

PROPOSALS FROM DRESSAGE COMMITTEE / FEI HQ

Annexes on Youth categories
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from HQ for the following reason:</p> <p>The Youth annexes have been harmonised and reviewed as following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The competition scheduling details are now included in article 422 to facilitate scheduling possibilities for OCs allowing to find all necessary information in one article - The starting possibilities for Youth categories in Championships have been harmonised and simplified and are outlined in Annex 1 – Youth Athletes Categories - As much as possible, repeated rules have been aligned and deleted when duplicated - Content of Articles referred to the GRs and/or VRs are now stated as reference to the related Rules and no longer duplicated. - Any references to saddlery in Youth categories are no added to article 428
Proposed Wording
See relevant articles
FEI feedback
Proposed Final Wording

Appeal Committee
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from HQ for the following reason:</p> <p>In line with the proposed Rules changes in the General Regulations, any details about Appeal committee are now amended to reference to the GRs.</p>
Proposed Wording
See relevant articles
FEI feedback
Proposed Final Wording

Article No. 428.1.1 – Saddlery (Dressage Saddle)
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal from HQ for the following reason:

Safety stirrups often have a flexible branch which is open at the top so is not closed. This rule was not intended to exclude those from use in FEI Dressage competitions. Safety stirrups which have a branch with a small opening to release the foot should be allowed in competition.

Proposed Wording

Stirrups ~~and safety stirrups~~ must have closed branches, and no attachments. The foot must not be fully or partially enclosed and must in no way be attached to the stirrups (for example with magnets). Safety stirrups ~~must have closed branches~~ may have a small opening.

FEI feedback

Supported, but remove the word "small" as not specific enough. Add "on the outside".

Proposed Final Wording

Stirrups ~~and safety stirrups~~ must have closed branches, and no attachments. The foot must not be fully or partially enclosed and must in no way be attached to the stirrups (for example with magnets). Safety stirrups may have an opening on the outside branch.

Article No. 428.2.2 – Saddlery (Bridle with noseband)
Explanation for Proposed Change

Some categories of events were not listed in this article and so it was not clear which bridles were allowed for all categories.

Proposed Wording

2.2 For CDI/CDIO 3*/4*/5*/U25, CDI-Ws and Championships/Games for Seniors, Young Riders, U25, and Juniors (except Ponies and Children), a double bridle with cavesson noseband is mandatory i.e. bridoon and curb with curb chain. A combined noseband may be used without the lower "flash" strap. The curb chain can be made of metal, leather or a combination. Lip strap and rubber, leather or sheepskin cover for curb chain are optional. Neither a cavesson noseband nor a curb chain may ever be as tightly fixed so as to harm the Horse.

2.2.1 A snaffle bridle or double bridle is allowed in CDI1* and 2*, CDIO2*, CDIJ, CDIOJ, and CDIIY, CDIOY, CDIAm and CDIIH for 7 year old horses.

2.2.2 For CDIP/Ch, CDIOP/Ch, Ponies and Children Championships, - CDIIH for 4-6 year old horses, and as marked on test sheets, a snaffle bridle is to be used.

FEI feedback

Supported, with the addition of CDIAm under 2.2.1. CDIIH is for 5-6 year old horses.

Proposed Final Wording

2.2 For CDI/CDIO 3*/4*/5*/U25, CDI-Ws and Championships/Games (except Ponies and Children, Juniors and Young Riders), a double bridle with cavesson noseband is mandatory i.e. bridoon and curb with curb chain. A combined noseband may be used without the lower “flash” strap. The curb chain can be made of metal, leather or a combination. Lip strap and rubber, leather or sheepskin cover for curb chain are optional. Neither a cavesson noseband nor a curb chain may ever be as tightly fixed so as to harm the Horse.

2.2.1 A snaffle bridle or double bridle is allowed in CD11* and 2*, CDIO2*, CDIJ, CDIOJ, and CDIIY, CDIOY, CDIAm and CDIIH for 7 year old horses.

2.2.2 For CDIP/Ch, CDIOP/Ch, Ponies and Children Championships, - CDIIH for 5-6 year old horses, and as marked on test sheets, a snaffle bridle is to be used.

Article No. 428.6.3

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from FEI Veterinary department based on proposal from IDOC for VRs:
INTERNATIONAL DRESSAGE OFFICIALS CLUB: would like to suggest that for safety reasons, ear plugs/hoods should be permitted during vet inspection. The sole purpose of the vet check is to assess fitness to compete; possible health concerns (e.g. ring worms) should be identified during the inspection on arrival.

