constructed from materials other than leather are not permitted. A small disc of sheepskin may be used in the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband.~~

(...)

- 1.2. The use of a tongue-strap is forbidden. For the use of tongue guards, see VRs Art. 1035.4.
- 1.3. In the interests of safety, the stirrup iron and the stirrup leather (this also applies to safety stirrups) must hang freely from the bar of the saddle and the outside of the flap. The Athlete must not directly or indirectly tie any part of his body to the saddlery.
- 1.4. Maximum length of whip: 75 cm.
- 1.5. The total maximum weight of equipment allowed to be placed on a Pony's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings, etc), is 500 grams (shoe excluded).
- 1.6. Refer to JRs Art. 257.2.4 and 257.2.5 for the description of the type of hind boots that may be used at FEI Pony Jumping Events.
2. In the Competition arena:
- 2.1. Blinkers and fly masks that cover the Horse's eyes are forbidden.
- 2.2. Leather, sheepskin or similar material may be used on each cheek piece of the bridle providing the material does not exceed three centimetres in diameter measured from the Horse's cheek.
- 2.3. Draw reins (running reins) are forbidden in the Competition arena except during prize giving ceremonies and march-past parades.
3. Failure to comply with any of the provisions listed in Art. 21.1 and 21.2 will incur Elimination.
- ~~34.~~ The Ground Jury has the right, based on veterinary advice, to forbid the use of a bit or spurs that may cause injury to the Pony.
- ~~45.~~ A steward must be appointed to check the saddlery of each Pony before it enters the arena.

(...)

Article 22 Continental Jumping Championships

6.3. Second Competition (Team Final, Second Individual)

6.3.2 Starting Order in the Second Competition.

Starting order in the second Competition will be according to a draw in the first round, conducted according to JRs Art. 252. In the second round the order of starting will be according to the reverse order of total Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes ~~per~~ from among the five of each nation in the first Competition and by the best three Athletes per team in the first round of the Team Final.

In the second round individual Athletes will start before the teams. In the case of individuals or teams with equal Penalties, the same starting order will be retained as in the first round.

The starting order in the possible jump-off will revert to the starting order in the second round.

If two jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the second and first places.

The second round is open only to the ten best teams following the first Competition and the first round of the Team Final and those teams tied for 10th place.

~~In the second round individual Athletes will start before the teams.~~ Before the ten best placed teams and those tied for 10th place begin their second round, all individuals and team members not qualified for the second round may take part in a second round qualifier for the third Competition. There must be a break of at least 30 minutes between the second round qualifier and the second round of the Team Final.

(...)

7. Declaration of Starters

- 7.1. The Chefs d'Equipe must declare the composition of their team (minimum three, maximum four Athletes/Ponies) to the OC in writing, before 18.00 hours, on the day preceding the second Competition (Team Final). The fifth pair (Athlete/Pony) may take part in the second Competition as an individual and in the third (Individual Final) Competition if qualified.

ANNEX XII – RULES FOR CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarifications, reference to prizes for girl and boy athletes removed in line with principle of gender equality, modifications to rules on saddlery in alignment with rules for Seniors.

Proposed Wording

Article 8 Prizes

3. In Championships, the following minimum number of awards must be presented:
- 3.6. OCs should award as many extra prizes as possible, for example:
- 3.6.1. Athletes with the best style (~~possible division as 3.6.2. and 3.6.3. below~~);
- ~~3.6.2. best girl Athletes;~~
- ~~3.6.3. best boy Athletes;~~
- 3.6.4. sportsmanship.

Comments received

No comments received.

FEI feedback

N/A, no comments received.

Article 17 Dress and Salute

3. ~~Dark coat~~ Competition jacket of any colour (the collar may be the same colour as the jacket or a different colour) or club uniform ~~coat~~ jacket, white or fawn breeches or jodhpurs with boots and white shirt and tie or choker are allowed. Boots must have a heel. Spurs are optional but if used must be made of smooth metal. If there is a shank it must not be more than 4 cm long, measured from the boot to the tip of the spur, and must point only towards the rear; the end of the shank must be blunt. If the shank is curved, the spurs must be worn only with the shank directed downwards. Rowel spurs are not permitted. Hammer spurs are allowed provided they meet the above requirements. **Metal or plastic "Impulse spurs" with round hard plastic or metal knobs and "Dummy spurs" with no shank are allowed.** Spurs with flat disks are allowed. The contact surface with the horse and all edges must be smooth and rounded.

