

PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF VAULTING RULES

Introduction

Further to the approval of the FEI Periodical Rules Revision Policy at the 2019 General Assembly (available here: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/about-fei/governance/rules-revision-process>) the next full revision of the Vaulting Rules will take place in 2022 (to come into force in 2023). For this year's revision process NFs and MOU stakeholders were invited to propose only modifications that fulfilled the following criteria:

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 that has 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;
6. Other scenarios not foreseen by this Policy as considered and approved by the Board.

In addition, the FEI Headquarters and the Vaulting Committee have a number of proposals put forward based also on the above mentioned criteria.

In the following document you will find 2 sections as follows:

- A. **Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 1 March 2020.** In this section you will find each of the Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders addressed by the FEI with the relevant feedback from the Vaulting Committee; and
- B. **Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI**



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A. Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 1 March 2020

Proposal Submitted By
No Rules proposals received from NFs
Article No.–Article Name Rules
N/A
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
N/A
Explanation for Proposed Change
N/A
Proposed Wording
N/A
FEI Feedback
N/A
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A

B. Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI

Article No.–Article Name
701 – Events and Competitions
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
N/A
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>This rule proposal is pending the Board’s approval of the FEI Vaulting World Cup™ rules at their meeting on 23-25 June 2020.</p> <p>In the new World Cup concept proposed, qualification for the Final will take place at CVI3* and above and should include Masterclasses for Individual Male, Female and PDD, which are attractive for many OCs. This would require the following amendment to article 701:</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>701 – EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS</p> <p>8. CVI – WCupQ Events, where a FEI World Cup™ Qualifying Competition is held are indicated by the addition of the letter “WCupQ”. Also refer to the FEI World Cup™ Rules for Vaulting.</p> <p>9. CVI - MASTER CLASS</p> <p><u>9.1.</u> An FEI Vaulting Master Class is a CVI to be run in conjunction with CI’s /CIO’s.</p> <p><u>9.1.9.2.</u> <u>A Master Class format may be run as a CVI-WCupQ for Individual Male, Female and Pas-de-Deux. (Ref. to the FEI World Cup™ Rules for Vaulting). The Masterclass for Individuals is run over two rounds with one Free Test and one Technical Test. The Masterclass for PDD is run over two rounds, with two Free Tests.</u></p>

Article No.–Article Name
719.2.1 – EQUIPMENT OF THE VAULTING HORSE
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
Correction of manifest error
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Permitted snaffles in Vaulting: Hanging cheeks have been removed in 2020 for Vaulting but it is still allowed in Dressage. As this article refers to the Dressage Rules, which allow hanging cheek snaffles, this article should be adapted. Reference should only be made to the Annexes in the Vaulting Rules.</p> <p>Using Hanging cheeks on a lunge line is a matter of horse welfare and should not be allowed.</p>

Proposed Wording

719.2.1 – EQUIPMENT OF THE VAULTING HORSE

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 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 No.–Article Name

725.3 – AWARDS

726.2 PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONIES

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.;

Explanation for Proposed Change

The minimum requirement for participation at Prize giving Ceremony are not described the same way in the two above articles. Article 726.2 should be amended so as to be aligned with Article 725.3 to avoid an inconsistency within the Rules.

Proposed Wording

726.2 PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONIES

Participation in the Prize-giving Ceremony of placed Athletes is compulsory (minimum first five placed per category Male/Female Individuals and Pas-de-Deux, and first three placed Squads per category – see Art. 725.3). Failure to do so entails losing the classification and qualifying score (rosette, plaque, prize in kind, prize money). Exception to this rule can only be granted by the President of the Ground Jury.