Proposed Wording

FEI feedback

Following discussion, the FEI is in favour of the proposal.

Proposed Final Wording

Earplugs on Horses are allowed at **Horse inspections and** prize-giving ceremonies only.

Article No. 433 Judges Sheets

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from HQ for the following reason:

Additional information on paperless Judging

Proposed Wording

3. Paperless Judging

3.1 The use of a paperless judging system is subject to FEI Approval and must be stated in the Event sSchedule.

3.2 Only FEI approved paperless judging systems as per the FEI requirements posted on the FEI Website may be used.

3.3 In any event, a paper version of the Dressage tests must be available to the Judges during competition as backup.

3.4 The electronic judges' sheets will be made available to the Athletes in an electronic format via the FEI platform after the competition.

FEI feedback

Proposed Final Wording

Article No. 434 Classification

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from DC/HQ for the following reason:

Clarification on how to handle ties in YH competitions

Proposed Wording

Ties in Young Horses Competitions.

In case of equality of percentage for the first three (3) places, the following system must be used to break the tie: add the marks for "submission" and "perspective", and divide by two; the Athlete/Horse combination with the higher average mark will be ranked highest. If still tied, the "submission" mark will decide. If still tied, the combinations will be equally placed.

FEI feedback

Proposed Final Wording

Article No 438 Judges Supervisory Panel

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from HQ for the following reason:

Add the possibility to have a JSP not only at CDI, but in addition at CDIOs and all other Championships/Games

Proposed Wording

A Judges Supervisory Panel (JSP) is mandatory for Olympic Games, World ~~Equestrian Games~~ and Continental Championships on Grand Prix level and World Cup Finals. A JSP may be present at all CDIs, CDIOs and other Championships/Games than those listed above.

FEI feedback

Proposed Final Wording

Article No. 446 – FEI Championships - Organisation

Explanation for Change

The Dressage Committee agreed to follow the principle by which one set of Individual Medals and one set of Team Medals are awarded at Championships.

Proposed Wording

4. The Grand Prix (Team Championship Competition and first Individual qualifier) the Grand Prix Special (Second Individual ~~competition~~ qualifier) and the Grand Prix Freestyle Test (individual Final Competition) comprise the Competitions for the FEI Championships.

4.1 Medals will be awarded for all three (3) Competitions the Team Final (Grand Prix) and the Individual Final (Grand Prix Freestyle).

FEI feedback

Proposed Final Wording

Annex 2 – International Dressage Judges

Explanation for Change

With the removal of age limit for Officials, we have removed any reference to age limit in this annex.

Proposed Wording

See Annex in the Rules.

FEI feedback

Proposed Final Wording



PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM NFS

Article No. 428.2.2 – Saddlery
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM NED NF</p> <p>For the Young Riders and Juniors it is confusing when they are allowed to compete with a snaffle bridle in a normal CDIY / CDIJ, but are mandatory to compete with double bridle in the Championships. Our proposal is to let the rider choose between a snaffle bridle or double bridle (at a normal CDIY/J or Championships)</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>2.2 For CDI3*/4*/5*/U25 and Championships/Games (except Ponies and Children, Juniors and Young Riders), a double bridle with cavesson noseband is mandatory i.e. bridoon and curb with curb chain. A combined noseband may be used without the lower “flash” strap. The curb chain can be made of metal, leather or a combination. Lip strap and rubber, leather or sheepskin cover for curb chain are optional. Neither a cavesson noseband nor a curb chain may ever be as tightly fixed so as to harm the Horse.</p> <p>2.2.1 A snaffle bridle or double bridle is allowed in CDI1* and 2*.</p> <p><u>2.2.1.1 Juniors and Young Riders may choose between snaffle bridle and double bridle.</u></p>
FEI feedback
Supported.
Proposed Final Wording
Final wording as in proposal above