Comments received

No comments received.

FEI feedback

N/A, no comments received.

Article 18 Saddlery

1. In the Competition arena:
- 1.1 There are no restrictions on saddles.
- 1.2. Blinkers and fly masks that cover the Horse's eyes are forbidden. Leather, sheepskin or similar material may be used on each cheek piece of the bridle providing the material does not exceed three centimetres in diameter measured from the Horse's cheek.
- 1.3. Standing and running martingales are allowed.
- 1.4. Reins must be attached to the bit or directly to the bridle. Gags and hackamores are allowed.

2. Anywhere within the grounds of the Event:

~~5~~2.1. In the interest of safety, the stirrup iron and the stirrup leather (this also applies to safety stirrups) must hang freely from the bar at the saddle and the outside of the flap. There must be no other restrictions or attachments of any kind. The Athlete must not directly or indirectly tie any part of his body to the saddlery.

~~6~~2.2. Athletes are forbidden to carry or use a whip more than 75 cm in length or one which is weighed at the end, in the arena, the schooling areas or anywhere on or in the immediate vicinity of the showground. No substitute for a whip may be carried. Failure to comply with this paragraph will incur Elimination.

~~7.~~ Paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 refer specifically to the Competition arena.

2.3 There are no restrictions on bits. However, the Ground Jury has the right, based on veterinary advice, to forbid the use of a bit that may cause injury to the Horse.

2.4. The use of a tongue-strap is forbidden. For the use of tongue guards, see VRs Art. 1035.4.

~~8~~2.5. Nosebands must be flat. Nosebands constructed from materials other than leather are not permitted. A small disc of sheepskin may be used in the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband.

Permitted Nosebands for Children's Events: (...)

2.6. The total maximum weight of equipment allowed to be placed on a Pony's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings, etc), is 500 grams (shoe excluded).

2.7. Refer to JRs Art. 257.2.4 for the description of the type of hind boots that may be used at FEI Children's Jumping Events.

3. Failure to comply with any of the provisions listed in Art. 18.1 and 18.2 will incur Elimination.

Comments received

SWE NF:

18.2.6 *"The total maximum weight of equipment allowed to be placed on a Pony's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings, etc), is 500 grams (shoe excluded)."* It reads Pony, should be Horse?

FEI Feedback

The reference to a Pony's leg in Art. 18.2.6 is an error and will be corrected. In addition, when aligning Art. 18 above with the provisions of the saddlery rules for Seniors (Art. 257) which **apply also to Children's events**, paragraph 1.5 relating to draw reins in the Competition arena was mistakenly omitted, and will be included in the final version.

Article 22 Competitions (Continental and Regional Championships)

3. Third Day – Second Competition (Team Final, Second Individual)

3.1. This Competition is run over two rounds, identical or different, with the same degree of difficulty in the second round, according to Table A, not against the clock, with a possible jump-off against the clock, in case of equality of first, second and/or third place.

This Competition is open only to those Athletes and Horses which have taken part in the first Competition (see paragraph 2 above). The team classification only affects the members of the teams declared to start.

3.2. Starting order in the Team Final

Starting order in the first round of the Team Final will be according to a draw, conducted according to JRs Art. 252. In the second round, the order of starting will be according to the reverse order of Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes ~~per team~~from among the five Athletes of each Nation in the first qualifying Competition and by the best three Athletes per team in the first round of the Team Competition (individuals to start before

teams in the second round). In case of individuals or teams with equal Penalties, the same starting order as in the first round will be used. (...)

Comments received

See comments from MEX NF to Annex IX, Art. 16.4.2.

FEI feedback

See FEI feedback relating to comments from the MEX NF to Annex IX, Art. 16.4.2. The proposed modifications relating to Young Rider and Junior Championships in and outside Europe should also apply to **Children's championships and will be included in the final version.**

Proposed Final Wording

Article 8 Prizes

3. In Championships, the following minimum number of awards must be presented:

3.6. OCs should award as many extra prizes as possible, for example:

3.6.1. Athletes with the best style ~~(possible division as 3.6.2. and 3.6.3. below);~~

~~3.6.2. best girl Athletes;~~

~~3.6.3. best boy Athletes;~~

3.6.4. sportsmanship.

