

**PROPOSALS FOR 2020 RULES CHANGES
VAULTING RULES**

Article 700 General

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

Since 2008 we had established the Junior Individual class. Back then, it seemed to be a reasonable decision and there was no need for other transitions to the Seniors at first. But today, we can see a lot of changes in comparison to how it was ten years ago:

- vaulters are active for longer until a higher age and keep and raise up their level still
- the peak of their performances is by then mostly around 25 or even later, because artistic, expression, experience and management count more and more
- the transition from compulsory and freestyle (in J2*) to the full range of all three programs including technical (3*) makes some vaulters struggle for a long time,
- as a result we do see technical tests that are not ready yet for some years
- the distance from Junior to Senior is thus very far and it takes 3-6 years until they have reached their own best performance level in all three tests
- the danger of drop-outs is very high, because it takes a long time to finally “arrive” in the Senior Class (3*) with reasonable scores and individual success

therefore the VC suggests the following:

- create a new class according to Riding which would be a category for under 21 vaulter (“Young Riders”) “Young Vaulters”
- Introduce a methodical approach to learn Tech Test
- Minimize the risk of drop out of young athletes who now in the current system end up quitting after 5 years waiting for a chance

Proposed Wording

The constant development and evolution of the International Vaulting Sport continues to necessitate significant adjustment to the Rules for International Vaulting Events. The following are intended to standardise the Discipline, ensure the well-being of the Horse and facilitate and the professional organisation of Vaulting Competitions as competitive Equestrian Sporting Events.

Separate Competitions for Senior, Young Vaulters, Junior and Children Vaulters do exist in Vaulting. Given the Discipline specific complexities, however, Minors (in terms of age) often compete on what are referred to as Senior Squads in Senior Competitions at Vaulting Events. Although there are neither maximum nor minimum ages governing such participation, NFs must, nonetheless, adhere to the General Regulations with regard to age-specific issues such as Change of Nationality, Persons Responsible and other.

Article 701.5+6+7 Events and Competition

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification and new proposed category (see Article 700)

Proposed Wording

5. CVI 2*

At CVI2* the following Competitions ~~are obligatory~~ must be scheduled:

- Male Individual Vaulting Competition Senior 2*
- Female Individual Vaulting Competition Senior 2*

The following Competitions may be scheduled in addition:

- Squad Vaulting Competition Senior 2*
- Pas-de-Deux Vaulting Competition Senior 2*

6. CVIY2*

At CVIY2* the following Competitions must be scheduled:

- Male Individual Vaulting Competition Young Vaultler 2*
- Female Individual Vaulting Competition Young Vaultler 2*

6.7. CVI 3*

At CVI3* the following Competitions ~~are obligatory~~ must be scheduled:

- Squad Vaulting Competition Senior 3*
- Male Individual Vaulting Competition Senior 3*
- Female Individual Vaulting Competition Senior 3*
- Pas-de-Deux Vaulting Competition Senior 3*

Article 701.10 CVIO4* + 712 Type of Competitions

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

To be in line with the other disciplines.

Proposed Wording

~~Nations~~ Official Team

Article 701.10.7 ~~World Equestrian Games and~~ Senior Championships- ~~Nations Official~~ Team Format:

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

World Equestrian Games has been removed as it is by default included in Senior Championships.

In some parts of this article - Compulsories test has been changed to Compulsory test to be consistent.

Clarification on the declaration of Team and on the number of qualified Squads.

Proposed Wording

Session 1:

Declaration of ~~Nations-Team~~ (1 per NF) after compulsory tests. Starting order: refer to 10.5.

Session 4:

Free test - Starting order: **Top 15 of all Squads**, reverse order of rankings of average of previous two tests. ~~All-Squads-~~

Article 701.10. 8/10.9/10.10 CVIO 4* & Senior Championships Official Team Format

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

For Clarification of the procedure.

Proposed Wording

10.4-8 The Official Team Competition will be open to the best eight (8) Teams based on the results of the first tests of the selected two Individuals and selected Squad or Pas-de-Deux.

In case of equality in the ~~Nations-Team~~ results, the Squad or Pas-de-Deux results count (see article 742.3 for Team or 753.3 for Pas-de-Deux). If two ~~nations-Teams~~ are still tied, the best Individual score will count, then the second best.

10.59. Starting order Nations Team Free test: the starting order per Nation will be the reverse order of the ranking after the first tests. This ranking is determined by adding the Test 1 scores of the two (2) Individuals to the Test 1 score of the Squad or of the Pas-de-Deux, and dividing that total by three (3).

10.610 at World and Continental Championships, each NF may enter only one Team.

