

PROPOSALS FOR 2020 RULES CHANGES PARA DRESSAGE

CHAPTER 1 DRESSAGE

Article No. 8413.3 The Half-Pirouette And Turn On The Haunches

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

Piaffe is not allowed to be used in Para Dressage.

Proposed Wording

3. Pirouettes (Half-pirouettes) are usually carried out at collected walk or canter, ~~but can also be executed at Piaffe.~~

Article No. 8417.2 The Submission/The Impulsion, 8418.2.1 and 8418.3 The Position and aids of the Athlete

Explanation for Proposed Change

Please see explanation for Article 8432.4 below.

Proposed Wording

8417.2. Putting out the tongue, keeping it above the bit or drawing it up altogether, as well as grinding the teeth and swishing the tail are mostly signs of nervousness, tenseness or resistance on the part of the Horse and must be taken into account by the Judges in their marks for the movement concerned ~~as well as in the collective mark for "submission" (No. 1).~~

8418.2.1 A discreet 'pat on the neck' for a well performed exercise, or for reassurance, is perfectly acceptable (as is the situation of an Athlete needing to wipe a fly from their eye, or other situations such as adjusting clothing, saddle pads etc). However, if the rider intentionally takes the reins into one hand in order to use either the reins or the other hand to produce more impulsion from the Horse, or to promote applause from the spectators during the test, it will be considered a fault and will be reflected in the mark for both the movement and the "General Impression" collective mark ~~for 'Rider'.~~

If foot reins are used, neither the hands nor arms may be used.

8418.3. Voice – Athletes in Grades I, II and III may use their voice as an aid ~~whilst riding in their allocated Grade~~, provided they do so in moderation. Athletes in Grades IV and V may not use their voice at any time during the execution of their Test. Once a Test has started the Athlete shall not speak to any other person, unless spoken to by the Judge. Such a fault will be penalized by the deduction of at least two (2) marks by each Judge from those that would otherwise have been awarded for the movement where this occurred

CHAPTER II PARA DRESSAGE EVENTS

Article No. 8420.1 Categories of Para Dressage Events
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</p> <p>To align with FEI Dressage Rules and FEI General Regulations.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>1. In conformity with the FEI GRs, the <u>International</u> Para Dressage Events are divided into <u>CPEDI1* to CPEDI3*, FEI Championships and Paralympic Games which must be held according to the Rules given in the following articles, unless otherwise stated in the pre-emptive Rules for any of these Events, such as the Paralympic Game.:-</u></p> <p>1.1. National Events. <u>Refer to FEI GR article 101. This Rules does not apply to foreign Athletes (Athletes living outside his country of nationality as defined in the FEI GRs) who are domiciled for part of the year in the host country and hold a guest licence with the host NF.</u></p> <p>CPEDN (Para Equestrian Dressage National): where non-nationals may be invited<u>refer to FEI GRs.</u></p> <p>CPEPDE (Promotional Para Equestrian Dressage Event): Organised by countries outside Western Europe and North America (see below). These Events may also be held on Horses that are all borrowed.</p> <p>1.2. International Events (lower level)</p> <p>CPEDI 1* International Event, where there are a minimum of four (4) NFs invited, <u>to include host NF.</u></p> <p>CPEDI 2* Where there are a minimum of four (4) NFs invited, <u>to include host NF.</u></p> <p>1.3. International Events (higher level)</p> <p>CPEDI 3* Where there are a minimum of six (6) NFs, <u>including host NF,</u> invited plus a team Competition.</p>

Article No. 8421.2.4.1 Dressage Tests
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</p> <p>The PETC determined that if an Athlete is competing with two Horses and both qualify for the Freestyle the Athlete should have the choice of which Horse to ride in the Freestyle. A clarification was also necessary for the sanctions if an Athlete does not participate, without legitimate reasons, if qualified.</p>
Proposed Wording

2.4.1. The Freestyle to Music Tests are Competitions that can be used by all Grades at all levels. Each Grade has its own Test.

At CPEDI 3* only the best one third of the Athlete/Horse combinations per Grade of the total number of Athletes are qualified to participate in the Freestyle (based on the total result of the Team and Individual tests). Where one third of the class is less than eight (8) Athletes, then eight (8) will be allowed to compete. However, all participants must have reached a minimum score of sixty percent (60%) as an average of the Team and Individual tests. Athletes may only compete with one (1) Horse in the Freestyle Competition and for those with more than one (1) Horse qualified; they ~~must~~ may choose one of the qualified Horses on which to compete and must declare the Horse at the latest one hour after the end of the previous competition. ~~participate on the highest placed Horse (based on qualification results).~~ Should a qualified combination withdraw or be disqualified etc. the next qualified combination may compete.