Article No.428.3 –Saddlery (Bits)
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from HQ:</p> <p>The minimum diameter of the snaffle should be considered. Previously only children and pony riders were allowed to use snaffle and the minimum was 14mm. Now that CDI1*, 2*, J and Y are allowed, should a smaller diameter snaffle be accepted? DTC to discuss.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>Snaffle, Bridoon and curb bits must be smooth with a solid surface. Twisted and wire bits are prohibited. Bits must be made of metal, rigid plastic, or durable synthetic material and may be covered with rubber/latex. Bits must not place mechanical restraint upon the tongue. The diameter of the mouthpiece of the bridoon/snaffle and/or curb must be such so as not to hurt the Horse. Minimum diameter of mouthpiece to be twelve millimetres (12 mm) for curb bit, and ten millimetres (10 mm) for bridoon bit. Snaffles must have a minimum diameter of fourteen millimetres (<u>10/12/14mm</u>) for horses and ten millimetres (10mm) for ponies. The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece.</p>
FEI feedback
Snaffles to have a minimum diameter of 12 mm for Horses (all).
Proposed Final Wording
<p>Snaffle, Bridoon and curb bits must be smooth with a solid surface. Twisted and wire bits are prohibited. Bits must be made of metal, rigid plastic, or durable synthetic material and may be covered with rubber/latex. Bits must not place mechanical restraint upon the tongue. The diameter of the mouthpiece of the bridoon/snaffle and/or curb must be such</p>

so as not to hurt the Horse. Minimum diameter of mouthpiece to be twelve millimetres (12 mm) for curb bit, and ten millimetres (10 mm) for bridoon bit. Snaffles must have a minimum diameter of ~~fourteen-twelve~~ millimetres (~~10/12/14~~mm) for horses and ten millimetres (10mm) for ponies. The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece.

Article No. 428.3 –Saddley (Bits)
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal from NZL NF:

Minimum 14mm snaffles may not suit all horses, particularly smaller horses

Proposed Wording

Snaffle must have a minimum diameter of ~~fourteen~~ twelve millimetres of ~~14~~ 12 mm.....for horses

FEI feedback

Supported, see above

Proposed Final Wording

As above

Article No. 428.3 –Saddley (Bits)
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal from GBR NF:

The ruling on the minimum diameter of the snaffle bits of 14mm for a horse and 10mm for a pony should be decreased for horses. This renders a number of bits on the FEI approved list being no longer legal such as some of the Myler bits. With the recent scientific research carried out on mouth conformation, having less in a horses mouth has proved better for those horses with small muzzles and fleshier mouths. Some horses ways of going could be compromised by their bits if they are ridden in thicker snaffles leading to a lack of harmony between horse and rider and potential welfare issues being caused.

Proposed Wording

Rule to remain the same although with minimum diameter of either 10mm for horses and ponies or 12mm for horses and 10mm for ponies.

FEI feedback

Supported, see above

Proposed Final Wording

As above

Article No. 428.3 –Saddley (Bits)
Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from USA NF:

Prior to 1.1.19, snaffles were only required to have a minimum diameter of 14 mm when used in Young Horse and Children competitions. As currently written, the 14 mm diameter would apply to all snaffles on horses, including when used in schooling, competition and for veterinary inspections. Many popular brands of snaffles are normally manufactured with a 12 mm mouthpiece diameter. We recommend allowing a 12 mm mouthpiece for horses except when used in Young Horse and Children classes.

Proposed Wording

3. Bits. Snaffle, Bridoon and curb bits must be smooth with a solid surface. Twisted and wire bits are prohibited. Bits must be made of metal, rigid plastic, or durable synthetic material and may be covered with rubber/latex. Bits must not place mechanical restraint upon the tongue. The diameter of the mouthpiece of the bridoon/snaffle and/or curb must be such so as not to hurt the Horse.

Minimum diameter of mouthpiece to be twelve millimetres (12 mm) for curb bit, and ten millimetres (10 mm) for bridoon bit. Snaffles must have a minimum diameter of **twelve millimetres (12 mm) for horses except snaffles used in Young Horse and Children Competitions must have a minimum diameter of** fourteen millimetres (14mm). ~~for horses and~~ **For Ponies the minimum diameter shall be** ten millimetres (10mm) ~~for ponies~~. The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece.

FEI feedback

Partly supported, 12 mm for all Horses and 10 mm for Ponies

Proposed Final Wording

Please see above

Article No. 428.3 –Saddley (Bits)
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal from NZL NF:
Please Clarify Intent:

Current rule states

“Snaffle, Bridoon and bridoon and curb bits must be smooth and with a **solid surface**.... Bits must be made of metal, rigid plastic, or durable synthetic material and may be **covered with rubber/latex**”

*It is understood via correspondence with the FEI that it is permissible to “wrap” bits with latex bandage. This does not appear to be consistent with the clause requiring bits to have a “**solid surface**” depending on how the FEI defines “**solid surface**”*

NF NZL requests discussion on the “wrapping” or “covering” of bits in relation to the this clause, and the ability of stewards to ensure the welfare of the horse at bit checks if the bit is no longer in the manufactured state

In addition, if a permitted bridoon is fully wrapped or covered tightly in this manner with latex, it has the ability to act as a locking snaffle

Proposed Wording

No proposed change in wording at this point until the intent of the rule is clarified by the FEI

Raised for discussion / clarification in order amendment may be made in the next round of consultation

FEI feedback

Modification of the wording to make the sentence clearer.

