

Session 6 – FEI WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES™ COMPETITION FORMATS

VAULTING

Introduction

Further to development of new formats in the Olympic disciplines, the Vaulting Technical Committee has begun working on the development of a reviewed format for Vaulting, and the analysis of different scenarios to ensure that Vaulting is in line with the key changes being considered for the Olympic disciplines.

Clear recommendation to reduce the number of athletes –both team members and individuals (and horses) – had been received from various experts for all disciplines.

It is therefore crucial to present new proposals, including composition of teams, number of individuals and eligibility criteria.

Vaulting is different to other disciplines in many aspects but one of the most relevant one in the current review process is that a Nations Team format composed of different categories does not exist. Nations may enter Squads, Individual Male and Female Vaulters and Pas-de-Deux, but there is no correlation between the results obtained in each category. The current Championships format should therefore be compared to Individual Medals in other disciplines.

The Vaulting Technical Committee proposed to introduce a Nations Team format. This new format was presented at the Sports Forum in 2015 and was well received by the audience. The Vaulting Technical Committee recommends that it should be added to the Championship overall format.

Statistics past editions

The statistics reflect the attendance at WEG for Vaulting at the two past editions (overseas and Europe based):

	WEG 2010 Lexington (USA)	WEG 2014 Caen (FRA)
Athletes	137	179
Horses	74	81
NFs entered	21	22
Individual Female	36	35
Individual Male	20	18
PDD	N/A	12
Squads	12	17

Proposed Championship Format

The Vaulting Technical Committee proposes the introduction of a Nations' Team format with Nations' Team Medals:

Introduction of a Nations Team format: Based on the statistics above, the best format to support the largest possible number of competing Nations is that a nation's team should be composed of two Individual Vaulters and one Squad. This format should be tested before the 2018 WEG and therefore, the Vaulting Technical Committee suggests to add it to the Vaulting Rules to be effective in 2017.

Nation's Team composition: 2 Individual Vaulters and 1 Squad per Nation. The Nations team are declared on day 3 after the completion of the competitions that will count for the non-Nations' teams Medals.

Non-Nations'team Medals:

All entered Squads compete in the Compulsories Test and the first Freestyle Test

All Individual Female and Male Athletes compete in the Compulsories Test, Technical Test and the first Freestyle Test.

Pas-de-Deux: as per the current Rules, PDD compete in two Freestyle tests. PDD do not count in the Nations team format.

Nations' Team composition for Medals: the Individual Vaulters (2) and the Squad as declared by the Chef d'Equipe on Day 3.

	Squads	Individual Male & Female	Pas-de-Deux
Day 1	Compulsories test Starting order: draw	Compulsories test Starting order: draw	
Day 2	Freestyle test	Technical Test Starting order : reverse order of rankings Comp test	Freestyle Test Starting order: draw
	MEDALS SQUADS		
Day 3		Freestyle Test Starting order : reverse order of rankings of average of previous two tests	Freestyle Test Starting order : reverse order of rankings Free test
		MEDALS INDIVIDUAL MALE AND FEMALE	MEDALS PDD
Day 4	Nations Teams' Freestyle test Starting order: draw by Nation		
	NATIONS TEAM MEDALS		

Squad, Individual Male and Female and PDD Medals:

In this new Nations team format, Squads and Individual Male and Female categories would have one test less to count for the Medals (non-Nations' team Medals).

To address this and to keep the balance of the weight of the Freestyle test in the overall score, as this is the essence of Vaulting competition, the proposed weight of each test per category is as following:

Squads	100%	Individual Male and Female	100%
Compulsory test	35%	Compulsory test	25%
Freestyle test	65%	Technical Test	25%
N/A		Freestyle test	50%

Nations’ Team Medals:

Tests: Individual Male and female and Squads will perform their Freestyle test on day4, counting for the Nations’ Team Medals.

Declaration of starters takes place after the results are published for the Squad Medals and the Individual Male and Female Medals.

Starting order: the starting order is by draw and by Nation. The starting order per Nation will be first the Individual Vaulters, followed by the Squad.

Results: the final result of each Nations team will be the average obtained in the two Individual freestyle test and the Squad freestyle test on day 4.

Total number of Athletes:

Reduce the number of athletes: If the Vaulting discipline needs to reduce the number of athletes, the Vaulting Technical Committee proposes that the reserve individual vaulter/horse and lungers (max. 2 reserve athletes/lungers/horses per Nation) be removed.