At CPEDI 1* and 2*, ~~there is no limit~~ all Athletes may compete in the Freestyle, unless otherwise defined in the Schedule.

At all levels of Events, it is mandatory to participate if qualified, unless otherwise supported by a Veterinary or Doctor's Certificate. An Athlete who does not participate without legitimate reasons in a Competition where the participation is mandatory, will lose their placing and prize money from the previous Competition(s) in the Event and will be disqualified from the Event.

Article No. 8422.1.3 Conditions of Participation

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

A clarification of which Statuses are assigned following Classification.

Proposed Wording

1.3. Following Classification Athletes will be assigned a Tracking Code of Observation Assessment (OA) or a Grade Status of Review (R) or Review with a Fixed Review Date or Confirmed (C) and all relevant details will be included on the FEI Classification Master List and published on the FEI website.

Article No. 8422.2.1 Conditions of Participation

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

A clarification on the penalty for riding in a different Grade.

Proposed Wording

2. *Competing in a different Grade.*

2.1 Any Athlete who changes Grade as a result of a Classification Evaluation will be required to compete in their allocated Grade from the time that it appears on the FEI Masterlist. Where the new Grade is allocated at a Competition, the Athlete can choose to compete in

their new Grade or compete in the entered Grade. Where the entered Grade is lower than the newly allocated Grade, each of the Athlete's test's final **percentage result** will be reduced by ten (10%) percentage points. Such a decision must be reported to the PGJ and FTD/FJ by the Chief Classifier. The Athlete ~~may only~~**must** compete in a Championship or Paralympic Games in their newly assigned Grade, providing that they meet the qualification requirements.

Article 8425 - Draw for the starting order

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

For clarification of the Draw at Championships and Games.

Proposed Wording

1. There must be a separate draw for each (Grade I to V) Competition, conducted in order of the Competition. For CPEDI3* and below, it is recommended that a draw is prepared in advance (a pre-draw) by the OC and the President of the Ground Jury, for Championships and Games the draw must be conducted in a meeting that includes the President of the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate, Chief Steward and the Chef d'Equipes (or responsible persons). It shall be published and presented at a meeting that includes the President or a Member of the Ground Jury, Chief Steward and the Chef d'Equipes (or responsible persons). Unauthorised persons should not be admitted to this meeting.

Article 8427.5 - Dress – Colours

Explanation for Proposed Change

PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM NFs AND/OR SHs:

NED NF

We would like to suggest that the stock or tie will be optional instead of compulsory

FEI FEEDBACK:

The PETC agree to this suggestion

Proposed Wording

Stock or tie: optional, must be white, off-white or same colour as coat.

Article No. 8428.1.1.2 and 8428.1.3 Equipment

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

Following the change made in FEI Dressage Rules.

Proposed Wording

1.1.1 Stirrups must have closed branches, and no attachments. Safety stirrups ~~must have closed branches~~ may have a small opening on the outside branch. The stirrup leathers must have a release mechanism where they are attached to the saddle. Unless stated on the FEI Masterlist, Stirrup leathers must be on the outside of the saddle flap.

1.1 Bits

Snaffle, Bridoon and curb bits must ~~be have a~~ smooth ~~with a solid~~ surface. Twisted and wire bits are prohibited. Bits must be made of metal, and/or 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-twelve~~ millimetres (124mm) for Horses and ten millimetres (10mm) for ~~P~~ponies. The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece.

1.3.1 Snaffle Bits

1.3.1.1 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. 8428.1.4.3 Ear Plugs

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

To follow a change in the FEI Veterinary Regulations.

Proposed Wording

1.4.3. **Ear plugs** on Horses are allowed at horse inspections and prize giving ceremonies only.

Article No. 8428.2.1.2 Compensating Aids

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

Clarification was required that Athletes can make further requests for profile-specific compensating aids after their Classification Evaluation, but that this must be approved before being added to the Masterlist.