Proposed Final Wording

Snaffle, Bridoon and bridoon and curb bits must ~~be have a~~ smooth ~~and with a solid~~ surface....

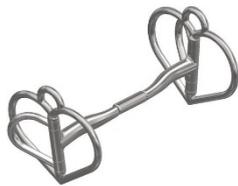
Bits must be made of metal, rigid plastic, or durable synthetic material and may be covered with rubber/latex.

Article No. 428.3.1.1 – Saddlery (Bits)

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from HQ:

In 2018 a bit with heart shaped cheeks (the Sweetheart bit) was approved by the equipment working group. This then did not fall under any of the cheeks allowed in the 2019 rules. Should these be allowed, or considered as bit guards?



Proposed Wording

Snaffle bits may be used with loose ring, D-Ring and Eggbutt cheeks. Single or double jointed snaffles may also be used with upper or lower cheeks, hanging cheeks, full cheeks or Fulmer cheeks. Loose rings may have a sleeve fitted around part of the ring.

FEI feedback

Allowed, sides not considered as bit guards as you can see through them.

Proposed Final Wording

No change to wording for 2020.

Article No. 428.3.1.1 – Saddlery (Bits)

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from HQ:

In 2018 an unjointed (ported) snaffle with hanging cheeks was approved, this was not included in the "allowed" cheeks:



Proposed Wording

Snaffle bits may be used with loose ring, D-Ring and Eggbutt cheeks. Single or double jointed snaffles may also be used with upper or lower cheeks, hanging cheeks, full cheeks or Fulmer cheeks. Unjointed snaffles may also be used with hanging cheeks. Loose rings may have a sleeve fitted around part of the ring.

FEI feedback

Detailed definition of snaffle bits to be discussed for 2021.

Proposed Final Wording

Snaffle bits may be used with loose ring, D-Ring ~~and~~ Eggbutt and hanging cheeks. Single or double jointed snaffles may also be used with upper or lower cheeks, ~~hanging cheeks~~, full cheeks or Fulmer cheeks. Loose rings may have a sleeve fitted around part of the ring.

Article No. 428.3.1.4 and 3.3.3 – Saddlery (Bits)

Explanation for Proposed Change

It has been brought up that the 30mm maximum height deviation is limiting, with no reasoning behind the size (which was taken from USEF saddlery rules). Eg of bit which would no longer be allowed for use:



Proposed Wording

428.3.1.4: A double jointed snaffle or snaffle with rotating mouthpiece may be shaped to allow tongue relief. The maximum height of the deviation is 30mm from the lower part of tongue side to the highest part of the deviation. The widest part of the deviation must be where the mouthpiece contacts the tongue and must have a minimum width of 30mm. The mouthpiece of a jointed or unjointed snaffle may be shaped in a curve within the dimensions specified above.

FEI feedback

A more accurate way of measure to be discussed for 2021.

Proposed Final Wording

As above, no change.

Article No. 428.3.3.3 – Saddlery (Bits)

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from GER NF:

The rule that the deviation, measured from the lowest part of the tongue side to the highest part of the deviation, may not be higher than 30 mm excludes the use of one of the most popular Weymouth bits: the Bemelmans Weymouth.

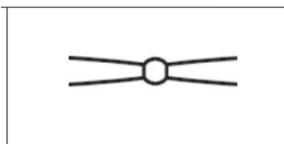
Even if it has a fairly high port the special design of the bit ensures that it is comfortable for the horse. The port is angled forward and therefore cannot press into the palate of the horse. In fact this a very soft and tongue-friendly Weymouth, suitable for sensitive horses and for horses that don't like too much pressure on the tongue.

Many of the world's leading 3* and 4* Dressage Riders are using the Bemelmans Weymouth in FEI competitions on their sensitive horses.

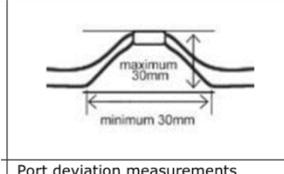
Proposed Wording

The mouthpiece may be straight or shaped to allow tongue relief. The maximum height of the deviation is 40mm from the lower part of tongue the tongue side to the highest part of the deviation. The widest part of the deviation must have a minimum width of 30mm.