(...)

Article 17 Dress and Salute

3. ~~Dark coat~~Competition jacket of any colour (the collar may be the same colour as the jacket or a different colour) or club uniform ~~coat~~jacket, white or fawn breeches or jodhpurs with boots and white shirt and tie or choker are allowed. Boots must have a heel. Spurs are optional but if used must be made of smooth metal. If there is a shank it must not be more than 4 cm long, measured from the boot to the tip of the spur, and must point only towards the rear; the end of the shank must be blunt. If the shank is curved, the spurs must be worn only with the shank directed downwards. Rowel spurs are not permitted. Hammer spurs are allowed provided they meet the above requirements. **Metal or plastic "Impulse spurs" with round hard plastic or metal knobs and "Dummy spurs" with no shank are allowed. Spurs with flat disks are allowed.** The contact surface with the horse and all edges must be smooth and rounded.

(...)

Article 18 Saddlery

1. In the Competition arena:

1.1 There are no restrictions on saddles.

1.2. Blinkers and fly masks that cover the Horse's eyes are forbidden. Leather, sheepskin or similar material may be used on each cheek piece of the bridle providing the material does not exceed three centimetres in diameter measured from the Horse's cheek.

1.3. Standing and running martingales are allowed.

1.4. Reins must be attached to the bit or directly to the bridle. Gags and hackamores are allowed.

1.5 Draw reins (running reins) are forbidden in the Competition arena except during prize giving ceremonies and march-past parades.

2. Anywhere within the grounds of the Event:

~~5~~2.1. In the interest of safety, the stirrup iron and the stirrup leather (this also applies to safety stirrups) must hang freely from the bar at the saddle and the outside of the flap. There must be no other restrictions or attachments of any kind. The Athlete must not directly or indirectly tie any part of his body to the saddlery.

~~6~~2.2. Athletes are forbidden to carry or use a whip more than 75 cm in length or one which is weighed at the end, in the arena, the schooling areas or anywhere on or in the immediate

vicinity of the showground. No substitute for a whip may be carried. ~~Failure to comply with this paragraph will incur Elimination.~~

~~7. Paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 refer specifically to the Competition arena.~~

~~2.3 There are no restrictions on bits. However, the Ground Jury has the right, based on veterinary advice, to forbid the use of a bit that may cause injury to the Horse.~~

~~2.4. The use of a tongue-strap is forbidden. For the use of tongue guards, see VRs Art. 1035.4.~~

~~2.5.~~ Nosebands must be flat. Nosebands constructed from materials other than leather are not permitted. A small disc of sheepskin may be used in the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband.

Permitted Nosebands for Children's Events: (...)

~~2.6. The total maximum weight of equipment allowed to be placed on a Horse's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings, etc), is 500 grams (shoe excluded).~~

~~2.7. Refer to JRs Art. 257.2.4 and 257.2.5 for the description of the type of hind boots that may be used at FEI Children's Jumping Events.~~

~~3. Failure to comply with any of the provisions listed in Art. 18.1 and 18.2 in the Competition arena will incur Elimination.~~

Article 20 Declaration of Starters

1. Declaration of Teams

~~1.1. For Regional and Continental Championships in Europe, the~~ Chefs d'Equipe must declare the composition of their team (minimum three, maximum four Athletes/Horses) to the OC in writing, before 18.00 hours, on the day preceding the second Competition (Team Final). The fifth pair (Athlete/Horse) may take part in the second Competition as an individual and in the third (Individual Final) Competition if qualified.

~~1.2 For Regional and Continental Championships outside of Europe, the Chefs d'Equipe must declare the composition of their team (minimum three, maximum four Athletes/Horses) to the OC in writing, before 18.00 hours, on the day preceding the first Competition. The fifth pair (Athlete/Horse) may take part in the first and second Competitions as an individual, and in the third (Individual Final) Competition if qualified.~~

2. The substitution of a team member by the fifth pair (Athlete/Horse) may only be allowed in case of an accident or illness either to one of the four team Athletes or to one of the four Horses, provided the Chef d'Equipe obtains the approval of the Ground Jury. Such substitution may be made up to one hour before the start of the first round of the Team Final.