Proposed Wording

2.1.2 **Profile-specific compensating aids** are aids or equipment, other than approved saddlery, which may be used by nominated profiles and must be noted on the FEI Masterlist following Classification evaluation. Requests for profile-specific compensating aids can be

made to the FEI or to the Chief Classifier at an Event. These are listed in the summary table of Annex IX.

Article No. 8428.2.1.4 and 2.1.3.2 Compensating Aids

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

For clarification and to correct a mistake in which compensating aids need to be noted on the Masterlist.

Proposed Wording

2.1.3.2 For Athletes who have not previously undergone a Classification Evaluation, at their first competition (where they are being Classified) non-standard compensating aids may be approved by the Chief Steward, Chief Classifier and President of the Ground Jury. To be used at all ~~following competitions~~subsequent Events, the full request must be made to the Compensating Aids Panel and listed on the FEI Masterlist.

2.1.4 Subject to the noted provisions, all saddlery and special equipment used in competition shall correspond to that allowed under FEI Dressage Rules. It is the responsibility of the Athlete to ensure that all special equipment/compensating aids they use in competition meet the requirements under the Para Dressage rules, and that any non-standard or profile-specific compensating aids used are noted for that Athlete on the FEI Classification Master List.

Article No. 8428.2.4.5 Compensating Aids

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

The Compensating Aids Panel have received many requests for knotted reins and the PETC have determined that one knot on each rein can be considered a standard compensating aid.

Proposed Wording

2.4.5 Knotted reins may be used as a standard compensating aid. Each rein may only have one knot to consist of one twist/tie of the rein. Any larger knots, or more knots in each rein, will be considered a non-standard compensating aid.

Article No. 8428.2.5.3 Compensating Aids

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

A clarification on the use of Velcro for safety reasons.

Proposed Wording

2.5.3 The total amount of overlapping Velcro, or similar material, used by any Athlete, must not exceed fifty square centimetres (50 sq. Cm). Each overlap contact must not exceed the dimensions of three centimetres by six centimetres (3cmx6cm). The total area of overlapping Velcro or similar material per leg must not exceed three centimetres (3cm) wide by six centimetres (6cm) of overlap contact. For safety reasons it is recommended that it is fastened in a 'V' shape. Velcro cannot be passed through a ring or strap and folded back onto itself.

Article No. 8429.6 Arena and Exercise areas

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

A clarification on who organises the positions of the Judges.

Proposed Wording

6. When five (5) Judges are used, three (3) Judges must be placed along the short side, on the outside of and a maximum of five meters (5 m), minimum of three meters (3 m) from the arena at outdoor Competitions and preferably a minimum of three meters (3 m) at indoor Competitions; the Judge at C on the prolongation of the centre line, the two (2) others (M and H) two meters fifty (2.50 m) from and on the inside of the prolongation of the long sides. The two (2) Side-Judges (B and E) must be placed on the outside of and a maximum of five meters (5 m), minimum three meters (3 m) from the arena at B and E respectively; at indoor Competitions preferably a minimum of two meters (2 m). When three (3) Judges are used one should sit on the long side. The President of the Ground Jury decides on the placing of the Judges.

Article No. 8430.3.2.2 Other Penalties

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

There was previously no clear sanction for use of incorrect equipment or compensating aids.

Proposed Wording

3.2.2 It is the responsibility of the Athlete to ensure that all equipment and compensating aids they use in competition meet the requirements under the Para Dressage Rules article 8428. The penalty for competing with incorrect equipment or compensating aids is ten (10) percentage points deducted from the final total percentage mark.

Article No. 8430.11.4 Bleeding

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

To align with changes in the FEI Dressage Rules.

Proposed Wording

11.4. Bleeding: 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.

If the FEI Steward discovers fresh blood in the Horse's mouth or in the area of the spurs during the equipment check at the end of the Test (Art. 8430.12), he must inform 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. ~~there-If there~~ is blood on the Horse, an FEI Veterinarian is to be called to ~~decide-examine if~~ the Horse and advise the Ground Jury whether it is fit to continue in following Competition(s) in the Event.

Article No. 8430.13.1, 8430.13.2 and 8430.13.9 Commanders, Callers and Electronic Devices

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

With changes in technology the sport of Para Dressage needs to remain up to date in terms of compensating aids. These changes were required for more accessibility to electronic compensating aids.

Proposed Wording

13. ~~Commanders and~~ Callers and Electronic Devices

13.1. Definitions: Commanders read a Test; callers (which may be human or electronic) call out the letters to those Athletes with classified visual impairment who need this assistance.