10.611. For ~~World Equestrian Games and~~ Senior Championships, the same Panel of Judges must sit at the same Judges Table for Test 2 of the Individual athletes and Squad of the Non-Nations Team Competition as for the ~~Nations-Team~~ Competition.

Article 702 Age of Vaultier

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

New proposed category (see Article 700)

Proposed Wording

Young Vaultler – Individual Competition – 16-21 years old

Article 703.2.2 Qualification for CVIs

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

A time frame is added for clarification purposes

Proposed Wording

Once the Vaultler(s) has/have reached their qualifying score in their class and are eligible to start in a higher class, the ~~v~~Vaultler(s) must compete in that higher class within the next 18 months. If they do not comply with the above, and they wish to compete in the higher level after the 18 months period, they must requalify for the higher level.

Article 705.3 Entries for Championships ~~and FEI World Equestrian Games~~

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

See article 701.10

Proposed Wording

- 3.1. Entries for Championships ~~and FEI World Equestrian Games~~ must be made in accordance with the FEI General Regulations Art. 116.2
- 3.2. **Entries per NF** – numbers for FEI Championships ~~and World Equestrian Games~~
- 3.2.2 ~~World Equestrian Games~~**Multi-Discipines Championships:**
Maximum 2 reserve Lungers and Horses per NF in total. The number of reserve Athletes is as per Article 705.3.2.

Article 708 ~~Draw for~~ the order of start

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

For clarification.

Proposed Wording

708 –~~Draw for~~ the order of start

1. Start list: the starting time must be indicated on the official start list for each Horse for Championships and is recommended for CVIs.

~~4.2.~~ Draw for the order of start: The draw for the order of starting will be conducted in the following manner:

Article 713 Dress Code

Explanation for Proposed Change

PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM NFs AND/OR SHs:

GBR NF

Children unitards/leotards are restricted in a way that makes affordable 'off the peg' or 'on line' purchases unsuitable for use according to the current rules. High necks can be extremely hot for vaulters in certain summer temperatures.

Children performing and being photographed with nude legs and a knicker line dress is unsuitable for the age group.

2.7.1 When is it permitted to have nude arms and legs? This needs clarification or removing.

The modesty and safety of this age group must be protected by the rules which should be easy to interpret.

GBR proposed wording:

2.7.2 In Children competitions the dress may have a peep hole fastening on the back neck line, max 10cm from base of neck. The neckline may be 'boat neck' or 'scoop neck' but may not be more than 10cm from the base of the neck.

2.7.3 In children classes the dress should not have nude legs unless accompanied by a coloured skirt and/or shorts.

FEI FEEDBACK:

The VTC do not support this proposal because we believe there is enough clarity in this rules. The new proposal would be too complex to check

Proposed Wording

N/A

Article 713.2 – Dress Code

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

Amendment to give the opportunity to the Athletes to wear a number of their own.

Proposed Wording

2.1 At CVI's Individual Vaulters must wear a start number on the right arm or leg which are provided by the OC. After receiving the start number from the Organiser, the Vaulters may choose to make their own arm band or leg band, using the number provided by the Organiser. Failure to comply will entail a Warning from Judge at A or President of Ground Jury.

Article 716.5.7 Timing / Bell

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

Clarification to help the Athlete distinguish why the bell has been rung.

Proposed Wording

to give the signal to stop an Athlete or Performance in unforeseen circumstances which includes repair or adjustment of equipment or any other situation requiring immediate attention. The timing and the music is stopped. The Test must be continued within 30 seconds after the signal to resume; or to give the signal indicate by prolonged and repeated ringing that the Athlete has been eliminated.

Article 719/image caption Equipment of the Vaulting Horse

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

Clarification in line with the Dressage rules as per the change in the minimum width of the snaffles for horses in Competition and in the Warm up.

Deletion of article 719.3.1 which was a duplication of article 719.2.1

Proposed Wording

2.1 Bridle with noseband and smooth snaffle bit, with no more than 2 joints. Rubber bit guards are permitted. If an unjointed rubber snaffle is used, the bit must be flexible. (See Annex 1 and 2 plus all snaffle bits allowed in the FEI Dressage Rules). Minimum diameter of mouthpiece to be minimum 14mm-12mm for horses and 10mm for Ponies. The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece at the widest point.

1. *Maximum width of weight bearing flat face of surcingle to be no greater than 180mm.*

~~3.1-Bridle with noseband and smooth snaffle bit, with no more than 2 joints. Rubber bit guards are permitted. If an unjointed rubber snaffle is used, the bit must be flexible. (See Annex 1 and 2 plus all snaffle bits allowed in the FEI Dressage Rules). Minimum diameter of mouthpiece to be minimum 14mm-12mm for horses and 10mm for Ponies. The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece at the widest point.~~

Article 723.1.4 & 10.3 Ground Jury

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

For clarification.