3. If the Championship is held during a CSI the OC may allow the Athletes participating in the Championship to take part with different Horses in the Competitions of the CSI. The Horses to be ridden in the Championship must, however, be declared before arrival at the Event and may not be substituted.

Article 22 Competitions

2. Second Day – First Competition (Teams and Individuals)

Table A, against the clock with no jump-off (see JRs Art. 238.2.1).

2.1. Starting order in the first Competition.

There will be a draw for the starting order in the first Competition, conducted according to JRs Art. 252.

3. Third Day – Second Competition (Team Final, Second Individual)

3.1. This Competition is run over two rounds, identical or different, with the same degree of difficulty in the second round, according to Table A, not against the clock, with a possible jump-off against the clock, in case of equality of first, second and/or third place.

This Competition is open only to those Athletes and Horses which have taken part in the first Competition (see paragraph 2 above). The team classification only affects the members of the teams declared to start.

3.2. Starting order in the second Competition (Team Final)

3.2.1 For Regional and Continental Championships in Europe, the Sstarting order in the first round of the ~~Team Final~~second Competition will be according to a draw, conducted according to JRs Art. 252. In the second round, the order of starting will be according to the reverse order of total Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes ~~per team~~from among the five of each Nation in the first ~~qualifying~~ Competition and by the best three Athletes per team in the first round of the Team ~~Competition-Final~~. ~~(individuals to start before teams in the second round).~~

3.2.2 For Regional and Continental Championships outside Europe, the starting order in the first round of the second Competition will be according to a draw, conducted according to JRs Art. 252. In the second round, the order of starting will be according to the reverse order of total Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes of each team in the first Competition and by the best three Athletes per team in the first round of the Team Final.

3.3 In the second round individual Athletes will start before the teams. In case of individuals or teams with equal Penalties, the same starting order as in the first round will be used.

3.4 Starting order in the jump-off

The starting order in a possible jump-off will revert to the starting order of the second round.

If two jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the second and first places.

3.5 Number of teams in the second round

The second round is only open to the ten best teams following the first qualifying Competition and the first round of the Team Competition and those teams placed equal for 10th place.

Before the ten best placed teams and those placed equal for 10th place begin their second round, all individuals and team members not qualified for the second round may take part in a second round qualifier for the third Competition. There must be a break of at least 30 minutes between this second round qualifier and the second round of the Team Competition.

Article 24 Team Classification

1. For Regional and Continental Championships in Europe, Tthe team classification is decided by adding the Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes from among the five of each nation in the first Competition and by the best three Athletes per team in each of the two rounds of the Team Final. For those teams not qualified for the second round the results of the best three Athletes from among the five of each nation in the first Competition and the best three Athletes per team in the first round of the Team Final count.

2. For Regional and Continental Championships outside Europe, the team classification is decided by adding the Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes per team in the first Competition and by the best three Athletes per team in each of the two rounds of the Team Final. For those teams not qualified for the second round the results of the best three Athletes per team in the first Competition and the best three Athletes per team in the first round of the Team Final count.

3. Team Athletes not completing the first or second round receive 20 Penalties more than the worst-placed team Athlete, who has finished that particular round.

(...) *[The remaining paragraphs of Art. 24 to be renumbered 4 – 7.]*

ANNEX XIII – RULES FOR AMATEUR OWNERS
Explanation for Proposed Change
Category A and Category B events re-defined in alignment with other CSI Cat. A & B events (with and without prize money).
Proposed Wording
ARTICLE 2 INTERNATIONAL EVENTS
1. International Events for “Amateur Owners” can may be organised for a as CSI Category A Events (with prize money) or as Category B events (without prize money). group consisting of The maximum height allowed for Amateur Owner Competitions with a height of between 1.30 m and is 1.40 m, maximum and a width of with a proportional spread not exceeding 1.55 m maximum (except the triple bar), and a Category B group consisting of Competitions with a height of between 1.15 m and 1.25 m maximum and with a width of 1.40 m maximum (except the triple bar).
Comments received
No comments received.
FEI feedback
N/A, no comments received.
Proposed Final Wording
Proposal stands as written above.