13.8. Callers may only call the name of the letter(s). Only the lead caller (who may also Command where approved as in 13.3) may be in the centre of the arena and may not move around except for a safe distance to avoid the path of the Horse. All other Callers must be positioned outside the arena, and may move from one marker to another, provided they do not restrict the vision of any of the Judges. There shall be no more than thirteen (13) Callers, but Athletes with classified visual impairment are encouraged to use as few Callers as possible. The Caller at C may be exchanged for a beacon beeper which is to be provided by the Athlete. The OC must be notified if electronic callers are being used and the set-up of such devices must not affect the running of the competition, nor cause any disturbance to other Athletes.

13.9 Athletes with a hearing impairment who wish to use a vibrotactile (haptic) vest to be able to feel the beat of the music, must apply to the Compensating Aids Panel clearly stating the reason for the need and providing supporting documentation. The make and model of the vest must be stated, any upgrade in the equipment will require a new request to the CAP. Permission to use a vibrotactile vest must be stated on the FEI Classification Master List.

Article No. 8430.14.4 Other Outside assistance

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

The PETC determined that the placing of the companion Horse needs to be defined before the start of the competition.

Proposed Wording

14.4. For Grade I, II and III, if circumstances allow a companion Horse may stand adjacent to the arena. The area where a companion Horse may stand must be designated by the President of the Ground Jury prior to the start of the competition.

Article No. 8432.4 Marking

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

Following the removal of Collective marks, which was supported by the DJWG recommendations, the PETC have decided to also reduce the collective marks to just one "General Impression" mark. This change has been made throughout the document.

Proposed Wording

4. Collective marks ~~are awarded,;~~ after the Athlete has finished ~~his~~-their performance, a collective mark is awarded for General Impression for:

- 1) ~~Paces.~~
- 2) ~~Activity.~~
- 3) ~~Submission.~~
- 4) Equestrian feel and skill of the Athlete. ~~Accuracy. Each~~The collective mark is awarded from zero (0) to ten (10).
- 5. ~~Some~~-The collective marks, as well as certain difficult movements, can be given a coefficient, which is fixed by the FEI.

Article No. 8433 Judges' sheets

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

As per above, the sport of Para Dressage should develop alongside changes in technology, and the PETC wish to promote the use of E-Dressage in Para Dressage, and are aligning with the FEI Dressage Rules.

Proposed Wording

Article 8433 Judges' sheets

1. General

1.1 The Judges' sheets have two (2) columns: the first for the Judge's original mark, the second for the corrected score. Any corrected score must be initialled by the Judge having made the correction. Judges' scores must be recorded in ink endorsed by the Judge.

1.2. There is also a column for the Judge's remarks, where the Judge, as far as possible, should state the reason for ~~his~~-the judgment. Remarks must be in English. Giving remarks is strongly recommended, at least when giving marks of five (5) and below. Remarks are intended for the information of the Athlete.

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1.3. The original of the Judges' sheets of the placed Athlete/Horse combinations from the Paralympic Games must be sent to the FEI by the OC, together with the results of each Competition, including a list where the total percentage awarded by each Judge for each Athlete must be clearly shown. A copy of the Judges' sheets should be available to the Athletes. The above should be done for all other competitions, with a copy to the President of the Ground Jury.

1.4 The final results of the class must be signed off by the President of the Ground Jury or the Foreign Judge/TD as appropriate.

41.5. All Dressage Tests can be downloaded from the FEI website (www.fei.org).

2. Paper Judging

2.1 The original Judges' sheets from CPEDIs should be available to the Athletes after the Competition. No copies are required by the FEI.

3 Paperless Judging

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

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 Para 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.

Article No. 8436.2 Prize-Giving

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

The PETC want to support OCs by having all Athletes required for the Prize Giving ceremony to remain on site. A regulation was necessary to sanction not attending the Prize giving ceremony.

Proposed Wording

2. Participation in the Prize giving Ceremony of placed Athletes is compulsory. Failure to do so, unless otherwise supported with a Doctor's or Veterinary certificate will entail the disqualification of the Athlete from the relevant Competition with the consequence that any placing and prizes will be lost. ~~entails losing the placing and prize.~~

CHAPTER III GROUND JURY, APPEAL COMMITTEE, FOREIGN TECHNICAL DELEGATE, CLASSIFIERS, VETERINARY COMMISSION AND VETERINARY DELEGATE, STEWARDS AND ABUSE OF HORSES

Article No. 8437.6 Ground Jury

Explanation for Proposed Change

PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM NFs AND/OR SHs:

GER NF

We propose a clarification that this does not refer to the panel of each test of the event.

