

PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF JUMPING RULES

Introduction

Further to the approval of the FEI Periodical Rules Revision Policy at the 2019 General Assembly (available here: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/about-fei/governance/rules-revision-process>) the next full revision of the Jumping Rules will take place in 2021 (to come into force in 2022). As this year is not a full revision year, for this year's revision process NFs and MOU stakeholders were invited to propose only modifications that fulfilled the following criteria:

1. Urgent repairs, i.e., changes in the Rules that cannot await because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes;
2. Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.;
3. New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation;
4. Implementation of new technology development(s) relevant to the specific set of Rules;
5. IOC, IPC, WADA, ASOIF and similar organisations' policies' implementation;
6. Other scenarios not foreseen by this Policy as considered and approved by the Board.

In addition, the FEI Headquarters and the Jumping Committee have a number of proposals put forward based also on the above mentioned criteria.

In the following document you will find 2 sections as follows:

- A. **[Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 1 March 2020](#)**. In this section you will find each of the Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders addressed by the FEI with the relevant feedback from the Jumping Committee; and
- B. **[Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI](#)**



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A. Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 1 March 2020

Rules Proposal Submitted By
IJOC
Article No.–Article Name
Art. 207 – FLAGS Art. 207.2
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
<i>Clarification</i>
Explanation for Proposed Change
Inconsistent explanation who has to be between the flags – the horse or the rider – to consider the fence is jumped correctly. Proposal: The Combination athlete/horse should be between the flags to consider the fence is jumped clear.
Proposed Wording
Art. 207.2 At the obstacles, the starting and finishing lines and at the compulsory turning points, the Athlete must pass between the flags (red on his/her right and white on his/her left). Flag poles defining the limits of the landing side of the water jump must be made of material that cannot shatter or splinter and must bend when hit; flags must have no sharp points or corners. The Athlete/Horse combination should be between the flags to consider the fence is jumped clear.
FEI Feedback
The proposed clarification is not supported; the rule has been in place and implemented successfully for many years and should not be changed for very few exceptional cases.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
n/a

Rules Proposal Submitted By
IJOC
Article No.–Article Name
Art. 211 – WATER JUMP, WATER JUMP WITH VERTICAL AND LIVERPOOL Art. 211.7
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
<i>Clarification</i>
Explanation for Proposed Change
Inconsistent explanation who has to be between the flags – the horse or the rider – to consider the fence is jumped correctly.
Proposed Wording
Art. 211.7 If one of the four flags is knocked down or displaced it is for the water jump Judge to decide whether or not there has been a Run-out depending on which side of the flag the Horse has passed. If the decision is a Run-out the bell will be rung and the clock stopped while the flag, which has been knocked down or displaced is put back and six seconds will be added in accordance with JRs Art. 232. The Athlete/Horse combination should be between the flags to consider the fence is jumped clear.
FEI Feedback
The proposed clarification is not supported; the rule has been in place and implemented successfully for many years and should not be changed for very few exceptional cases.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
n/a

Rules Proposal Submitted By
IJOC
Article No.–Article Name
Art. 222 – RUN-OUT Art. 222.2
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
<i>Clarification</i>
Explanation for Proposed Change
Inconsistent explanation who has to be between the flags – the horse or the rider to consider the fence is jumped correctly.
Proposed Wording
Art. 222.2 When a Horse jumps an obstacle between two red flags or between two white flags the obstacle has not been jumped correctly, the Athlete is penalised as for a Run-out and he/she must jump the obstacle again correctly. The Athlete/Horse combination should be between the flags to consider the fence is jumped clear.
FEI Feedback
The proposed clarification is not supported; the rule has been in place and implemented successfully for many years and should not be changed for very few exceptional cases.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
n/a

Rules Proposal Submitted By
IJOC
Article No.–Article Name
Art. 224 – FALLS 4.2 Fall in the practice arena [...] In case of a fall of an Athlete and/or a Horse in the practice arena prior to entering the Competition arena for a jump-off, the Ground Jury may, at its discretion, decide to delay the jump-off for a reasonable amount of time for the Athlete to be checked by the Event’s medical service (or by a medical doctor if the medical service is not available), respectively the Horse to be cleared by the Veterinary Delegate, or to eliminate the combination from the jump-off.
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
<i>New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation</i>
Explanation for Proposed Change
To clarify what means to delay the jump-off - to receive a new starting position or to delay his and the other athletes JO. The problem here is that a rider can be tricky and if he “voluntarily” falls at the practice arena he can have an advantage with a later starting position. The parallel with lost horseshoe is not 100% correct because lost shoe is out of the control of the athlete.
Proposed Wording
None
FEI Feedback
The proposal is not supported. The rule as written gives the Ground Jury the discretion to delay the jump-off or not and including additional constraints would limit the options of the GJ.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
n/a

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ITA NF
Article No.–Article Name
Art. 236 – TABLE A

Art. 236.1 (vii)	
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria	
Explanation for Proposed Change	
<p>The current system does not make any difference within the 4-second time range exceeding the time allowed, as you can appreciate from the following example e.g. time allowed: 50 secs competitor A: time 50",1 = 1 penalty point competitor B: time 53",9 = 1 penalty point The starters should be penalised in a different way according to their times, within the 4 seconds range. Nowadays the time factor in course designing is crucial and for this very reason the time penalisation should be more specific.</p>	
Proposed Wording	
(vii) Exceeding the time allowed in the first and second rounds and jump-offs not against the clock	One 0,25 Penalty for every four-seconds second commenced
FEI Feedback	
As the rule has been in place for many years an urgent repair outside of the four-year revision cycle is not deemed necessary; the proposal is deferred until the 2021 revision.	
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)	
n/a	

Rules Proposal Submitted By
COD NF
Article No.–Article Name
Art. 245 – JUMP-OFFS – GENERAL Art. 245.1
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
<i>Clarification</i>
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>We propose a clarification of Art 245.1 of the Jumping Rules to make it clear whether or not the GJ should organize a jump-off when only one Athlete qualifies with two or more horses.</p> <p>The reasons not to organize a jump-off in this case are as follows:</p> <p>A/ Most of the FEI Jumping Rules refer to the combinations of Horse and Athlete (Art 200.1, 203.1.2, 220.2, 235.3, 242.1, 253.6.2, 261.4.1.1 ... etc. but concerning the winner of the competition or who may take part in a Jump-off, the Rules only refer to the Athletes (and for the Jump-off, clearly in plural form)</p> <p>ARTICLE 200 GENERAL</p> <p>2. If an Athlete makes certain Faults such as knocking down an obstacle, refusing, exceeding the time allowed, etc. he/she incurs Penalties. The winner of the Competition is the Athlete who incurs the least number of Penalties, completes the course in the fastest time or gains the highest number of points, depending on the type of Competition.</p> <p>ARTICLE 245 JUMP-OFFS - GENERAL</p> <p>1. Only Athletes who are in equal first place after one or several preliminary rounds of the same Competition may take part in a jump-off. Athletes must start the same Horse in the jump-off as in the initial round.</p> <p>As worded, that means if we have only one Athlete (in the singular) qualified for the Jump-off, even with two horses or more, he may not take part in a Jump-off and there is no Jump-off.</p> <p>B/ There is no interest to organize a Jump-off with one Athlete competing only against himself seeing that he is sure to be the winner.</p> <p>C/ There is a risk of manipulation of the result of that jump-off.</p>