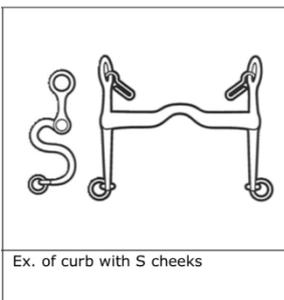
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Ex. of ball joint



Port deviation measurements



Ex. of curb with S cheeks

FEI feedback

See above, 40 mm not supported

Proposed Final Wording

As above.

Article No.428.3.2.3 –Saddlery (Bits, locking bridoons)
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal from NZL NF:

NZL NF understands that the addition of this para did not change the intent of the rule; that a (a) mullen mouth bridoon or (b) any bridoon that may have the effect of a mullen mouth is not permissible

Many competitors have requested the FEI clearly explain the rationale for bits as above (a) and (b) not being permitted as a bridoon

Proposed Wording

No proposed change in wording at this point until the intent of the rule is clarified by the FEI

Raised for discussion / clarification in order amendment may be made in the next round of consultation

FEI feedback

No change in wording; no unjointed bridoons are permitted. In a double bridle a single-jointed or double-jointed bridoon has a softer, more sympathetic effect and due to its mobility will take up less space and easier conform to the horse's mouth. A locking jointed snaffle bridoon would act like a mullen mouth.

Proposed Final Wording

No change.

Article No. 430.7.6 – Execution of the Tests
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal from USA NF:

The current rule is clear about what happens when fresh blood is discovered anywhere on the horse during the test. It is also clear that the horse is eliminated by the judge at C if fresh blood is discovered by the FEI Steward in the Horse's mouth or in the spur area immediately after the test. The rule is also clear that an FEI Veterinarian must examine the eliminated horse to determine if it is eligible to continue in a subsequent test. If there is no subsequent competition, the rule presumes that the FEI Veterinarian should not need to examine the horse (unless, of course, it is significantly injured).

However, the rule does not address fresh blood found anywhere other than the mouth or spur area, except when found during the test. What happens when the FEI Steward discovers fresh blood in other areas after the test, including blood resulting from a whip before entering the arena space, nosebleed, leg injuries during the test, or even environmental causes such as bug bites?

Some Judges, FEI Veterinarians and Stewards have interpreted this to mean that fresh blood found anywhere other than the mouth or spur area cannot be penalized unless the horse is examined by the Judge at C during the test. Other Judges, FEI Veterinarians and Stewards believe that Stewards have the responsibility to report the blood to the judge at C, who determines if the horse should be eliminated.

This is a sensitive issue when fresh blood is observed by spectators and other competitors during the test, but not noticed by the judges, especially when it appears to be the result of injury or stress. The current rule is unclear and a clarification, as above, is recommended.

Below in bold is one possible addition that has been suggested but will require further discussion and analysis.

Proposed Wording
7.6. Bleeding:

7.6.1 If the Judge at C suspects fresh blood anywhere on the Horse during the test, he will stop the Horse to check for blood. If the Horse shows fresh blood, it will be eliminated. The elimination is final. If the Judge through examination clarifies that the Horse has no fresh blood, the Horse may resume and finish its test.

7.6.2 If the FEI Steward discovers fresh blood in the Horse's mouth or in the area of the spurs during the check at the end of the test (Article 430. 9), he informs the Judge at C, who will eliminate the Horse and the/Athlete. **Fresh blood discovered by the FEI Steward anywhere else on the Horse, except when due to environmental causes, will also be cause for elimination by the Judge at C.** If there is blood on the Horse, an FEI Veterinarian is to be called to decide if the Horse is fit to continue in following competition(s) in the Event.

7.6.3 If the Horse is eliminated pursuant to the above, or if the Horse is injured during the test and starts bleeding after finishing the test, it should be examined by an FEI Veterinarian prior to the next Competition to determine if it is fit to continue in the Event the following day(s). The decision of the FEI Veterinarian is not subject to appeal.

FEI feedback

To be discussed with the FEI Veterinary Dept.

Proposed Final Wording

7.6.2 If the FEI Steward discovers fresh blood in the Horse's mouth or in the area of the spurs during the check at the end of the test (Article 430.9), he informs the Judge at C, who will eliminate the Horse and the/Athlete. If the FEI Steward discovers fresh blood anywhere else on the Horse's body at the end of the test the Horse is not automatically eliminated, but the Ground Jury may eliminate the Athlete/Horse combination. If there is blood on the Horse, an FEI Veterinarian is to be called to ~~decide~~ examine the horse and advise the Ground Jury whether it if the Horse is fit to continue in following competition(s) in the Event.