In the past, there were CPEDI3* approved despite not having the required number of 3* Para Judges. Often the 5* Judges are invited, the 3* Judges considered and the 4* Judges do not get many invitations.

Therefore, for each event, at least one 3* and one 4* Judge should be invited and be part of the respective panel of the competition.

FEI FEEDBACK

The PETC want to clarify that the Ground Jury for each competition should have the required mix of Judges as per the rules. In this case clarification was needed to remove the word "Panel" which has the same meaning as Ground Jury – meaning the Judges sitting around the arena for each competition, not the full group as invited in the schedule. The representation detailed in article 8437 is per Ground Jury, enough Judges of each level must be invited to ensure the correct representation.

Proposed Wording

6. For CPEDI3*, the President and the other members of the Ground Jury must:

- be appointed by the NF and the OC, in agreement with the FEI;
- be an International Jury (see Art. 8437.10).
- when a ~~Ground Jury~~~~panel~~ of five (5) Judges is used, three (3) or more must be 4* or 5*, can have one (1) or two (2) 3* Judges. One (1) 4* Judge is mandatory. In Western Europe, one (1) 3* Judge is also mandatory; outside Western Europe one (1) 3* Judge is recommended.
- When a ~~panel~~~~Ground Jury~~ of three (3) Judges are used, two (2) or more must be 4* or 5*, one (1) can be 3* Judge. In Western Europe, one (1) 3* Judge is mandatory; outside Western Europe one (1) 3* Judge is recommended.

Article No. 8437.10 Ground Jury

Explanation for Proposed Change

PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM NFs AND/OR SHs:

GER NF

We propose to amend that the same requirements apply for Ground Juries in and outside Western Europe.

It is difficult to find qualified Judges for Para-Dressage competitions and costly to provide travel expenses if they come a long way. It should not be mandatory that they are of completely different nationalities; like outside Western Europe, it should be allowed to have two of the same nationality.

FEI FEEDBACK

Based on the numbers of judges available the PETC agree that it is difficult to have Judges from all different nationalities. PETC agree with proposal.

Proposed Wording

10. A Ground Jury is considered to be international if there are at least two (2) Foreign Judges in a Ground Jury of three (3) members, and there are at least three (3) Foreign Judges in a Ground Jury of five (5) members. ~~In Western Europe, all~~ foreign Judges need to be of different nationalities. In CPEDI3* and below on each Ground Jury, Outside Western Europe, two (2) of the foreign Judges may be of the same nationality.

Article No. 8437.13 Ground Jury

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

This proposal came from the Para Dressage Judge General, to have a compulsory meeting between the President and Members of the Ground Jury at Championships and Games, and recommended at CPEDI3* and below.

Proposed Wording

13. The President or the FEI Foreign Judge must arrive in time for the Horse Inspection. At Championships and Games it is compulsory that the Ground Jury should meet prior to the first competition, this is recommended at CPEDI3*s and below.

Article No. 8438 Technical Delegate

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

For clarification and to remove information which should be stated in the education system rather than the rules.

Proposed Wording

Article 8438 ~~Foreign~~ Technical Delegate

1.1. A Technical Delegate may be appointed for CPEDIs. A Foreign Technical Delegate must be appointed for all Championships and Games. FEI will appoint the Foreign Technical Delegate(s) for Championships and Games.

~~1.2. A list of Foreign Technical Delegates qualified to officiate at all levels of Events will be maintained by the FEI. The qualifications for such Para Dressage Foreign Technical Delegates are as follows: to be a past or present FEI Para Dressage/IPEC Dressage Judge or being appointed by the Para Dressage Technical Committee on the grounds of their extensive knowledge of Para Dressage and the specific requirements.~~

Article No. 8439.2 and 8439.3.1 Classifiers

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

This precision was missing from the article about VI Classifiers. It was also not clear that the FEI appoints officials for Championships.

Proposed Wording

2. Classification for Athletes with visual impairment (Profile 36 and 37) must be carried out by a panel of two (2) International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) Classifiers and one (1) classifier must be from a foreign NF.