D/ If there is an accident with serious injuries during that jump-off, the liability of the GJ could be questioned by the Athlete, the owner of the horse, the insurance company ... for not respecting the rule which states that only Athletes who are in equal first place after one or several preliminary rounds of the same Competition may take part in a jump-off.

Proposed Wording

A. If the position of the FEI is “no jump-off” Article 245.1 of the Jumping Rules could be clarified as follows:

Option 1:

Art. 245.1 Only Athletes who are in equal first place after one or several preliminary rounds of the same Competition may take part in a jump-off. Athletes must start the same Horse in the jump-off as in the initial round. **If only one Athlete is in equal first place with two Horses or more there is no jump-off. That Athlete is the winner of the competition and the Horses are placed in equal first place.**

Option 2:

Art. 245.1 Only Athletes who are in equal first place after one or several preliminary rounds of the same Competition may take part in a jump-off. Athletes must start the same Horse in the jump-off as in the initial round. **If only one Athlete is in equal first place with two Horses or more the Ground Jury may allow him to take part in a jump-off with his Horses.**

B. If the FEI position is to allow an Athlete to compete only against himself in a jump-off with two or more horses, then Article 245.1 of the Jumping Rules could be clarified as follows:

Option 3:

Art. 245.1 Only **Athlete/Horse combinations** who are in equal first place after one or several preliminary rounds of the same Competition may take part in a jump-off. Athletes must start the same Horse in the jump-off as in the initial round.

Option 4:

Art. 245.1 Only Athletes who are in equal first place after one or several preliminary rounds of the same Competition may take part in a jump-off. **If only one Athlete is in equal first place with two Horses or more he may also take part in a jump-off.** Athletes must start the same Horse in the jump-off as in the initial round.

FEI Feedback

Clarification to Art. 245.1 is not considered necessary; the rule has been in place and implemented successfully for many years and should not be changed for very few exceptional cases. An athlete who is tied for first place with two horses is allowed to jump-off with both horses if he wishes to do so.

FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

n/a

Rules Proposal Submitted By

GER NF

Article No.–Article Name

Art. 249 – INVITATIONS TO CSIOS
Art. 249.8.1

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

*Rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation
(and: Sport Rules for Series do not fall under the periodical Rules Revision)*

Explanation for Proposed Change

Under the current rules, the FEI has the right to nominate one of the foreign teams to be invited by the OC as a wild card.
The FEI Nations’ Cup Rules 2020 provide for the following exceptions to this article:

10. WILD CARDS

10.1. FEI Team Wild Cards

The FEI has the right to nominate one wild card team for all CSIO events except [for Europe Division 1, D2, FEI Nations Cup™ qualifiers](#), North American FEI Nations Cup™ qualifiers and the Middle-East FEI Nations Cup™ qualifier.

Requests for wild card invitations from NFs are screened by:

- CSIO representative;
- FEI Headquarters representative.

In case of a dispute, the OCs' and the Chefs d'Equipe representatives will be consulted prior to a decision being taken by the FEI.

These exceptions should be valid for **all CSIO5* events**, not just those who are part of the Series.

Proposed Wording

Either delete [JRs Art 249]8.1 "The FEI has the right to nominate one of the foreign teams to be invited by the OC as a wild card"

or add under this article: "[except for CSIOs at 5* level, for Europe Division 1, ... \(as described in the Nations' Cup Rules 2020\) and for the Longines EEF Series.](#)"

FEI Feedback

The proposed modification is not supported as written as it would leave very little opportunity for nations that might have difficulty in obtaining invitations to CSIOs to prepare their teams for Championships and Games at the highest level. The Jumping Committee recommends that a team wild card should be available for CSIO5* LFJNC qualifiers in Regions with a smaller number of eligible NFs and at which teams are not allocated events counting for points (i.e. the Middle East and North/Central American Regions), but not for Europe Division 1 events as the rules require that the OC invite the D1 teams allocated to them, and they are not permitted to invite more than 8 teams, including the home NF if not a D1 team. Similarly in accordance with the rules for the EEF Nations Cup series, the EEF Nations Cup Semi-Finals and Final are strictly reserved to those NFs having qualified; it is therefore not possible to have a team wild card for these events. This would also require that Art. 10.1 of the LFJNC rules be updated accordingly.

FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

JRs Art. 249.8.1

The FEI has the right to nominate one of the foreign teams to be invited by the OC as a wild card [except for FEI Nations Cup™ Europe Division 1 qualifying Events, the EEF Nations Cup Semi-Finals and the EEF Nations Cup Final.](#)

Rules Proposal Submitted By

IJOC

Article No.–Article Name

Art. 251 – ENTRIES

Art. 251.4

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Clarification

Explanation for Proposed Change

NFs do not enter athletes/horses for Competitions, they enter athletes/horses for Events by Category CSI5*, CSI1*... For example: If an NF enters a child to take part at CSI1* (he can jump up to 135), and the coach enters the child in a 145cm class, how is the NF responsible?

Proposed Wording

NFs are responsible for selecting and entering qualified Horses and Athletes. This includes the fitness and capability of the Horses and the Athletes to participate in the [Competitions Event/Category](#) for which they are entered. It is the NF's responsibility to ensure that Horses and Athletes are of the required age for the Event in which they are entered.

FEI Feedback

The provisions of JRs 251.4 are the same as in GRs 117.2; a modification to JRs 251.4 would need to be reflected in GRs 117.2. As the 2020 General Assembly will be held online without a rules session, the modifications to the GRs for 2021 will be limited to changes deemed strictly necessary. Consideration of a modification to GRs Art. 117.2 has been deferred until next year; therefore the proposed modification to JRs 251.4 is also deferred until the 2021 revision.

FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

n/a

Rules Proposal Submitted By

GER NF

Article No.–Article Name

Art. 254 PARTICIPATION, AGE AND NUMBER OF HORSES
Art. 254.2

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation

Explanation for Proposed Change

At present, there are discussions whether at events with several CSIs, additional competitions for Young Horses may be scheduled or if this is only possible in addition to **one** CSI. If always two additional horses are possible, we would propose the wording below. If it is not possible, it should be clearly stated that at events with several CSIs, Young Horses' Competitions have to be scheduled as separate CSIs.

Proposed Wording

- if Young Horses competitions can be scheduled when there are several CSIs at the same event -

2. The Schedule must specify the number of Horses allowed for each Athlete at CSIOs and CSIs but this number must be limited to a maximum of three. ~~CSI or CSIO Events may include Competitions for Young Horses open only to the Athletes entered in the CSI or CSIO; for these Competition Athletes may enter two Horses in addition to the three Horses allowed for the CSI or CSIO. Participation of these additional Horses is limited to the Young Horses Competitions only.~~ At Events where several CSIs of different categories are organised on the same weekend the number of Horses per Athlete must be limited to three per Category.

CSI or CSIO Events may include Competitions for Young Horses open only to the Athletes entered in the CSI or CSIO; for these Competitions Athletes may enter two Horses in addition to the three Horses allowed for the CSI or CSIO. Participation of these additional Horses is limited to the Young Horses' Competitions only.

Separate CSIs for Young Horses (CSIYH) may be organised at these Events; Athletes entered in the CSIYH are allowed to enter three Horses specifically for the Young Horse Competitions.

- if Young Horses competitions are not possible when there are several CSIs at the same event -

2. The Schedule must specify the number of Horses allowed for each Athlete at CSIOs and CSIs but this number must be limited to a maximum of three. ~~CSI or CSIO Events may include Competitions for Young Horses open only to the Athletes entered in the CSI or CSIO; for these Competition Athletes may enter two Horses in addition to the three Horses allowed for the CSI or CSIO. Participation of these additional Horses is limited to the Young Horses Competitions only.~~ At Events where several CSIs of different categories are organised on the same weekend the number of Horses per Athlete must be limited to three per Category.

At events with only one CSI(O), the CSI or CSIO may include Competitions for Young Horses open only to the Athletes entered in the CSI or CSIO; for these Competitions Athletes may enter two Horses in addition to the three Horses allowed for the CSI or CSIO. Participation of these additional Horses is limited to the Young Horses Competitions only.

Separate CSIs for Young Horses (CSIYH) may be organised at ~~these Events regardless whether one or several CSI(O)s are scheduled~~; Athletes entered in the CSIYH are allowed to enter three Horses specifically for the Young Horse Competitions.

FEI Feedback

The first option is the correct interpretation but should be slightly reworded for more clarity.

FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
<p>2. The Schedule must specify the number of Horses allowed for each Athlete at CSIOs and CSIs but this number must be limited to a maximum of three. CSI or CSIO Events may include Competitions for Young Horses open only to the Athletes entered in the CSI or CSIO; for these Competition Athletes may enter two Horses in addition to the three Horses allowed for the CSI or CSIO. Participation of these additional Horses is limited to the Young Horses Competitions only. At Events where several CSIs of different categories are organised on the same weekend the number of Horses per Athlete must be limited to three per Category.</p> <p><u>CSI or CSIO Events that are not combined with a CSIYH may include Competitions for Young Horses open only to the Athletes entered in the CSI or CSIO; for these Competition Athletes may enter two Horses in addition to the three Horses allowed for the CSI or CSIO. Participation of these additional Horses is limited to the Young Horse Competitions only.</u></p> <p><u>If separate CSIs for Young Horses (CSIYH) may be organised at these concurrently with other CSI or CSIO Events;</u> Athletes entered in the CSIYH are allowed to enter three Horses specifically for the Young Horse Competitions.</p>

Rules Proposal Submitted By
BEL NF
Article No.–Article Name
Art. 254 – PARTICIPATION, AGE AND NUMBER OF HORSES Art. 254.4
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
Explanation for Proposed Change
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.
Proposed Wording
Art. 254.4 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
As the rule has been in place for many years an urgent repair outside of the four-year revision cycle is not deemed necessary; the proposal is deferred until the 2021 revision.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
n/a

Rules Proposal Submitted By
BEL NF
Article No.–Article Name
Art. 255 – PARTICIPATION OF MINOR ATHLETES IN SENIOR COMPETITIONS (REFER ALSO TO ANNEXES IX, XI AND XII) Art. 255.2
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
Explanation for Proposed Change
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.
Proposed Wording

Art. 255.2. Before the year in which they reach their 18th birthday Athletes may not take part in:

- a Grand Prix at a ~~CSI3*~~ ~~CSI4*~~ 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* and CSIAm Category A and B 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

As the above rules have been in place for many years an urgent repair outside of the four-year revision cycle is not deemed necessary; the proposal is deferred until the 2021 revision.

FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

n/a

Rules Proposal Submitted By

SWE NF

Article No.–Article Name

Art. 256 – DRESS, PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR* AND SALUTE
Art. 256.1.4

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Urgent repairs, i.e., changes in the Rules that cannot await because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes

Explanation for Proposed Change

Due to the safety of the Athletes and the recent accident during the Longines FEI World Cup™ Prize giving ceremony at the Gothenburg Horse Show, the SWE NF believes that properly fastened Protective Headgears must be mandatory for all Athletes during the Prize giving ceremony. Therefore we suggest the following modifications to the General Regulations, Jumping-, Dressage - and Eventing rules.

Proposed Wording

1.4 It is compulsory for all persons to wear a properly fastened protective Headgear with a three point retention harness at all times when mounted. If an Athlete chooses to remove his/her Headgear at any time, whether permitted or not by these rules, such removal shall always be entirely at his/her own risk. An Athlete who loses his/her Headgear or whose retention harness becomes unfastened during the course of his/her round must recover and replace it, or in the case of the retention harness becoming unfastened must refasten it. In such case, the Athlete will not be penalised for halting to retrieve his/her Headgear and/or refasten the retention harness, but the clock will not be stopped. An Athlete who jumps or attempts to jump an obstacle with a retention harness incorrectly fastened or not fastened will be eliminated unless the circumstances rendered it unsafe for the Athlete to stop immediately in order to refasten the

harness (e.g. if the harness becomes unfastened in the middle of a combination or one or two strides before the obstacle in question). ~~As an exception to this rule Senior Athletes may remove their Headgear while accepting prizes, during the playing of the National anthem and any other ceremonial protocol.~~

FEI Feedback

As the 2020 General Assembly will be held online without a rules session, and as the rules on headgear in the GRs were revised and approved last year, the SWE NF's proposed modification to the GRs has not been incorporated (refer to the Memo to NFs concerning the GRs). As no proposal relating to a penalty for removing headgear will be included in the GRs for 2021, the Jumping Committee recommends to not delete the last sentence of Art. 256.1.4, but to improve safety in the prize giving ceremony through other measures such as not allowing athletes to hold a microphone while mounted (see proposed wording below) and implement best practices such as having an Official or other person involved in the prize-giving ceremony request that athletes put on and fasten their headgear prior to remounting and/or prior to the lap of honour, and possibly request the OCs to involve the speaker to send a message to the public.

FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

1.4 It is compulsory for all persons to wear a properly fastened protective Headgear with a three point retention harness at all times when mounted. If an Athlete chooses to remove his/her Headgear at any time, whether permitted or not by these rules, such removal shall always be entirely at his/her own risk. An Athlete who loses his/her Headgear or whose retention harness becomes unfastened during the course of his/her round must recover and replace it, or in the case of the retention harness becoming unfastened must refasten it. In such case, the Athlete will not be penalised for halting to retrieve his/her Headgear and/or refasten the retention harness, but the clock will not be stopped. An Athlete who jumps or attempts to jump an obstacle with a retention harness incorrectly fastened or not fastened will be eliminated unless the circumstances rendered it unsafe for the Athlete to stop immediately in order to refasten the harness (e.g. if the harness becomes unfastened in the middle of a combination or one or two strides before the obstacle in question). As an exception to this rule Senior Athletes may remove their Headgear while accepting prizes, during the playing of the National anthem and any other ceremonial protocol. ~~If an interview is to be carried out with any Athlete during the prize giving ceremony of a competition, the Athlete may not hold the microphone while mounted.~~

Rules Proposal Submitted By

NED NF

Article No.–Article Name

Art. 256 – DRESS, PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR AND SALUTE

General Rules 2.2.1.1.

Dressage Rules Article 427

Eventing Rules Article 538

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.

Explanation for Proposed Change

In the different Olympic and Paralympic disciplines the following can be found about clothing. We strongly suggest for this to be harmonised for all disciplines: **athletes shall wear the official clothing of their NF.**

General regulations

2.2.1.1 Unless stated otherwise in the Sport Rules, Athletes shall wear **the official clothing of their NF** throughout all stages of competition (team and individual) during the FEI Championships and/or CIOs.

2.2.1.2 Should a NF not have an official clothing, the Athlete(s) of such NF shall be entitled to wear their own clothing, subject to the relevant Discipline Rules and requirements of this Article.

2.2.2. The Marathon Phase of Driving Events is specifically excluded from this Article and instead is governed by the Sport Rules for Driving.

2.2.3. 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 and on numbers present on front and back of the bibs worn by Athletes during the Cross-Country tests of Eventing and Endurance Events, 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.

Jumping Rules

Article 256

1.5. Civilians are required to wear **the uniform or clothing approved by their NF**, a jacket (Competition jackets may be any colour but must have a lapel collar and outward facing buttons; 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.

Dressage Rules

Article 427

2. Civilians. The following is compulsory at all CDIYH (7yo) / CDIJ / CDIY / CDIU25 / CDI3* / CDI4* / CDI5* / CDI-W and CDIOs, FEI Championships, Regional and Olympic Games: **a black or dark blue tail coat or jacket, or other dark colours may be worn within in the international HSV colour scale**. Colours having a value for "V" smaller than thirty two percent (32%) according to the HSV model may be approved through application to the FEI. Contrast colouring and piping is allowed.

Protective Headgear or top hat/bowler**: black or may be same colour as coat

Breeches: white or off white

Stock or tie: white, off white or same colour as coat

Gloves: white, off white or same colour as coat

Riding boots: black or same colour as coat

2.1 **For Grand Prix Freestyle only, any single colour tailcoat or jacket will be allowed**. Striped or multi-coloured coats or jackets are not permitted. Tasteful and discreet accents, such as a collar of a different hue or modest piping or crystal decorations, are acceptable.

Eventing rules

538.2 Dressage Test

538.2.1 Civilian

Hunting dress or uniform of a riding club; white shirt and tie; gloves; white, fawn or cream breeches; long riding boots (or short boots with matching full grain smooth leather chaps); hunting cap, protective headgear or top hat.

At CCIs-S 1, 2&3 star level civilian may also wear a tweed jacket with fawn or beige breeches and black or brown boots.

538.4 Jumping Test

538.4.1 Civilian

Hunting dress or uniform of a riding club; white shirt and tie; white, fawn or cream breeches; boots are compulsory for this Test. At CCI1*-Intro and CCI2*-L and 3*-L level civilian may also wear a tweed jacket with fawn or beige breeches and black or brown boots.

Proposed Wording

Uniform rule for all Olympic/Paralympic disciplines:

Civilians. The following is compulsory: a tail coat or jacket approved by their NF, contrast colouring and piping is allowed.

FEI Feedback

As the rules on the dress code have been in place for many years an urgent repair outside of the four-year revision cycle is not deemed necessary; the proposal is deferred until the 2021 revision.

FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

n/a

Rules Proposal Submitted By
IJOC
Article No.–Article Name
Art. 257- SADDLERY Art. 257.2.5.2
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
<i>New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation</i>
Explanation for Proposed Change
Everywhere in the article to clarify that the minimum width of 2.5 cm is for each fastener. To add the words EACH FASTENER at the paragraphs for velcro, stud and hook type fasteners.
Proposed Wording
<p>2.5.2 [...]</p> <p>The boot may have no more than two fasteners. Only the following types of fasteners are permitted:</p> <p>Velcro-type fasteners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Straps must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Have a Velcro or Velcro-type fastening system o Each fastener must have a minimum width of 2.5 cm if there are two straps or o Have a minimum width of 5 cm if there is only one strap - For boots with a protective element only on the inside of the fetlock, straps may be elastic or non-elastic - For double-shell boots, the straps must be elastic <p>Stud-type fasteners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Straps must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Be made of elastic o Each fastener must have a minimum width of 2.5 cm o Have holes that fit over a stud on the boot <p>Hook-type fasteners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Straps must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Be made of elastic o Each fastener must have a minimum width of 2.5 cm o Have a hook at the end that fits into an “eyelet” on the boot
FEI Feedback
The proposal is supported and the Jumping Committee also recommends including clarification to Art. 257.2.4 and 257.2.5 regarding the use of Vet Wrap or other bandages under hind boots. Reference to Jumping Events for U-25, Young Riders, Juniors etc needs to be deleted as the rules for hind boots will apply to all categories as of 1/1/2021.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
<p>Art. 257</p> <p>As proposed above and in addition:</p> <p>2.5 At all FEI Jumping Events for U-25, Young Riders, Juniors, Pony Riders, Children, Amateur Owners and Veterans, At all international Jumping Events and at all FEI Jumping World Challenge Events, only hind boots meeting the following description may be used:</p> <p>2.5.1 Boots as described in Art. 257.2.4.</p> <p>2.5.2 Boots that have a protective element on the inside only, and boots with 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:</p> <p>(...)</p> <p>No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the boot itself. <u>The use of Vet Wrap or similar bandaging material under hind boots is not permitted.</u></p> <p>(...)</p> <p>2.6 For implementation as of 1 January 2021: Only hind boots as described in JRs Art. 257.2.4 and 257.2.5 may be used at international Jumping Events.</p>