Article No. 430.7.6.2 – Execution of the Tests

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from AIDEO:

Proposed Wording

If the FEI Steward discovers fresh blood in the Horse's mouth or in the area of the spurs during the check at the end of the test (Article 430. 9), he informs the Judge at C, who will eliminate the Horse and the/Athlete. ***Fresh blood discovered by the FEI Steward anywhere else on the Horse, except when due to environmental causes, will also be cause for elimination by the Judge at C.*** If there is blood on the Horse, an FEI Veterinarian is to be called to decide if the Horse is fit to continue in following competition(s) in the Event.

FEI feedback

See above

Proposed Final Wording

See above

Article No. 432.4 – Marking

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from AUT NF:

Re introducing the collective marks:

In our opinion and the opinion of the CED Working Group, it is essential to have all four marks to evaluate a dressage test in its full depth.

If this doesn't get a majority the one kept collective mark should be an overall impression mark for all four collectives not only a rider's mark.

Proposed Wording

4. Collective marks: are awarded, after the Athlete has finished his performance, collective marks are awarded for:

- 1) Paces.
- 2) Impulsion.
- 3) Submission.
- 4) The Athlete's position and seat; correctness and effect of the aids.

The collectives mark is awarded from zero (0) to ten (10).

5. The collective marks, as well as certain difficult movements, can be given a coefficient, which is fixed by the FEI.

FEI feedback

Proposal to reintroduce the four Collective marks not supported.
Proposal to rename the one Collective mark "General impression" instead of "Rider's mark" supported

Proposed Final Wording

Collective mark to be called "General Impression"

Article No. 432.4 – Marking

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from IDOC:

As discussed during the 5* Seminar, Officials are in favour of a collective mark that would reflect the harmony – or general impression – of the test.

Proposed Wording

Collective mark: After the Athlete has finished his performance, a collective mark is awarded for the Harmony – or general impression.

(Riders Mark: "General impression" or "Harmony")

FEI feedback

Supported, naming the collective mark "General impression"

Proposed Final Wording

See above

Article No. 436 – Prize-giving

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from IDTC:

We would like that show Organisations have the 'option' to have Prize Givings without the horses, Still with a traditional top sport podium style ceremony.

With the advantages of:

1. Sponsorship is crucial to the survival of FEI Dressage Competitions. Therefore the sponsors must be given the greatest opportunity to benefit from their sponsorship. Unmounted prize givings give greater flexibility to showcase the sponsor/product.
2. An unmounted prize-giving allows the creation of a more 'spectacular' celebration for spectators. Emotional displays can be encouraged without fear of negative impact on the horses.
3. An unmounted prize-giving affords riders the opportunity for the riders to enjoy and concentrate on their achievement without the distraction of managing their horse..

4. The sport of dressage aligning on all levels to the principles of horse welfare and happy Athletes.

Proposed Wording

1. Participation in the prize-giving ceremony of placed Athlete/~~Horse combinations~~ is compulsory. Failure to do so entails losing the classification (rosette, plaque, prize in kind, prize money). Exception to this rule can only be granted by the President of the Ground Jury/Foreign Technical Delegate and/or the Judge at C for the particular Competition. Dress and saddlery have to be the same as in the Competition. **At the discretion of the Organizer the prize-giving may be either mounted or unmounted. In the case of mounted prize-givings however** black or white bandages, earplugs on horses and carrying a whip are allowed. For safety reasons Athletes are not allowed to carry flags or other items during **mounted** prize giving. Only winner rungs/blankets are allowed to be worn by Horse during prize-giving.

2. Rosettes should be placed on the Horses' bridles prior to prize-giving.

3. The President of the Ground Jury or Judge at C in the Competition may be involved in the prize-giving ceremony and shall approve any exceptions to the above procedure if necessary.

4. See also recommendations for prize-giving ceremonies (FEI website). Very loud music which may excite and frighten Horses is not allowed and at all times when Horses are grouped together - prize-giving, Horse inspections, etc. - Athletes and/or grooms and everyone involved must act in a responsible way.

5. Carelessness or irresponsible behaviour may result in the giving of a Yellow Warning Card. Acts of gross irresponsibility or carelessness resulting in accident will be reported to the FEI for further action. Refer to FEI GRs.

6. It is allowed, for safety reasons, to carry a whip in the prize-giving ceremony

7. The Organisation Committee of all international events have the option to choose a podium prize giving ceremony performed without horses. where all above relevant points also apply.