RULES FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS AND GAMES
No modifications to the Rules for Jumping Championships and Games were proposed in the first draft of modifications to the JRs for 2019; the rules therefore stand as written (26 th edition, updates effective 1 January 2018).

NEW PROPOSALS NOT INCLUDED IN 1ST DRAFT OF JUMPING RULES 2019

The following are proposals received from National Federations that are not directly related to the changes proposed by the FEI Jumping Committee in the first draft of modifications to the 2019 JRs published on 9 July. Proposals received after the deadline for receipt of feedback to the first draft are not included below and will be taken into consideration for the 2020 review of the FEI Jumping Rules in accordance with the FEI Rules revision policy (available [here](#)).

Article 201 ARENA, SCHOOLING AREAS AND PRACTICE OBSTACLES
Practice Obstacle – Ground Lines (Art. 201.4.1)
New proposal received
BEL NF: It is needed to clarify in the article about the Ground Lines the restrictions for vertical obstacles and oxers. Now the article looks as if this would be authorized for any obstacle. As a result we propose the following modification. 4.1. Ground lines may be placed directly underneath the first part of an obstacle or up to one metre away on the take-off side. If there is a ground line on the take-off side of the a vertical obstacle, a ground line may be placed on the landing side of the obstacle at an equal distance up to a maximum of 1.00 m. This specific additional ground line is not authorized for an oxer.
FEI feedback
The Jumping Committee supports the BEL NF’s proposal but as no modifications to Art. 201 were proposed in the first draft of modifications for 2019, the proposal must be deferred until the 2020 rule revision, in accordance with the FEI rule revision policy. The relevant modification will be included in the first draft of the 2020 rule revision.
Article 246 OBSTACLES IN THE JUMP-OFF
New article for immediate jump-off in competitions on grass footing (Art. 246.8)

New proposal received

CAN NF:

Equestrian Canada proposes the below point in addition to this article as we feel this is a necessary clarification. Proposal for new paragraph 246.8:

8. In an immediate jump off competition held on grass footing it is permitted to include in the jump off a combination not in the original course as well as two additional obstacles not in the original course.

FEI feedback

The proposal is not supported as CDs would want to include a new combination, which with the two additional obstacles permitted would basically lead to a completely new jump-off. Competitions on grass should not be run with an immediate jump-off.

Article 254 PARTICIPATION AND NUMBER OF HORSES

Change of rider during an event (Art. 254.4)

New proposal received

BEL NF:

We would propose to allow changes of riders WITHOUT being of the same NF, naturally in accordance with the provisions of the schedule. We notice our sport becoming more and more global and would like to see this reflected in this article. Proposal to Art. 254.4:

4. Changing horses by individuals at CSIOs and CSIs is allowed only if they ~~belong to the same NF, and~~ conform to the number of Horses each individual athlete is allowed to ride during the event in accordance with the provisions of the schedule. A change made in this manner is irreversible.

FEI feedback

The proposal to allow riders to change horses without being from the same NF is not supported as in such cases the horse would not have been entered by the other rider's NF and once at the event it is too late to make the change as the date for substitutions has passed.

Article 255 PARTICIPATION OF MINOR ATHLETES IN SENIOR COMPETITIONS

Maximum obstacle heights for Children and Juniors (Article 255.2)

New proposal received

BEL NF:

We notice in the current level of show jumping that the quality of the horses increases, as well as the competency level of younger athletes. As a result we propose to change this article with regards to the restrictions of younger athletes. These changes would also align the rules with the heights as they are being constructed at for instance European Championships for these Athletes. Proposal to Art. 255.2.1 and 255.2.2:

1. Subject to the exclusions mentioned in paragraphs 2 below, Athletes may, with the express permission of their NF, take part in certain Competitions for Seniors from the year in which they reach their 12th birthday.
2. Before the year in which they reach their 18th birthday Athletes may not take part in:
 - a Grand Prix at a CSI3* to CSI5*;
 - a Grand Prix at a CSIO1* to CSIO5*;
 - a Nations Cup Competition at CSIO1* to CSIO5*;
 - **an FEI World Cup™ Competition;**
 - a Power and Skill Competition;
 - a Derby;
 - the Competition with the highest prize money at a CSI3* to CSI5* and CSIO1* to CSIO5* if this is not one of the Competitions listed.