3.1 For FEI Championships ~~and Games~~, the FEI will appoint one (1) Level 2 Chief Classifier and one (1) Level 2 Classifier. ~~A second Level 2 Classifier must be appointed by the OC in addition.~~

Article No. 8440 Appeal Committee

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

This was removed so that the information is not falsely duplicated in these rules. If, at the 2019 FEI General Assembly the change is approved to remove the Appeal Committee, references will then be removed throughout the FEI Para Dressage Rules.

Proposed Wording

Article 8440 Appeal Committee

The FEI GRs refer to the Appeal Committee. ~~3* Judges, 4* Judges, 5* Judges and Retired Judges of any of these categories of Para Dressage Judge, as well as other suitably qualified persons approved by the Para Equestrian Committee, can be a Member of Appeal Committee.~~

~~At CPEDI 1*, 2* and 3* Events no Appeal Committee is required.~~

Article No. 8442 Veterinary Commission and Veterinary Delegate

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

This was removed so that the information is not falsely duplicated in these rules.

Proposed Wording

Article 8442 Veterinary Commission and Veterinary Delegate

(~~please~~ see ~~also~~ FEI Veterinary Regulations)

~~1. The composition of the Veterinary Commission, which is compulsory for all Championships and Games, and the appointment of its President and members must be in accordance with the FEI VRs.~~

~~2. At CPEDIs, the presence of a Veterinarian, to be regarded as the Veterinary Delegate appointed by the OC, is required in accordance with the FEI VRs. This Veterinary Delegate should conduct all veterinary examinations, including the Horse Inspection.~~

~~Treating vet: In addition to the Veterinary Delegate, there must be a Treating Veterinarian. This person must be a different person to the Veterinary Delegate.~~

Article No. 8443 Stewards

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

This was removed so that the information is not falsely duplicated in these rules.

Proposed Wording

The FEI GRs and FEI Steward Manual for Para Dressage refer to the Stewards and such rules and regulations are applicable to all FEI Para Dressage Events. The Chief Steward is responsible for all the Stewards and for the timing required during training. The Chief Steward will report to the Foreign Technical Delegate when applicable.

~~1.1—The Chief Steward is responsible for the organisation of stewarding throughout the Event.~~

~~1.2—The Chief Steward must ensure that stable security is adequate for the level of Event and that sufficient Stewards are available.~~

~~1.3—The Chief Steward Organising Committee, Ground Jury and Foreign Technical Delegate have to ensure the smooth running of all defined functions during a Competition such as opening and closing ceremonies or any required organised function within the Competition.~~

CHAPTER V WORLD AND CONTINENTAL INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Article No. 8448 Officials

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

This information was missing from this chapter. It will also be clarified in the Paralympic Chapter for 2021.

Proposed Wording

Article 8448 ~~Foreign Technical Delegate~~Officials

1. A Foreign Technical Delegate must be appointed for all Championships. The FEI will appoint the Foreign Technical Delegate(s) for all the Major Championships (as defined in the Para Dressage Rules). The Foreign Technical Delegate is in charge outside the actual Competitions. See also Article 8438 of Para Dressage Rules.

2. Ground Jury. The FEI will appoint the President, members of the Ground Jury and at least one travelling reserve Judge. The numbers appointed will depend on the competition schedule and arenas. The President of the Ground Jury allocates the five Ground Jury members for each competition.

Article No. 8449 Appeal Committee

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

Any information about the Appeal committee will be in the General Regulations.

Proposed Wording

~~See Article 8440 of Para Dressage Rules~~See GRs.

Article No. 8452 Expenses and Privileges

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

The PETC have added to this article for the fairness of treatment of Para Dressage Athletes at multi-discipline Championships. They determined that OCs should still be given the choice at stand-alone Championships, but that the Para Dressage Athletes should have the same treatment as others in multi-discipline Championships.

Proposed Wording

1. NFs pay their own expenses except as ~~below~~per the following. At stand-alone Para Dressage Championships the OC may offer to cover accommodation, three (3) meals/day, stabling, fodder and travel allowance for Athletes, Grooms (one groom to each two Horses), Chefs d'Equipe and team veterinarians. For multi-discipline Championships please refer to article 100.1 of the FEI GRs.