Rules Proposal Submitted By
IJOC
Article No.–Article Name
Art. 261 – NORMAL COMPETITIONS AND GRAND PRIX COMPETITIONS
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
Explanation for Proposed Change
The organizer to write in the schedule the name and FEI ID of the current National Champion, the date and the name of the winner of the GP previous year. Sometimes is difficult to find out which is the event previous year. It will be very easy for the FJ/PGJ to follow the qualification for the GP.
Proposed Wording
None
FEI Feedback
The proposal is not supported. If necessary the OC can provide this information to the FJ/PGJ during the event.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
n/a

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ITA NF
Article No.–Article Name
Art. 264 – NATIONS CUP Art. 264.4.1
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
Explanation for Proposed Change
5 th Team Member – can be used for substitution (strategical + welfare) for team competition (NC series & Team championship competition) and compete for individual title in Championships. As in Barcelona, and to make the competition similar to other sports, allow the Chef d’équipe the possibility of making substitutions after the 1 st round. This can highlight some advantages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased involvement of more combinations within team. • Benefits the relationship between riders, owners NFs, the 5th team member would feel more a part of the team. • Increase technical dimension for the Chef d’équipe (coach) who can, with his choices of substitution during the competition, have a greater impact on the final result During the 1 st and 2 nd round the chef d’équipe should have the option of substituting one of the four athlete with the 5 th reserve combination. This would represent a significant progress in the welfare of the horse and the protection of their physical integrity, think of all the times that you are forced to send a horse into the second round which is not 100% fit. This would also increase the technical content of the competition, it would become a strategic tool for the Chef d’Equipe, dosing the technical strengths of the team through substitution of a combination, also with the possibility of changing the starting order for the second round.
Proposed Wording
264.4.1 A full Nations Cup team comprises four five Athletes each riding the same Horse throughout the Competition. During the 1st and 2nd round the Chef d’Equipe should have the option of substituting one of the four athletes with the 5th reserve combination.
FEI Feedback

The Jumping Committee does not support applying the rules for the LFJNC Final to regular Nations Cup competitions because the formats are different, Nations Cups being run with both rounds on the same day and the Final as three separate competitions on separate days.

FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

n/a

Rules Proposal Submitted By

IJOC

Article No.–Article Name

Art. 267 – HIT-AND-HURRY COMPETITION
Art. 267.5

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Clarification

Explanation for Proposed Change

None

Proposed Wording

Art. 267.5 [...] If an Athlete has a Disobedience and displaces or knocks down an obstacle, the fixed time must be decreased by six seconds and the bell must be rung accordingly. **If an Athlete has a Disobedience and displaces or knocks down an obstacle less than six seconds before the end of the fixed time, the bell must be rung immediately.**

FEI Feedback

The proposal is not supported. The rule has been in place and successfully implemented for many years. In case of a disobedience with a displacement of the obstacle less than six seconds before the end of the fixed time, the six seconds are deducted from the time and the athlete is out of time, but is not eliminated.

FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

n/a

Rules Proposal Submitted By

IJOC

Article No.–Article Name

Art. 268 – RELAY COMPETITIONS
Art. 268.1.6

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Clarification

Explanation for Proposed Change

None

Proposed Wording

Art. 268.1.6 If, during the round, Disobediences with knock down are committed, the time corrections must be added to the time taken to complete the round (see JRs Art. 232). **If an Athlete has a Disobedience and displaces or knocks down an obstacle less than six seconds before the end of the fixed time, the bell must be rung immediately.**

FEI Feedback

The proposal is not supported. The rule has been in place and successfully implemented for many years. For relay competitions conducted under the format with a fixed total time (268.2.2), in case of a disobedience with a knockdown less than six seconds before the end of the fixed time, the six seconds are deducted from the time, and the athlete is out of time.

FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

n/a

Rules Proposal Submitted By
GER NF
Article No.–Article Name
ANNEX V – CSI INVITATION RULES Section 6 – General
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
<i>Rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation</i>
Explanation for Proposed Change
Already in the first year of the implementation of the Invitation System, some OCs interpret the word “limited” to their favour. Therefore the word “limited” should be more precise, for example “a limited number of additional Athletes (max. 20 % or 25 % of the Athletes invited for the Longines competitions)”. If 60 Athletes are invited, with 20 % 12 additional Athletes could be invited, with 25 % 15 additional Athletes could be invited.
Proposed Wording
Section 6 General OCs may invite a limited number of additional Athletes only for the small and/or medium tour Competitions at their Event; Athletes invited only for the small and/or medium tour Competitions are not included in the total number of Athletes used for the calculation of percentages for the invitation of Athletes under sections 1-3, and may not participate in any Competitions counting for the Longines Ranking. The number of additional Athletes may not exceed 20 % (or 25 %) of the number of Athletes invited through the invitation system. The Horses of Athletes invited for the small/medium tour Competitions are not counted in the maximum number of Horses that may be entered for the CSI; if any of the Athletes invited for the small/medium tour Competitions do not enter the maximum number of Horses permitted per Athlete, the OC may not invite additional Athletes for the CSI to fill the vacant stable places of small/medium tour Horses.
FEI Feedback
Such clarification has been added to the implementation guidelines for the online invitation system that are published on the website and the percentage is implemented through the system.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
n/a

Rules Proposal Submitted By
BUL NF
Article No.–Article Name
Annex IX – RULES FOR UNDER 25 (U25), YOUNG RIDERS AND JUNIORS Art. 18.1 – TEAM CLASSIFICATION Annex XII – RULES FOR CHILDREN’S EVENTS Art. 24.1 – TEAM CLASSIFICATION
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
<i>New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation</i>
Explanation for Proposed Change
Our proposal is concerning the team classification. We think that the current rule the team at the first competition to be with five athletes but to count three best and after the competition the Chef d’Equipe to decide which four out of the five to continue at the team is not fair. This gives big advantage to the countries who have five athletes compared with those who have only three or four. Our proposal is: NFs can enter five team athletes. But the day before the first competition it is to the Chef d’Equipe to declare which four out of them will count for the team in the first and second competition. And for the classification we will have a drop score – three best results. The current rule gives much more tactical possibilities for the nations who have five athletes. Now the chef de equip can choose his team for the second competition after observation of the performance of the athlete/horses at the first competition.

