PROPOSALS FOR 2019 MODIFICATIONS TO THE REINING RULES

"NF Comments on the Rule proposals"

23 October 2018

Dear Member Federations,

Please find below a summary of the proposed changes to the Reining Rules 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 change will be submitted for voting at the FEI General Assembly 2019.

Sincerely,

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Reining Director

1. Fast Track Procedure

Article No. 305 –Fast Track Procedure
1. NFs may fast track Athletes to a star level provided the Athletes have never started in a CRI before. 2. Each request for fast track must be accompanied by a report of records and must be approved by the FEI.
Explanation for Proposed Change
Simplifying the fast track procedure for the NFs. Removal of the requirement not to have started in a CRI prior to being fast tracked.
Proposed Wording
3. NFs may fast track Athletes to a star level. ~~provided the Athletes have never started in a CRI before.~~ 4. Each request for fast track must be ~~accompanied by a report of records and must be approved~~ sent to ~~by~~ the FEI at the latest 30 days before the start of the Event.
Comments received
No comments received
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording
Proposal stays as above

2. Noseband at Warm-up

Article No. 321.3 –Equipment
3.1.1 The use of leather nosebands is permitted in practice and warm-up arenas prior to competition and must comply with the guidelines on type and fitting instructions.
Explanation for Proposed Change
Clarification of materials allowed and description of nosebands allowed in practice and in warm-up arenas.
Proposed Wording
3.1.1 The use of flat, smooth leather or nylon nosebands is permitted in practice and warm-up arenas prior to competition ~~and must comply with the guidelines on type and fitting instructions~~. The width of the noseband must be minimum 15mm and maximum 26mm. For fitting, refer to the Reining Stewards Manual.
Comments received
IRL NF: The IRL NF strongly opposes the use of nosebands at any time during the FEI Event.
FEI feedback
Permitting the use of a noseband in practice and warm-up arenas was already in the Rules; the proposal for 2019 only specifies the designs of nosebands permitted. Also nosebands are used in the other FEI disciplines.
Proposed Final Wording
Proposal stays as above

3. Appointment of Officials

Article No. 322.1 –Appointment of Officials - CRIs

1. **CRI**

	CRIO4*	CRI3*		CRI2*	CRI1*
Prize-money	Open	Chf. 9500 and above	Up to Chf. 9499.-	Open	Open
Ground Jury	**1 PGJ** from FEI 4* List	**1 PGJ** from FEI 4* List	**1 PGJ** from FEI 3* or 4* list	**1 PGJ** from FEI 2*, 3* or 4* list	**1 PGJ** from FEI 2*, 3* or 4* list
	2 Members from FEI 3* or 4* list one must be foreign	**2 Members** from FEI 3* or 4* list one must be foreign	Active National judges may be appointed		

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification that also 1* and 2* Judges can be appointed in addition to the required PGJ at CRIs1*/2* and 3* with up to CHF 9500 prize money.

Proposed Wording

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Comments received

No comments received

FEI feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

Proposal stays as above

4. General – Conflict of Interest

Article No. 323.11 –Conflict of Interest

1. **Conflict of interest**

A substantial appearance of a conflict of interest exists whenever an individual involved in any capacity with the FEI is involved in or perceived to be involved in multiple interests, one of which could possibly influence, or is perceived to influence the motivation for an act in the other (ref. Article 158 FEI General Regulations).

Explanation for Proposed Change

Addition of the new FEI Officials' Code of Conduct.
Proposed Wording
1. **Conflict of interest** A substantial appearance of a conflict of interest exists whenever an individual involved in any capacity with the FEI is involved in or perceived to be involved in multiple interests, one of which could possibly influence, or is perceived to influence the motivation for an act in the other (ref. Article 158 FEI General Regulations and the FEI Officials' Code of Conduct – Annex H of the FEI General Regulations.).
Comments received
No comments received
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording
Proposal stays as above

5. No Score

Article No. 328.13 –No Score
New point under Art 328
Explanation for Proposed Change
Added situation leading to a No Score, in alignment with the NRHA rules.
Proposed Wording
13. Use of belly bands, belly wraps or other materials wrapped around the belly.
Comments received
No comments received
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording
Proposal stays as above

6. Other Penalties and Judging requirements

Article No. 332.8 –Other Penalties and Judging Requirements
Excess rein may be straightened anytime during the pattern, provided the Athlete's free hand remains behind the rein hand. Any attempt to alter tension or length of the reins from the bridle to the rein hand is to be considered use of two hands a penalty score of zero will be applied. In addition, should the judge determine the free hand is being used to instil fear or praise, a penalty of five will be applied and a reduction in the manoeuver score.
Explanation for Proposed Change
Clarification of "behind rein hand"; added situation in alignment with the NRHA rules.
Proposed Wording
Excess rein may be straightened anytime during the pattern, provided the Athlete's free hand ~~remains~~ only makes contact with that part of the rein ordinarily behind the rein hand. Any attempt to alter tension or length of the reins from the bridle to the rein hand is to be considered use of two hands a penalty score of zero will be applied. In addition, should the judge determine the free hand is being used to instil fear or praise, a penalty of five will be applied and a reduction in the manoeuver score. An Athlete must be allowed to untangle

or straighten the horse's mane~~in at any place~~wherever a ~~h~~Horse is allowed to be completely stopped during a pattern.
Comments received
No comments received
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording
Proposal stays as above

OTHER PROPOSALS

NED NF:

Obligation to organize a CRI or FEI Reining Championship in order to enter a team for a FEI Reining Championship
In recent qualification criteria for FEI Reining Championships for Seniors is stated that nations who enter a team must have organized a CRI of any level or an FEI Reining Championship in their home country during the qualification period.

In the first place we support this obligation, but it should in our opinion be incorporated in the FEI Reining Rules rather than in the qualification criteria.

Secondly, we suggest to apply this obligation also for nations who would like to enter a team for FEI Reining Championships for Young Riders and Juniors. By this amendment NF´s get obliged to organize a CRI or FEI Reining Championships during the qualification period in order to enter Young Riders and/or Junior teams for FEI Reining Championships.

Qualification criteria FEI Reining Championships
Reining is a discipline that is still developing within the FEI. FEI Reining Championships are regularly allocated while the qualification period already runs. Qualification criteria are normally published after the championship has been allocated. This process makes it hard for National Federations to anticipate on the qualification criteria. We therefore suggest to add the basic qualification criteria to the FEI Reining Rules.

Besides this, we suggest the qualification criteria for Young Riders and Juniors to adjust as below:

Juniors: To be eligible to compete either as a member of a team or as an Individual at the FEI Reining Championships, an Athlete must be qualified as FEI 3* Athlete (Art. 302.5.1) and achieve a minimum average score of 67 at one CRIJ3* Juniors event (or higher; Championships not included) during the qualification period.

Young Riders: To be eligible to compete either as a member of a team or as an Individual at the FEI Reining Championships, an Athlete must be qualified as FEI 3* Athlete (Art. 302.5.1) and achieve a minimum average score of 67 at one CRIY3* Young Riders event (or higher; Championships not included) during the qualification period.

By this amendment, scores obtained by Juniors at CRIY3 and CRI3* events also count as qualifying result. The same counts for scores obtained by Young Riders at CRI3* events.

FEI feedback
The Reining Technical Committee (RTC) thanked NED NF who made new suggestions for the future of the discipline which will be evaluated by the RTC at their 2019 in person meeting.