

FEI PERIODICAL RULES REVISION POLICY

The present Policy has been approved by the FEI Board during its in-person meeting on 19, 20 and 21 June 2019 in Lausanne (SUI). After having submitted the Policy for National Federations and Stakeholders' consideration as part of the rules revision process in 2019, this Policy has been endorsed by the General Assembly on 19 November 2019 in Moscow (RUS).

The present Policy shall come into force on 1 January 2020.

A. QUADRENNIAL RULES REVISION

According to this Policy, a number of FEI Rules and Regulations will only be reviewed every 4 years.

The FEI Rules and Regulations affected by this Policy are:

1. Veterinary Regulations
2. Equine Anti-Doping & Controlled Medication Regulations
3. Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes
4. Olympic Regulations
5. Olympic Qualification Rules
6. Jumping
7. Dressage
8. Para Dressage
9. Eventing
10. Endurance
11. Driving
12. Para Driving
13. Vaulting

During the respective quadrennial periods (see section B below), the above mentioned Rulebooks can only be modified in the following cases:

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

B. RULES REVISION TIMELINE

The following full rules revision timeline shall apply:

2020	2021	2022	2023
Equine Anti-Doping	Jumping	Veterinary	Endurance
Human Anti-Doping	Vaulting ¹	Eventing	
	Driving	Dressage ²	
	Para Driving	Para Dressage ³	

2024	2025	2026	2027
Equine Anti-Doping	Jumping	Dressage	Endurance
	Eventing ⁴	Para Dressage	
	Driving	Veterinary	
	Para Driving	Human Anti-Doping ⁵	
		Vaulting ⁶	

In addition, the following Rulebooks will be modified:

- Olympic and Paralympic Regulations: as per the applicable IOC/IPC timeframe.
- Olympic and Paralympic Qualification Systems: as per the applicable IOC/IPC timeframe.

C. OTHER RULEBOOKS

This Policy does not apply to the following FEI Rules:

- FEI Statutes
- FEI Internal Regulations
- FEI General Regulations
- Internal Regulations of the FEI Tribunal
- Sport Rules for Series

¹ **VAULTING:** As per Board Resolution of 9 February 2021, the full revision of the Vaulting Rules, which was initially due in 2022, was brought forward to 2021. The reason being the implementation of the new judging worked out by the Vaulting Committee with the Vaulting community was meant to benefit the community (easier to understand and to use in all countries) and was ready to be introduced in 2022.

² **DRESSAGE:** As per Board Resolution of 9 February 2021, the full revision of the Dressage Rules, which was initially due in 2021, was postponed to 2022. An important aspect of the full review was the Championships' competitions format which were tested at Tokyo 2020. In addition, the Code of Points was also still being developed and needed to go through a testing phase. Postponing the full Rules revision to 2022 allowed the introduction of the Code of Points at the same time as other important reviews.

³ **PARA DRESSAGE:** As per Board Resolution of 9 February 2021, the full revision of the Para Dressage Rules, which was initially due in 2021, was postponed to 2022. Similar to Dressage regarding the Championships competitions format, another reason was that the Para Forum, an important phase of the Rules Revision Process, had to be postponed to January 2022 due to Covid-19.

⁴ **EVENTING:** As per Board Resolution of 4 June 2024, the full revision of the Eventing Rules, which was initially due in 2026, was brought forward to 2025. This would allow any new rules applicable to be enforced for the 2026 World Championships in view of the LA28 Olympic Games.

⁵ **ANTI-DOPING RULES FOR HUMAN ATHLETES:** while the Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes were originally scheduled to undergo a full review in 2024, this revision was postponed to 2026 (for implementation as of 1 January 2027) in order to align with the next full revision of the WADA Code to be adopted in 2025.

⁶ **VAULTING:** As per Board Resolution of 10 November 2024, the full revision of the Vaulting Rules, which was initially due in 2025, was postponed to 2026. The reason was to finalise and test the free test concept during 2025 before including it in the Rules.

D. POLICY REVIEW⁷

The Board shall have the right to review this Policy, including but not only to adjust the year of revision of a Rulebook at the reasoned request of a Technical Committee or FEI Headquarters Department (for the Equine and Human Anti-Doping Rules).

Any modification to this Policy will be communicated to the National Federations.

⁷ Clarification requested by the Board on 5 June 2024 and approved on 10 November 2024.