Proposed Wording

CVI 1*	CVI 2*	CVI 3*- 4*/Masterclass	Championships
CVI J 1* CVI Ch 1*	CVI J 2* CVI Ch 2* CVI JV 2*		
<p>One or three National or FEI 1* Judge(s) <u>or above</u> and one FEI 3*</p> <p><i>For CVIs in Europe only:</i></p> <p><i>The FEI3* Judge has to be foreign</i></p>	<p>one National or FEI 1* Judge <u>or above</u> and two FEI 2* Judges and one FEI 3* Judges (PGJ)</p> <p><i>one FEI3* Judge has to be foreign</i></p>	<p>one FEI 2* Judge and two FEI 3* Judges and one FEI 4* Judge (PGJ)</p> <p><i>CVIs in Europe:</i></p> <p><i>two of the FEI3* and/or FEI4* Judges have to be foreign</i></p> <p><i>CVIs outside Europe: only the FEI 4* Judge has to be foreign.</i></p>	<p>Continental & World Championships:</p> <p>Eight Judges</p> <p>five 3* (or above) Judges and min three 4* Judges (PGJ)</p> <p>appointed by FEI</p> <p><i>max two from one country</i></p>

Each Judge must be assisted by a secretary who speaks and writes the same official language as the Judge (either English or French). A 1* or 2* FEI Judge may serve as a secretary. No higher level active FEI Judge is allowed to serve as a secretary.

- 10.3 The President of the Ground Jury or Judge at A may at any time exclude from further participation in a Competition or an entire Event any Athlete who is unfit to continue by reason of a serious or potentially serious injury, impairment, or health condition.

Article 724 Expenses and Privileges

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

For clarification.

Proposed Wording

2. Expenses and Privileges

Organising Committees of World and Continental Championships may accept responsibility for meeting the travelling and living expenses of Athletes, horses, grooms and team Officials (Chefs d'Equipe and Veterinarians) to be invited according to the rules from the day before the First Horse Inspection until the day after the end of the Championships. This must be published in the schedule.

Organising Committees of ~~World Equestrian Games~~ multi discipline Championships must accept responsibility for meeting the living expenses of Athletes, horses, grooms and team Officials (Chefs d'Equipe and Veterinarians) to be invited according to the rules from the day before the First Horse Inspection until the day after the end of the Championships. This must be published in the Schedule.

Article 731.5 General

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

For clarification.

Proposed Wording

If the Ground Jury consists of up to four Judges, each Judge will give one score.

Article 737 Judges' ~~Scoresheets and results~~ Sheets

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

Clarification of the procedure.

Proposed Wording

4. The original Judges' scores sheets should be handed to the Athletes at the end of the Competition.
5. The scoring office must have copies of the test sheets available for a period of one year.
6. Official results are signed by the President of the Ground Jury.
7. Once signed, the results must be officially published with a date and time.

Article 738 Squad Vaulting Competition

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

For Clarification.

Proposed Wording

*) The ~~12-15~~ best Squads of the first round, number may be increased upon the discretion of the Ground Jury.

Note: for CVIO4* ref to Article 701.10

Article 740.3 Squad Free Tests

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

This is described in the guidelines and so can be removed from the rules.

Proposed Wording

A Squad Free Test 1 may include single, double and triple exercise, with a maximum of 6 static triple exercises. ~~20 free style exercises will be considered.~~

Article 742.3 Final score Squad Competition

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

Clarification and in line with other categories.

Proposed Wording

In case of equality a tie, the higher mark from the ~~Test 1 last test of the first round~~ will decide. If still tied, the artistic score of the last test will decide, then the technical score and last the performance score

Article 743 Rounds

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

New proposed category (see Article 701.6) + Clarification

Proposed Wording

		Round 1		
		Test 1	Test 2	Test 3
Young Vaulters	CVIY 2*	Individual	Individual	Individual
	Individual Competition Young Vaulters 3*	Comp Test 3	Young Vaulters Tech test	Free Test

		Round 1			Qualification for 2nd round	Round 2	
		Test 1	Test 2			Test 3	Test 4
Junior	CVIJ 1*	Individual	Individual		Offering 2nd round is optional - Number of starters according to the schedule	Individual	-
	Individual Competition Junior 1*	Comp Test 1	Free Test			Free test	
	CVIJ 2*	Individual	Individual		Offering 2nd round is optional - Number of starters according to the schedule	Individual	
Individual Competition Junior 2*	Comp Test 2	Free Test		Free Test 2			
	Championships	Individual	Individual		15 best Vaulters	Individual	Individual
	Individual Competition Junior	Comp Test 2	Free Test			Comp Test 2	Free Test

Article 745 Individual Free Tests

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

New time limit proposed for CVI3* and Championships following the experience in the FEI Vaulting World Cup.