~~1. — 2. OCs may offer to cover the living and accommodation expenses of one (1) groom to each two (2) Horses. Grooms must belong to the official Teams. Any additional grooms are the responsibility of the relevant NF.~~

Article No. 8453 Tests to be ridden

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

Following discussions at the FEI Para Equestrian Forum the PETC have decided to change the competition format for Championships, to give riders the possibility to ride both the first and second test. To make it clearer who the Champions are, there will be one set of Team medals and one set of Individual medals. The tests will be revised for 2021 and will be renamed so as to remove confusion caused by the names of tests being ridden in competitions of the opposite name.

Proposed Wording

1. Each Grade rides its own Tests.

2. The order of the Tests will be:

~~2.1. Individual Tests – all five Grades. Open to all Athletes. Individual medals will be given for each Grade.~~

~~2.2. Team Tests to music – all five (5) Grades. Only open to team Athletes. Team medals will be given based on the results of the Team Test only.~~

~~2.3. Freestyle Tests – all five Grades. Open to the eight (8) best Athletes per grade from the Individual Test. Freestyle medals will be given for each Grade.~~

2.1 Competition 1 (current Team Test) – all five Grades. To be ridden by all Athletes. First Qualifier for Individual Final.

2.2 Team Final (current Individual Test) – all five Grades. To be ridden by all Athletes who started in Competition 1, second qualifier for the Individual Final. Team medals will be given based on the results of this test only.

2.3 The results of the first and second competitions are combined to determine the top 8 Athletes from each Grade qualified to compete in the Freestyle test.

2.4 Individual Final, Freestyle Test – all five Grades. Open to the eight (8) best Athletes (including those tied for the 8th place) per grade from the Test 1 + Test 2 results. Individual medals will be given for each Grade.

3. Ties:

Individual Tests: In case of equality of percentage in the first three places, the higher collective mark will decide on the better placing. If the collective mark are equal, the collective mark of the Judge at C will be decisive.

Team Tests: In the case of equality of percentages the winning team is the one whose lowest classified team Athlete has the best result in the Team Test. If still tied the same rule will be applied to the second lowest classified Athlete in the Team Test.

Freestyle Tests: In case of equality of percentage, the higher artistic marks shall decide. If still tied the higher marks for harmony shall decide. If still tied the higher marks for choreography shall decide.

Article No. Chapter V Championships

Explanation for Proposed Change

PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM NFs AND/OR SHs:

GBR NF –

The comments relating to the Individual vs Team competition and the music issue are as a direct result of our experiences in WEG at Tryon.

1. Better communication is needed of the new format. There are still a number of nations who are unaware of the requirements and implications. Order of tests did not really work effectively.
2. There is a general feeling across Nations that it is unfair and potentially expensive for individual competitors to potentially only compete in one test. To be further discussed.
3. The Team Test music was disappointing: a lack of volume (agreed) and no explanation to the audience of its purpose. Six Nations had not prepared music, in contravention of the rules, so this was not a level playing field (This was provided by the OC on this occasion).
4. Only 63 competitors from a max potentially of 76, as well as reduced class sizes in the Team Test.

FEI FEEDBACK

The Championship format has been reviewed. Please see above

Proposed Wording

N/A

CHAPTER VI PARALYMPIC GAMES

Article No. 8458 Order of Starting

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

The information about the draw is noted in article 8425, not in the Chapter for Championships.

Proposed Wording

~~The Draw for Para Dressage events at the Paralympic Games is held in the same manner as the Draw for Championships. Please see article 8425.~~

ANNEX II INTERNATIONAL PARA DRESSAGE JUDGES

Article No. Annex II article 1

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

To remove all mentions of age, as this is to be replaced by a competency based system.

Proposed Wording

1. Judges are divided into three (3) Categories: Para Dressage 3* Judges, Para Dressage 4* Judges and Para Dressage 5* Judges (see FEI GRs - Judges). ~~The age limit for all Categories is seventy (70) years.~~

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ANNEX IV CATEGORIES OF EVENTS