2.1 From the year in which they reach their 12th birthday until the end of the year in which they reach their 13th birthday Athletes may take part in certain Competitions at CSI and CSIO 1* to 5* Events (excluding those listed above) providing the height of obstacles in the initial round does not exceed ~~1.30~~1.35 m.

2.2 From the year in which they reach their 14th birthday until the end of the year in which they reach their 15th birthday Athletes may participate in all Competitions at CSI1* Events (excluding those listed above), and in certain Competitions at CSI2* to CSI5* and CSIO 1* to 5* Events providing the height of obstacles in the initial round does not exceed ~~1.40~~1.45 m.

2.3 From the year in which they reach their 16th birthday, Athletes may participate in all Competitions at CSI1* and CSI2* Events (excluding those listed above). From the year in which they reach their 16th birthday until the end of the year in which they reach their 17th birthday Athletes may take part in certain Competitions at CSI3* to CSI5* and CSIO1* to CSIO5* Events.

FEI feedback

The Jumping Committee considered a proposal to this effect during last year's rule revision and did not support it as the rules for youth are designed to allow them to develop correctly; if they are allowed to jump too high at the beginning they do not learn to ride correctly. The Jumping Committee also wishes to address the statement that the Championships for the categories in question are being built to the heights proposed rather than to the heights indicated in the rules. This is in reference to a championship that occurred three years ago, following which the FEI intervened to ensure that it does not happen again and it has not happened since.

Article 257 SADDLERY

Anywhere within the grounds of the event under control of the OC (Art. 257.2)

New proposal received

BEL NF:

Art. 257.2.1 The Athlete must not directly or indirectly tie any part of his body to the saddlery: This sentence in the rules needs clarification or a change to enable riders to use for example the so-called airbag systems that ties their inflatable bodyprotector to the saddle.

FEI feedback

Riding with an inflatable body protector which must be clipped to the saddle in order for it to inflate in case of a fall of the athlete is not considered tying **the Athlete's** body to the saddlery. Clarification to this effect will be added to the Stewards' Manual for Jumping.

New proposal received

Jumping Committee:

Based on statistics gathered on cases of blood on the horse's flanks during the first 9 months of 2018, the Jumping Committee recommends that rowel spurs with serrated edges or spikes should not be permitted at FEI Jumping events. As no proposal to restrict the types of spurs allowed was included in the first draft of modifications for 2019, this must be deferred until the 2020 rule revision, in accordance with the FEI rule revision policy. Statistics will continue to be gathered and the proposal will be included in the 2020 rule revision process.

ANNEX VIII – QUALIFICATION FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OLYMPIC GAMES

Minimum Eligibility requirements

New proposal received

No new proposals have been received but OCs of CSIOs in Division 2 Regional Groups counting for qualification for the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup Division 2 qualifier have enquired about whether Certificates of Capability can be earned in the Nations Cup competition at their event, if they hold a CSIO1* or CSIO2*. As per the rules for Division 2, the Nations Cup

competition at the CSIOs in each Regional Group must be built at least to the dimensions of a CSIO4*, even if the event is a CSIO1* or CSIO2* in terms of prize money offered. According to JRs Annex VIII, a Certificate of Capability can be earned in the Nations Cup competition only at CSIO3*/CSIO4*/CSIO5* events. As such the Division 2 CSIOs that are not minimum CSIO3* level are not included in the list of events where Certificates of Capability can be earned for Championships and Games.

FEI feedback

As the Nations Cup competition at all CSIOs in Division 2 Regional Groups that count for qualification for the 2019 Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup Division 2 qualifier must be built to CSIO4* level, regardless of the star level of the event, there is no reason the Nations Cup competition at such events cannot be included on the list of qualifying competitions for the 2019 European Championship. The Grand Prix on the other hand cannot count.

ANNEX XII – RULES FOR CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Definition of Children (Art. 3)

New Proposals Received

NED NF:

We noticed the idea to raise the age criteria for Children from 12–14 to 12-16 years. We support this idea and think this will an improvement for this category.

FEI feedback

The Jumping Committee did not propose any modification to the age range for the Children's category for 2019 but this could be considered for the 2020 revision. The proposal would need to be discussed with the other disciplines as the age categories are established in the GRs.