Proposed Wording

Time Limit: 1 minute except for CVI3* and Senior Championships where the time limit is 1 minute 10 seconds.

Article 746 Individual Technical Tests

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

New Category (see article 701)

Proposed Wording

1.1 Individual Technical Test (Young Vaultler)

The Technical Test consists of any three of the five technical exercises and additional freestyle exercises chosen by the Vaultler. The Technical exercises may be shown in any order. Only the first three technical exercises shown will be scored. Any other technical exercises shown after the first three will be scored as additional freestyle exercises.

6. Time Limit: 1 minute 10 seconds for Senior Vaultler 3*

6-7. Time Limit: 1 minute for Young Vaultler 3*

Article 747.3 Scoring Individual Competition

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

This is described in the guidelines and so can be removed from the rules.

Proposed Wording

Individual Technical Test

Mark for the **"Horse"**

Two marks for the **"Exercises"**

~~The scores for the Technical Exercises (83.3%) and the score for the performance of additional exercises (16.7%) are added. The sum of these scores is divided by six.~~

Mark for the **"Artistic"**

Article 747.4 Scoring Individual Competition

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

This is described in the guidelines and so can be removed from the rules.

Proposed Wording

3. Technique Score

In CVI1* Competitions (Children, Junior and Senior) the Technique Score represents only the Performance of the Free Style Exercises.

In CVI2* and higher Competitions (Children, Junior, Young Vaulters and Senior), the Technique Score is divided into the Performance (70%) and the Difficulty (30%).

Article 748.5 Final Score - Individual Competition

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

Clarification and in line with other categories.

Proposed Wording

In case of a tie, the higher mark from the last test will decide. If still tied, the artistic score of the last test will decide, then the technical score and last the performance score.

Article 749.3 Pas-de-Deux Competition

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

For clarification.

Proposed Wording

		Round 1		Qualification for 2nd round	Round 2
		Test 1	Test 2		Test 2
Senior	CVI 1*	PdD Comp	PdD Free Test 1 2	No 2nd round	no

		Pas-de-Deux Competition Senior 1*	Test			
		CVI 2* Pas-de-Deux Competition Senior 2*	PdD Free Test 2 1	no	Number of starters according to the schedule	PdD Free Test 1 2
		CVI 3* Pas-de-Deux Competition Senior 3*	PdD Free Test 2	no	Number of starters according to the schedule	PdD Free Test 2
		Championships Pas-de-Deux Competition Senior	PdD Free Test 2	no	15 best Pas-de-Deux	PdD Free Test 2

Article 751.2 – Pas-de-Deux Free Test

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

For clarification.

Proposed Wording

Time Limit:

- Pas-de-Deux Free Test 1 ~~→ Juniors~~ 1 1/2 minutes
- Pas-de-Deux Free Test 2 ~~→ Seniors~~ 2 minutes

Article 752.5.2 + 5.3– Scoring Pas-de-Deux Competitions

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

For clarification.

Proposed Wording

2. Free Test 1 ~~→ Juniors~~

Only the 10 exercises with the highest degree of difficulty will be scored as follows:

Difficult exercises	(D)	1.0 points
Medium exercises	(M)	0.5 points
Easy exercises	(E)	0.0 points
For scoring criteria see Guidelines		
3. Free Test 2 –Seniors		
Only the 13 exercises with the highest degree of difficulty will be scored as follows:		
Difficult exercises	(D)	0.8 points
Medium exercises	(M)	0.4 points
Easy exercises	(E)	0.0 points
For scoring criteria see Guidelines		

Article 753 Final Score – Pas-de-Deux Competition
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason: For clarification and in line with other categories.
Proposed Wording
<u>In case of a tie, the higher mark from the last test will decide. If still tied, the artistic score of the last test will decide, then the technical score and last the performance score.</u>

Annex 1 Permitted Bits
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason: The VTC decided that snaffle bits are bits with no leverage, so Hanging cheeks would not be allowed.
Proposed Wording
Hanging-check snaffle

Annex 4 Definitions
Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

For clarification

This is described in the guidelines

Proposed Wording

Event Categories: include CVI3*, 2* and 1*; CVIY2*; CVIJ2* and 1* and CVICh2* and 1*

Round: a Round consists of one or ~~two~~three-Tests

Test: Compulsory, free style or Technical test with a specific set of movements-~~each Test receives four scores with equal value according to the special demands of the test.~~