We believe that our proposal is much closer to the fair play.
Proposed Wording
Annex IX, Art. 18.1 For Regional and Continental Championships in Europe, the team classification is decided by adding the Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes from among the five four 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 nation in the first Competition and the best three Athletes per team in the first round of the Team Final count.
Annex XII, Art. 24.1: Art. 24.1 For Regional and Continental Championships in Europe, the team classification is decided by adding the Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes from among the five four of each nation in the first Competition and 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.
FEI Feedback
When the above rules were proposed for inclusion in the first draft of proposed modifications to the 2019 rules, no comments to the proposed text (penalties of best three of five in the 1 st competition) were received from any European NFs. The proposal is deferred until the complete rule revision in 2021 for which a full consultation with the EEF on the above will be carried out.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
n/a

Rules Proposal Submitted By
IJOC
Article No.–Article Name
ANNEX XI – RULES FOR PONY RIDERS Art. 21.2.3 – INSPECTION OF SADDLERY
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
Explanation for Proposed Change
Draw reins should be banned on showgrounds for Ponies. The pony riders are not capable to work with double reins. Proposed Wording Suggestion supported i.e. to reinforce JRs Annex XI Art 21, 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 are not allowed.... And to delete JRs Annex XI Art 21, 2.3 Draw reins (running reins) are forbidden in the Competition arena except during prize giving ceremonies and march-past parades.
Proposed Wording
Art. 21.2.3 Draw reins (running reins) are forbidden anywhere on the grounds of the event in the Competition arena except during prize giving ceremonies and march-past parades.
FEI Feedback
The Jumping Committee shares the view that it is the way that draw reins are used and not the use of draw reins themselves that could cause any potential issues. Draw reins being applied under excessive tension could be detrimental, potentially forcing a pony into a severe hyperflexion posture or applying excessive forces to the mouth. On the other hand in some cases, with a child on an excited pony, draw reins could be useful for safety when the child first gets on, particularly if this is what the pony and child are used to doing at home, and might help avoid some tricky situations. The Jumping Committee therefore feels that this should be more about monitoring how draw reins are used than banning their use and recommends adding reinforcement in this regard in the Jumping Stewards’ manual.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
n/a

Rules Proposal Submitted By
IJOC
Article No.–Article Name
Annex XI – RULES FOR PONY RIDERS Art. 11.4 – OFFICIALS
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
<i>Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.</i>
Explanation for Proposed Change
The table in Art. 259.1 is the following: At Other Championships, CSIOP and CSIP the minimum qualification of the water jump judge is Level 2 .
Proposed Wording
Art. 11.4 [...] At Championships and in the team Competitions and Grand Prix at CSIOPs the water jump Judge must be at least a National Judge Level 2 (see JRs Art. 259.1).
FEI Feedback
This was an oversight; Art. 11.4 will be corrected accordingly.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
As proposed above.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ITA NF
Article No.–Article Name
RULES FOR JUMPING CHAMPIOSHIPS AND GAMES: CHAPTER II CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP (TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS) - ENTRIES Art. 319.4.1 Additional Athlete and Horse
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
Explanation for Proposed Change
The current system does not foresee the use of the 5 th athlete. He/she must stay on the venue and has not even the chance to participate as individual in the Championships. We propose to let the 5 th athlete compete in the Team and Individual Championships in analogy to what is ruled for the YR European Championships (Annex IX).
Proposed Wording
319.4.1 4.1. Additional Athlete and Horse The additional Athlete (5 th Athlete) and his/her Horses are allowed to take part in the Team and Individual competitions, plus the Horses of team members and individuals not taking part in the Championship Competitions may compete in the non-Championship Competitions.
FEI Feedback
As the rule has been in place for a long time an urgent repair outside the four-year revision cycle is not deemed necessary; the proposal is deferred until the 2021 revision.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
n/a

Rules Proposal Submitted By
IJOC
Article No.–Article Name
Annex XVI for Stewards Manual
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Explanation for Proposed Change
Add the "Blood case protocol" from the Stewards manual to the Jumping Rules. Many judges are not aware that this protocol exists, because they don't check stewards manual.
Proposed Wording
None Maybe as a reference in Art. 241 ELIMINATIONS
FEI Feedback
The proposal is not supported. The reason for publishing the protocol separately is to allow updates or adjustments if and when deemed necessary. Additional communication to remind Officials of the policy can be arranged through the NFs and the IJOC.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
n/a

B. Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI

Article No.–Article Name
Art. 211 – Water Jump, Water Jump with Vertical and Liverpool Art. 211.11
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
<i>Urgent repairs, i.e., changes in the Rules that cannot await because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes</i>
Explanation for Proposed Change
It should not be allowed to place the front edge of the water tray behind the vertical plane of the front poles of the obstacle as this creates a false ground line, which is a horse welfare issue.
Proposed Wording
11. With the exception of the case set forth in Art. 211.10, if water is used under, in front of or behind an obstacle (a so-called “Liverpool”) the total spread of the obstacle (including the water) may not exceed two metres. Open water with a spread of more than two metres may not be used as a Liverpool. <u>For all Liverpool obstacles, the front edge of the water tray must be placed either in alignment with the same vertical plane as the front poles, or in front of the vertical plane of the front poles.</u>

Article No.–Article Name
Art. 256 – Dress, Protective Headgear and Salute, Annex XI, Art. 19.3, Annex XII, Art. 17.3 Art. 256.1.5 Dress code
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
<i>New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation</i>
Explanation for Proposed Change
The new rule in 2020 requiring that jackets have a lapel collar was to clarify that stand-up collars were not allowed (i.e. the shirt collar and tie or choker must be visible when the jacket is closed). The modification did not cover the case that jackets might not have a collar, e.g jackets with a rounded neck or v-neck. [NB: Clarification also to be added Annex XI Art. 19.3, Annex XII Art. 17.3]
Proposed Wording
1.5. Civilians are required to wear the uniform or clothing approved by their NF, a jacket (Competition jackets may be any colour but must have a lapel collar and outward facing buttons; 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. <u>Competition jackets may be any colour and must have outward facing buttons. If the jacket has a collar it must be a lapel collar which may be the same colour as the jacket or a different colour. Jackets without a collar are allowed providing the shirt collar and tie are visible when the jacket is closed.</u> 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.