FEI feedback

Not supported, as it is possible under the current rules to have an exception if the situation risks to be dangerous. Also the final result is a result of the combination, not only of the Athlete. Equestrian is a sport with the partner horse, we should show this also in the prize giving ceremony.

Proposed Final Wording

No change.

Article No. 437.9.10 – Ground Jury

Explanation for Proposed Change

AIDEO:

Please clarify which classes a 3* Judge needs to judge in Big Tour.

Proposed Wording

None

FEI feedback

A 3* Judge must be on the Ground Jury in at least one Big Tour class in a CDI3*

Proposed Final Wording

No change.

Article No. YR-7, J-7, P-16, Ch-14 – Competitions and Dressage Tests

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from AUT NF:

The Austrian NF would like to add CDIO Youth events to their senior events and therefore would like to reduce the number of starts to give as many riders as possible the opportunity to compete at their events. At the same time, two starts per horse at the event should be guaranteed.

Proposed Wording

1. The Dressage Events for Young Riders/Juniors/Ponies and Children are held in general under the same rules as those set forth for the Dressage Events for Seniors, except for those issues specifically addressed below.

2. Dressage Tests

The Official FEI Dressage tests for Young Riders/Juniors/Ponies and Children are as follows:

1. Preliminary Competition Test Open
2. Team Competition Test Open
3. Individual Competition Test Open
4. Young Riders Freestyle Test Six (6) to eighteen (18) best from Individual Competition, including ties for the highest placing

1. Preliminary Competition Test Open
2. Team Competition Test Open
3. Individual Competition Test Open
4. Junior Freestyle Test Six (6) to eighteen (18) best from Individual Competition, including ties for the highest placing

1. Preliminary Competition Test Open
2. Team Competition Test Open
3. Individual Competition Test Open
4. Pony Freestyle Test Six (6) to eighteen (18) best from Individual Competition, including ties for the highest placing

1. Preliminary Competition Test A Open
2. Preliminary Competition Test B Open
3. Team Competition Test Open
4. Individual Competition Test Six (6) to eighteen (18) best from Individual Competition, including ties for the highest placing

The tests two-four (2-4) are compulsory for CDIOY/J/CH/Ps and FEI Championships and recommended for all other International Young Riders/Juniors/Ponies and Children Dressage Events. **At CDIOY/J/CH/Ps is open to the OC to limit the number of**

participants in test 3 and 4 but it must be guaranteed that each horse/rider combination has two starting possibilities.

Qualification score for Individual and Freestyle competition:
A Horse must earn a minimum score of sixty percent (60%) in the Team Competition test, in order to be eligible to start in an Individual competition test or Freestyle test.

FEI feedback

Not supported for the time being, similar to a Nations Cup, and Nations Cups format for Seniors to be discussed and finalised.

Proposed Final Wording

No change.

Article No. Ch-14 – Competition and Tests

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from GER NF:

In the judgement of Children, **seat, giving of aids, feeling, effect of aids and influence on the horse's response to the interplay of the rider's aids** should be of increased importance. These criteria are the fundamentals for the positive development as a rider which must have priority in this age group.

In this respect, the commentaries are of utmost importance. The goal is to state whether the Athlete is on the right track. Strengths and weaknesses are highlighted in order to improve the performance with concrete hints in the commentary. The skills should be commented in well understandable words, appropriate to the age of the riders addressed. Moreover, Children's competitions offer the genuine possibility to honour the skills of the child as an Athlete, irrespective of how gifted their horse is.

We propose to add to the technical test sheet a quality marking sheet (including directives) like the one used in the Dressage Test for 7-year-old Horses. This includes an assessment of five tasks with a commentary and a mark given for the accomplishment of each of the five tasks.

Separate judging. If there is a panel of three Judges, the Judge at C judges according to the quality marking sheet while the other Judges use the technical sheet. If five Judges are used, two Judges complete the quality sheet.

The results of the technical sheets count 50 % and the results of the quality sheet(s) count equally 50 %, no matter how many Judges were used.

Proposed Wording

Additional Quality Marking Sheet to be established (like the one used in the Preliminary Dressage Test for 7-year-old Horses), including an assessment of five tasks with a commentary and a mark given for the accomplishment of each of the five tasks - see attached draft.

Add in Article Ch-14 an explanation what the Judges have to do:

Separate judging. In a panel of three Judges, one judges only the quality of the rider, the other two judge only the technical execution of the test. In a panel of five Judges, two judge only the quality of the rider. The quality of the Athlete and the technical execution of the test shall be weighted each with 50 % towards the end result.

Assessment of individual tasks

(We felt the criteria should not be described too short so that it becomes clear what the focus should be laid on.)

