VAULTING

Guidelines for Shadow Judging

1. In general
   • Shadow Judging for 3* judges can be done in CVI 3*.
     for 2* judges in CVI 2* and 3*s.
   • The Examining Judge (EJ) is chosen from the FEI list of 4* judges.
   • EJs cannot accept more than 2 candidates per event.
   • Individuals and Squads, in all tests and scores (A, B C and D) to be judged.
   • Sit-In and Shadow Judging may be done at the same show.

2. Task of the Candidate:
   • The candidate should check that a 4* judge is judging at the event. If this is the case, the candidate should contact the OC at least 4 weeks before an event and inform them about his/her wish to shadow-judge. If the OC agrees, the candidate will contact the EJ.
   • It is the duty of the candidate to contact the OC again shortly before the event and ask for all details concerning his/her Shadow Judging (timetable etc...).

3. Task of the OC
   • If an OC is willing to allow a candidate to shadow-judge, they must provide an additional table, an additional scribe and judges sheets.
   • The candidate and the EJ should preferably sit next to each other.
   • The event’s scoring office should add up the points of the candidate, and copy the sheets of the EJ for the later assessment of the candidate.

4. Task of the Examining Judge:
   The EJ has to assess the candidate according to the Assessment Sheet:
   1. The EJ evaluate at the appearance of the candidate: e.g. friendly, open-minded, well behaved, appropriately dressed, well on time, etc. ... and check his/her knowledge of the English language.
   2. The EJ checks how the candidate has organised his/her Shadow Judging, e.g. contact with OC beforehand, instructions to the scribe, his knowledge of the test, etc. ...
   3. After the competition the EJ goes through the results of the candidate (without him/her), looking at his results according to the following criteria:
      a. ranking of the competitors, difference in % between the placed vaulters/teams
      b. spread of the final scores
   4. The EJ evaluate thoroughly and in detail the marks by comparing the sheets.
      a. The EJ looks at the correct usage of the marks by comparing them score by score,
         - 1 point difference allowed,
         - more than 1 point difference to be marked in red.
      b. The EJ looks at the spread of the single marks and whether the candidate has used the whole range of marks.
   5. The EJ looks at the remarks, evaluating
      a. The correctness of the remarks
b. The correlation between marks and remarks
c. The correct usage of the technical language

**Important:** The candidate should be asked by the EJ before they start judging the class to give as much remarks as possible. This will give the EJ the opportunity to check as well the candidate’s English as his/her knowledge of judging principles. Short **final sentences** summarizing the most important issues should also be asked for.

6. After having gone through the sheets the EJ discusses the outcome with the candidate and the differences that have occurred. The EJ gives him/her the opportunity to explain his/her marks and thereby check his/her knowledge on the principles of vaulting and judging.

   After the competition the EJ should inform the candidate about the outcome of the Shadow Judging, emphasise strong and weak points, and give further recommendations what issues still to deepen.

   **The Assessment Sheet for Shadow Judging will be sent to the FEI Vaulting Department by the EJ within two weeks after the event.**