

**PROPOSALS FOR 2020 RULES CHANGES
FEI PARA EQUESTRIAN CLASSIFICATION RULES**

Article No 7.10.10 Eligible Impairment

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:

This article has been added to clarify that classification requests must be current with up to date documentation.

Proposed Wording

7.10.10 If an Athlete has been determined Eligible to be Classified but does not attend a Classification evaluation within one year of the request, a new Classification request will be required.

Article No 9.6 Grade

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:

The article was a duplicate of article 9.3 and so has been removed.

Proposed Wording

~~9.6—Where an Athlete presents with borderline scores between Profiles and therefore Grades, an Athlete may be required to be evaluated by a second Classification Panel as soon as practicable. The Athlete will be allocated the higher Grade and Review status. Following Evaluation by the second Classification Panel the Grade and Grade Status can be allocated.~~

Article No 10.3-4 Classification Not Completed

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:

Clarification that following a Classification Not Completed result an Athlete may be able to complete another classification evaluation after which they may compete.

Proposed Wording

10.3 An Athlete who is designated as Classification Not Completed (CNC) may not compete in the sport of Para Equestrian until a Classification evaluation has been completed and the Athlete has been allocated a Grade and/or Status.

10.4 Where a designation of Classification Not Completed is assigned and remedial action is not able to be taken by the Athlete at the same competition the designation of CNC was assigned, the Athlete will have the designation CNC on the FEI Classification Master List. The FEI will then determine the next steps available to the Athlete in regards to further evaluation based on the information available. The FEI may determine that the Athlete may enter an Event at which they must undergo a Classification evaluation prior to the competition draw. Where an Observation Assessment is required it must be done at that same Event during the Athlete's first appearance.

Article No 14.7 Observation in Competition

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:

For clarification.

Proposed Wording

14.7.1 First Appearance is the first time an Athlete competes in a Competition during an Event in a particular Grade and may apply to participation in all competitions within the same grade throughout the event.

~~14.1.1 First Appearance within a Grade applies to participation in all Competitions within the same Grade.~~

Article No 15.2 Grade Status

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:

An Athlete cannot be given a status of New after being classified, this is only a status for athletes who have not yet been classified.

Proposed Wording

15.2 The Grade Status designated to an Athlete by a Classification Panel at the conclusion of an Evaluation Session will be one of the following:

- Confirmed (C)
- Review (R)
- Review with a Fixed Review Date (FRD)
- ~~New (N)~~

Article No 15.10 Grade Status Review

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:

The PETC agreed that Athletes should be reviewed for Classification at events where they will be competing, so that the Classification panel may observe the athletes at the same event at which they are evaluated.

Proposed Wording

15.10 ~~An Athlete with Grade Status Review (R) must complete Athlete Evaluation prior to competing at any subsequent International Event, unless the FEI specifies otherwise.~~ An Athlete with Grade Status Review (R) must complete Athlete Evaluation at any subsequent International Event at which they will appear in competition, unless the FEI specifies otherwise.

Article No 15.13 Grade Status Review with Fixed Review Date

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:

The PETC agreed that Athletes should be reviewed for Classification at events where they will be competing, so that the Classification panel may observe the athletes at the same event at which they are evaluated.

Proposed Wording

15.13 An Athlete with Grade Status Review with a Fixed Review Date (FRD) ~~will be required to attend an Evaluation Session~~ must complete Athlete Evaluation at the first ~~opportunity~~ International Event at which they will appear in competition after the relevant Fixed Review Date, unless the FEI specifies otherwise.

Article No 21.5 National Protests

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:

The PETC agreed that 15 minutes was not enough time to submit a process in this case.

Proposed Wording

21.1 If the outcome of Athlete Evaluation is published during an Event (pursuant to Article 17 of these Classification Rules) a National Protest must be submitted within one (1) hour of that outcome being published. If the outcome of Athlete Evaluation is published following Observation in Competition a National Protest must be submitted within ~~fifteen-thirty~~ (1530) minutes of that outcome being published.

Article No 22.1.8 National Protest Procedure

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:

For clarification. In The Protest Pathway it is clarified that this payment should be given to the Chief Classifier or the President of the Ground Jury.

Proposed Wording

22.1.1 the Protest Fee -of CHF150 or equivalent.

Article No 41.9 The FEI Classification Master List

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:

The PETC want to restrict Classification for athletes competing in international competitions. The Masterlist should be a list of Athletes active in International competitions and should not have many athletes listed who have stopped competing or have never competed at an international level. This should promote NFs having their own National Classification systems.

Proposed Wording

~~4.~~ 41.9 An Athlete with a Status Review (R), Review with Fixed Review Date (FRD) or Confirmed (C), will be removed from the FEI Masterlist if they have not competed in a Para Equestrian competition in a period of four (4) years. To return to competition they must make a new Classification request.

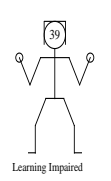
Article No Appendix I Para Equestrian Profile Definitions

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:

The language for Hearing Impairments needed to be updated.

Proposed Wording

39	 <p style="font-size: small;">Learning Impaired</p>	NE	<p>Intellectual Impairment. IQ less than 70 and Classified by INAS-FMH Athletes with an intellectual Impairment have a restriction in intellectual functioning and adaptive behaviours which affects conceptual, social and practical adaptive skills required for everyday life. This impairment must be present before the age of 18.</p>

Article No Appendix III Non-Eligible Impairment Types for all Athletes

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:

The language for non-eligible impairment types needed to be updated.

Proposed Wording

Examples of Non-Eligible Impairments include, but are not limited to the following:

- Pain
- Hearing Impairment;
- Low muscle tone;
- Hypermobility of joints;
- Joint instability, such as unstable shoulder joint, recurrent dislocation of a joint;
- Impaired muscle endurance;
- Impaired motor reflex functions;
- Impaired cardiovascular functions;
- Impaired respiratory functions;
- Impaired metabolic functions; and
- ~~Impairments of mental functions (including intellectual impairment or retardation; conversion disorder; dementia; learning impairments)~~Intellectual impairment – a restriction in intellectual functioning and adaptive behaviour
- Impaired vision with IBSA classification B3 and B4
- Tics and mannerisms, stereotypes and motor perseveration