1. Dressage seat:

Natural, stretched, secure well-balanced basic seat (shoulder, hip, heel form a vertical line). Suppleness and going with the movement, in particular swinging elastically in the middle posture, taking into consideration the position of leg and shoulder, head and hand posture.

2. Giving of aids:

Collaboration of weight, leg and rein aids in view to timing and intensity.

3. Meeting the technical requirements:

Correct preparation and execution of the movements.
Correct figures and tempi.

4. Feeling and efficiency:

Influence of the rider on the suppleness and “going” of the horse. Transitions.
Situational action while keeping suppleness and balance.

5. Overall judgement:

Overall impression, harmony of the performance, perspective as dressage rider

FEI feedback

The DTC to discuss a possible change of format of the Children competitions. Issue of test sheets, judging of Children tests not detailed in the rules

Proposed Final Wording

No change in the rule book

Article No. U25-7 – Competition and Tests

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from NED NF:

In our opinion the GP 16-25 is too difficult. It is almost equal to the Grand Prix for seniors. We would advise to make it more similar to Intermediaire II level. In this way this test will be more accessible also for athletes of the so-called developing countries.

Proposed Wording

N/A

FEI feedback

Not supported by the FEI DTC, but to be passed on to the Dressage Test Working Group for their opinion.

Proposed Final Wording

No change in the rules.

Article No. P-16 – Competitions and Tests

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from NED NF:

The Team Test for Pony's is a nice test, but hasn't changed for years. We would suggest to make it a little bit more difficult, by for example add canter half passes to either side.

Proposed Wording

N/A

FEI feedback

As above, to DTWG for their opinion

Proposed Final Wording

No change in the rules.

Article No. Annex 12 – CDI Am
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal from IDRC:

Currently, CDI-Am competitions are open to all Athletes and Horses registered with the FEI. The idea of a CDI-Am is to allow amateur riders to compete at CDIs alongside the CDI riders but in their own amateur class. However, the current wording allows much more competent CDI riders to compete in the CDI-Am class. This has led to a small number of professional riders competing in the CDI-Am class which has caused disillusionment and discontent amongst the genuine amateur riders.

Proposed Wording

Any horse/Athlete combination that achieves 2 x 68% in a non-freestyle test at a CDI 3* or above will be ineligible to compete in a CDI-Am 30 days after receiving their second qualifying score. The Athlete will be ineligible to compete in a CDI- Am for a period of 5 years on any horse. CDI-Am riders must be 26 years of age or older.

FEI feedback

The FEI DTC is currently discussing the Amateur category in general.

Proposed Final Wording

No change.

Article No. Annex 15 – Per Diem
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal from IDOC:

The current rules only mention the Chief Steward, leaving the remuneration – if any – of the other stewards to the goodwill of the organizers. FEI stewards in jumping are all considered FEI officials and all receive the 120 € per diem. Out of fairness for the dressage stewards, who are no less knowledgeable and hardworking than their jumping colleagues, the rule should be modified to include all stewards.

Proposed Wording

Per Diem for Judges, Technical Delegate and Stewards:

1. Per diem of EUR 120 per day, (remuneration for miscellaneous costs. This amount is net after relevant taxes being borne by the OC). The per diem is due for all officiating days, plus one. At the discretion of the Official, the per diem for this additional day may be forfeited if the Official can conveniently travel on the officiating days.
2. Judges: for more details see Annex 7
3. Veterinary Delegates: see VR

FEI feedback

Supported; per diem of EUR 120 for all FEI Officials listed in the draft schedule.

Proposed Final Wording

Per Diem for ~~Judges, Technical Delegate and Stewards~~ FEI Officials:

Article No.–Article Name

FEI Dressage Nations Cup Rules

Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal from IDOC:

We would like to suggest to add a Final for the Nations Cup, same as Jumping. This will make it more exciting and attractive for the riders. And also increasing the prize money will make the Nations Cup more attractive to riders.

Proposed Wording

N/A

FEI feedback

The Nations Cup is under discussion in the DTC.

Proposed Final Wording

No change

General proposals

AIDEO:

- Full Revision of the CDI* System for 2021. -supported
- Full Revision of the FEI Dressage World Cup 2020/21 including all Leagues and the qualification system for the Final. - supported

- The DC and VC should look into the use of substances like egg white or marshmallows to cover up contact or tongue issues in competition. – supported in principle, but how to monitor?
- The OCs should be able to offer other ways to provide freestyle music to the riders than CDs. Leave it up to OC to decide. - supported