Article No.–Article Name
Art. 256 – Dress, Protective Headgear and Salute Art. 256.1.11 Spurs
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
<i>New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation</i>
Explanation for Proposed Change
The description of rowel spurs included in the new rule introduced in 2020 has led to some confusion as to whether rowel spurs with rounded, smooth notches are forbidden. As the rule is intended to prohibit the use of all rowel spurs, clarification to the wording is needed.

Proposed Wording

Rowel spurs, ~~that is spurs with a with discs that have~~ notched or serrated ~~edges~~ rotating disc, are not authorised anywhere within the grounds of international Jumping Events; ~~rowel~~ spurs with a rotating discs that ~~is not notched or serrated~~ have smooth, even edges are allowed.

Article No.–Article Name

Art. 259 – Officials
Art. 259.1 Ground Jury

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.

Explanation for Proposed Change

Reference to National Judge to be deleted from the chart for all events above CSI1*/CSI-V/Y/J/Ch/Am Cat. B level as they will no longer be able to officiate at such events as of 1/7/2020.

Proposed Wording

Events	Number of Judges ¹	President Ground Jury	Foreign Judge	Members	Additional Members	President of Comp.	Water Jump Judge
	Minimum	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualif.	Minimum Qualif.	Minimum Qualif.	Minimum Qualif.
CSIO1*-2* CSIO-Y/J/P/Ch	President + Foreign Judge (**)+ 3 Members	Level 3 Preferably from host nation	Level 3	Min. one Level 3; one Level 2; one National² or Level 1	National² or Level 1	Level 2	Level 2
CSIA*, CSI3*	President + Foreign Judge (**)+ 2 Members (*)	Level 3 Preferably from host nation	Level 3	Min. one Level 3; one National² or Level 1	National² or Level 1	Level 2	Level 2
CSIA* / CSIYH2* CSIU25 Cat. A & B CSIY/J/Ch/V /Am Cat. A / CSIP	President + Foreign Judge + 2 Members (*)	Level 3 Preferably from host nation	Level 3	Min. one Level 2; one National² or Level 1	National² or Level 1	Level 2	Level 2

² National Judges may officiate as Ground Jury members at Events of this category until 30 June 2020. Effective as of 1 July 2020 National Judges may no longer be appointed as Ground Jury members at Events of this category, and may only officiate on the Ground Jury at CSI1*/CSIYH1* and CSIY/J/Ch/V/Am Cat. B Events.

Article No.–Article Name

Annex VI CSI/CSIO REQUIREMENTS

1. CSI Requirements Worldwide

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.

Explanation for Proposed Change

Annex VI only includes the categories Amateur Owners and CSI/CSIO 1*-5* events, but many provisions also apply to other categories, e.g. Youth.

Proposed Wording

Requirements	Amateur Owner	CSI 1* + 2*	CSI 3*	CSI 4*	CSI 5*
Combined CSIs / CSIOs	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>and/or categories</u> held at the same venue during the same week, each level/ <u>category</u> is considered a separate CSI; combined Competitions at such CSIs are not permitted. Horses entered in one CSI star level/ <u>category</u> may not				

enter another CSI star level/category at the same Event. Horses may take part in national Competitions and international Competitions at the same Event only under the following conditions: (...)

Article No.–Article Name

Annex VII CONSTRUCTION OF THE WATER JUMP

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.

Explanation for Proposed Change

Correction in alignment with JRs Art. 211 that the water jump cannot be wider than 4 m.

Proposed Wording

Minimum Front of Water:

4.00 m if the spread is 3.00 m or less. If the spread is more than 3.00 m the front must be 30% more than the spread. Example: if the spread is ~~4,30~~ 4.00 m, the minimum front of the water is ~~5,60~~ 5.20 m.

Article No.–Article Name

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

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.

Explanation for Proposed Change

Corrections in alignment with the modifications made to the 2020 JRs and additional clarifications.

Proposed Wording

1. ~~NFs must declare in writing to the FEI by a fixed date their intention to enter a team or individuals.~~ Except for the Olympic Games Athletes and Horses are not required to qualify as combinations.

(...)

3. **For the World Championship** Athletes/Horses must achieve the minimum eligibility requirements between 1 January of the year preceding the World Championship until the closing date for nominated entries, or a date established by the FEI. Those who achieve the results according to any of the following paragraphs will obtain a Certificate of Capability:

3.1. Athletes and Horses with a score of not more than eight Penalties in the team Competition (first or second round) at the last European or World Championship or Pan American Games or Olympic Games or other FEI Jumping Continental Championship for Seniors (provided the Continental Championship is conducted as per Chapter II of the Rules for Jumping Championships and Games).

3.2. Athletes and Horses that have completed the ~~third Competition~~ Individual Final at the last World Championship, or the individual Final at the last European Championship or Pan American Games or Olympic Games or other FEI Jumping Continental Championship for Seniors (provided the Continental Championship is conducted as per Chapter II of the Rules for Jumping Championships and Games).

(...)

3.7. Athletes and Horses with a Score of zero Penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at three selected CSIO3* outdoor Events, or with a Score of zero Penalties in the first round of the Grand Prix Competition at three selected CSIO3* outdoor Events (or in the first round of the FEI World Cup™ Competition if it is the Grand Prix at the Event), provided the courses of these Competitions are built according to the specifications set forth in paragraph 3.11 below. ~~The course plans of these Competitions must be sent to the FEI Jumping Director for approval prior to the Event.~~

3.8 Athletes and Horses with a Score of zero Penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at two selected CSIO4* outdoor Events, or with a Score of zero Penalties in the

first round of the Grand Prix Competition at two selected CSIO4* outdoor Events (or in the first round of the FEI World Cup™ Competition if it is the Grand Prix at the Event), provided the courses of these Competitions are built according to the specifications set forth in paragraph 3.11 below. ~~The course plans of these Competitions must be sent to the FEI for approval prior to the Event.~~

3.9. Athletes and Horses with a Score of not more than four penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at a CSIO5* outdoor Event, or with a Score of not more than four penalties in the first round of the Grand Prix Competition at a CSIO5* outdoor Event (or in the first round of the FEI World Cup™ Competition if it is the Grand Prix at the Event).