Article No. Annex VI Stable Security				
Explanation for Proposed Change				
<p>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</p> <p>Following above changes.</p> <p>There is a proposal in the GRs to remove Appeal Committees in all disciplines at all levels of Competitions. If this proposed change is approved at the FEI General Assembly, all Sports Rules will be updated accordingly.</p>				
Proposed Wording				
<p>Ground Jury</p>	<p>3 or 5 Judges of 3*, 4* or 5* level, one Foreign Judge out of 3, or two out of 5. Two national judges allowed. Appointed by NF and OC, approved by FEI.</p>	<p>3 or 5 Judges of 3*, 4* or 5* level, one Foreign Judge out of 3, or two out of 5. One national judge out of three and two out of five allowed. Appointed by NF and OC, approved by FEI.</p>	<p>If five (5) Judges are used, three (3) or more must be 4* or 5*, can have one (1) or two (2) 3* Judges. One (1) 4* Judge mandatory. In Western Europe, one (1) 3* Judge is mandatory; in the rest of the world recommended. Three (3) or more have to be Foreign Judges, in Western Europe all of different nationalities; outside Western Europe two (2) Foreign Judges may be of the same nationality If three (3) Judges are used, two (2) or more must be 4* or 5*, one (1)</p>	<p>5 Judges of 5* level (<u>4* and 5* for Continental Championships</u>), three Foreign Judges out of 5. Appointed by NF and Organiser, approved by FEI; for Championships and Paralympics appointed by FEI.</p>

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			can be 3* Judge. In Western Europe, one (1) 3* Judge is mandatory; in the rest of the world recommended. Two (2) or more have to be Foreign Judges. In Western Europe, they need to be of different nationalities; outside Western Europe they can be of the same nationality. Appointed by NF and OC, approved by FEI.	
Foreign Technical Delegate				Appointed by NF and OC, approved by FEI. Appointed by FEI for Championships and Games.
	CPEDI 1*	CPEDI 2*	CPEDI 3*	. Championships and Paralympic Games
Appeal Committee	Not required See GRs	Not required See GRs	Not required See GRs	3 members Appointed by NF and OC, approved by FEI. Appointed by FEI for Championships and Games. See GRs
Chief Steward	Appointed by NF and OC, approved by FEI.	Appointed by NF and OC, approved by FEI.	Appointed by NF and OC, approved by FEI.	Appointed by NF and OC, approved by FEI. Appointed by FEI for Championships and Games.
Classifiers	Refer to Article 8439			

ANNEX VI STABLE SECURITY

Article No. Annex VI Stable Security
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</p> <p>For Clarification</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>Requirements for CPEDI events, FEI Championships and Games refer to the FEI VRs Minimum Stable Security, as defined in the Veterinary Regulations is required for all International Para Dressage Events. Article 1008.HH</p>

ANNEX VII CODEX FOR PARA EQUESTRIAN JUDGES

Article No. Annex VII Codex for Para Equestrian Judges
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM NFs AND/OR SHs:</p> <p>GBR NF – 7. President of the ground jury – para competition needs to have a judge supervisory panel for top level international championships, given the continued disparity in marks. This requires independent review and formal feedback to the Athletes.</p> <p>FEI FEEDBACK This is being considered by the PETC and will be looked into putting in place after Tokyo if determined necessary.</p>
Proposed Wording
N/A

ANNEX X PER DIEM

Article No. Annex X Per Diem
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</p> <p>Clarification of Per Diems.</p>
Proposed Wording
Per Diem for Judges, Technical Delegate, Classifiers and Chief Stewards :

1. Per diem of minimum EUR 100 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
2. Judges: for more details see Annex 72
3. Veterinary Delegates: see VRs

General Comments

Article No. 8423, 8453 and 8457

Explanation for Proposed Change

PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM NFs AND/OR SHs:

GBR NF –

A table of order of tests and eligibility for each at CPEDI, regional, WEG, Para would be beneficial

Should list the tests to be ridden and confirm team test music

Clarify if a team member retires in the individual, are they eligible to compete in the team test?

Does a team member have to compete in the individual?

FEI FEEDBACK

Table of order of tests and eligibility, this will be done when the competition structure is reviewed with the full revision of the rules for 2021. It has been clarified in the Championships section that as long as an Athlete starts in the first test they can compete in the second, as long as they have not been disqualified from the Event.

PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM NFs AND/OR SHs:

NED NF –

Reduce the number of mandatory officials

We feel that the number of officials required for events could be decreased without negative sport impact. This Official side is costing a lot for OCs.

FEI FEEDBACK

This will be discussed in the change to competition formats at lower level events. Efforts have already been made to limit the numbers (e.g. removal of TD).

Proposed Wording

N/A

Proposed Wording

FEI World Equestrian Games changed throughout to FEI World Championships

Athletes with Visual Impairments changed throughout to Athletes with Classified Visual Impairments