3.10 For the avoidance of doubt, Athletes and Horses that need to achieve a minimum score in the first round of more than one Grand Prix, FEI World Cup™ or in the first or second round of more than one Nations Cup Competition at selected CSI, CSI-W or CSIO3* and CSIO4* Events in order to earn a Certificate of Capability (paragraphs 3.3-3.5 and 3.7-3.8 above) may count the results obtained in the respective Grand Prix/FEI World Cup™/Nations Cup Competitions towards the overall total of minimum results required according to the star level of the Event. For example, Athletes and Horses with a score of zero penalties in the first round of one FEI World Cup™ Competition at a selected CSI1*/2*/3*-W Event and a score of zero penalties in the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at a selected CSI3* Event and a score of zero penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at a selected CSIO3* Event are considered to have fulfilled the minimum requirements for earning a Certificate of Capability at 3* Events.

(...)

4. **For the Continental Championship** Athletes/Horses must achieve the minimum eligibility requirements between 1 January of the year preceding the Continental Championship until the closing date for nominated entries, or a date established by the FEI. Those who achieve the results according to any of the following paragraphs will obtain a Certificate of Capability:

4.1. Athletes and Horses with a score of not more than eight Penalties in the team Competition (first or second round) at the last European or World Championship or Pan American Games or Olympic Games or other FEI Jumping Continental Championship for Seniors (provided the Continental Championship is conducted as per Chapter II of the Rules for Jumping Championships and Games).

4.2. Athletes and Horses that have completed the ~~third Competition~~Individual Final at the last World Championship, or the individual Final at the last European Championship or Pan American Games or Olympic Games or other FEI Jumping Continental Championship for Seniors (provided the Continental Championship is conducted as per Chapter II of the Rules for Jumping Championships and Games).

4.3. Athletes and Horses with a Score of zero Penalties in the first round of three FEI World Cup™ Competitions at selected outdoor CSI1*-W, CSI2*-W or CSI3*-W Events. Athletes and Horses that have completed the first round of two FEI World Cup™ Competitions at selected outdoor CSI4*-W Events with a Score of ~~not more than four~~zero Penalties. Athletes and Horses that have completed the first round of an FEI World Cup™ Competition at a selected outdoor CSI5*-W Event with a Score of not more than ~~eight~~four penalties.

4.7. Athletes and Horses with a Score of zero Penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at three selected CSIO3* outdoor Events, or with a Score of zero Penalties in the first round of the Grand Prix Competition at three selected CSIO3* outdoor Events (or in the first round of the FEI World Cup™ Competition if it is the Grand Prix at the Event), provided the courses of these Competitions are built according to the specifications set forth in paragraph 4.11 below. ~~The course plans of these Competitions must be sent to the FEI Jumping Director for approval prior to the Event.~~

4.8 Athletes and Horses with a Score of zero Penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at two selected CSIO4* outdoor Events, or with a Score of zero Penalties in the first round of the Grand Prix Competition at two selected CSIO4* outdoor Events (or in the first round of the FEI World Cup™ Competition if it is the Grand Prix at the Event), provided the courses of these Competitions are built according to the dimensions set forth in paragraph 4.11 below. ~~The course plans of these Competitions must be sent to the FEI Jumping Director for approval prior to the Event.~~

4.9. Athletes and Horses with a Score of not more than four Penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at a CSIO5* outdoor Event, or with a Score of not more than four Penalties in the first round of the Grand Prix Competition at a CSIO5* outdoor Event (or in the first round of the FEI World Cup™ Competition if it is the Grand Prix at the Event).

4.10 For the avoidance of doubt, Athletes and Horses that need to achieve a minimum score in the first round of more than one Grand Prix, FEI World Cup™ or in the first or second round of more than one Nations Cup Competition at selected CSI, CSI-W or CSIO 3* and 4* Events in order to earn a Certificate of Capability (paragraphs 4.3-4.5 and 4.7-4.8 above) may count the results obtained in the respective Grand Prix/FEI World Cup™/Nations Cup Competitions towards the overall total of minimum results required according to the star level of the Event. For example, Athletes and Horses with a score of zero penalties in the first round of one FEI World Cup™ Competition at a selected CSI1*/2*/3*-W Event and a score of zero penalties in the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at a selected CSI3* Event and a score of zero penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at a selected CSIO3* Event are considered to have fulfilled the minimum requirements for earning a Certificate of Capability at 3* Events.

Article No.–Article Name

Annex XI RULES FOR PONY RIDERS; ANNEX XII RULES FOR CHILDREN’S EVENTS
Annex XI, Art. 21.1.1.2 Nosebands Annex XII, Art. 18.2.5

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Implementation of new technology development(s) relevant to the specific set of Rules

Explanation for Proposed Change

Use of soft synthetic material for the front part of the noseband for the comfort of the horse.

Proposed Wording

Nosebands must be flat. Nosebands constructed from materials other than leather are not permitted, with the exception of the front part of the noseband which may optionally be made of non-abrasive synthetic material. A small disc of sheepskin may be used in the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband.

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Rules for Jumping Championships and Games

Art. 301 Ground Jury (World Championship); Art. 317 Ground Jury (Continental Championship)

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.

Explanation for Proposed Change

Further to the updates made to Art. 259.1 for 2019 detailing the minimum requirements for the GJ members at the World/Continental Championships, certain provisions of Art. 301 (World Championship) and Art. 317 (Continental Championship) are outdated and should be deleted to avoid the need to re-update these in case of future modifications to Art. 259.1.

Proposed Wording

Article 301 GROUND JURY, FOREIGN TECHNICAL DELEGATE AND COURSE DESIGNER

1. The President and the other members of the Ground Jury must be appointed by the FEI Jumping Director in consultation with the Jumping Committee in accordance with the provisions of the GRs and JRs Art. 259.1. ~~The President of the Ground Jury, the Foreign Judge, and one member must be chosen from the list of Level 4 Judges and additional members of the Ground Jury from the list of Level 3 and/or Level 4 Judges.~~

Article 317 GROUND JURY, FOREIGN TECHNICAL DELEGATE AND COURSE DESIGNER

1. The President of the Ground Jury must be appointed by the FEI Jumping Director in consultation with the Jumping Committee in accordance with the provisions of the GRs and JRs Art. 259.1. He/she must reach agreement with the OC and with the FEI with regard to the appointment of the members of the Ground Jury. ~~The President of the Ground Jury and Foreign Judge must be chosen from the list of Level 4 Judges and the members of the Ground Jury from the list of Level 3 or Level 4 Judges. The President of the Ground Jury may also act as the Foreign Judge.~~