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## **PREAMBLE**

Although these Jumping Rules (hereinafter JRs) set out the detailed rules of the FEI for international Jumping Events, they must be read in conjunction with the FEI Statutes, the FEI General Regulations (GRs), the FEI Veterinary Regulations (VRs), and all other FEI Rules and Regulations. Articles of the other FEI Rules and Regulations that may be cross-referenced in the JRs are as follows

- (i) 1 – 99 refer to Articles of the FEI Statutes;
- (ii) 100-199 refer to Articles of the FEI GRs;
- (iii) 200-299 refer to Articles of these JRs;
- (iv) 300-399 refer to Articles of the Rules for Jumping Championships and Games;
- (v) 1000-1099 refer to Articles of the FEI VRs.

Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these JRs. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the appropriate person or body to make a decision in a sporting spirit, by approaching as near as possible the intention of the JRs and of the GRs. Should there remain any omissions in the JRss, such omission shall be interpreted in a manner compatible to the fullest extent with the other provisions of these JRs, other rules and regulations of the FEI, and sporting spirit.

## THE FEI CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE WELFARE OF THE HORSE

The FEI requires all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the Horse must be paramount. Welfare of the horse must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences. The following points must be particularly adhered to:

1. **General Welfare:**

a) Good Horse management

Stabling and feeding must be compatible with the best Horse management practices. Clean and good quality hay, feed and water must always be available.

b) Training methods

Horses must only undergo training that matches their physical capabilities and level of maturity for their respective disciplines. They must not be subjected to methods which are abusive or cause fear.

c) Farriery and tack

Foot care and shoeing must be of a high standard. Tack must be designed and fitted to avoid the risk of pain or injury.

d) Transport

During transportation, Horses must be fully protected against injuries and other health risks. Vehicles must be safe, well ventilated, maintained to a high standard, disinfected regularly and driven by competent personnel. Competent handlers must always be available to manage the Horses.

e) Transit

All journeys must be planned carefully, and Horses allowed regular rest periods with access to food and water in line with current FEI guidelines.

2. **Fitness to compete:**

a) Fitness and competence

Participation in Competition must be restricted to fit Horses and Athletes of proven competence. Horses must be allowed suitable rest period between training and competitions; additional rest periods should be allowed following travelling.

b) Health status

No Horse deemed unfit to compete may compete or continue to compete, veterinary advice must be sought whenever there is any doubt.

c) Doping and Medication

Any action or intent of doping and illicit use of medication constitute a serious welfare issue and will not be tolerated. After any veterinary treatment, sufficient time must be allowed for full recovery before Competition.

d) Surgical procedures

Any surgical procedures that threaten a competing Horse's welfare or the safety of other Horses and/or Athletes must not be allowed.

e) Pregnant/recently foaled mares

Mares must not compete after their fourth month of pregnancy or with foal at foot.

f) Misuse of aids

Abuse of a Horse using natural riding aids or artificial aids (e.g. whips, spurs, etc.) will not be tolerated.

3. **Events must not prejudice Horse welfare:**

a) Competition areas

Horses must be trained and compete on suitable and safe surfaces. All obstacles and competition conditions must be designed with the safety of the Horse in mind.

b) Ground surfaces

All ground surfaces on which Horses walk, train or compete must be designed and maintained to reduce factors that could lead to injury.

c) Extreme weather

Competitions must not take place in extreme weather conditions that may compromise welfare or safety of the Horse. Provision must be made for cooling conditions and equipment for Horses after competing.

d) Stabling at Events

Stables must be safe, hygienic, comfortable, well ventilated and of sufficient size for the type and disposition of the Horse. Washing-down areas and water must always be available.

4. **Humane treatment of horses:**

a) Veterinary treatment



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Veterinary expertise must always be available at an Event. If a Horse is injured or exhausted during a Competition, the Athlete must stop competing and a veterinary evaluation must be performed.

### b) Referral centres

Wherever necessary, Horses should be collected by ambulance and transported to the nearest relevant treatment centre for further assessment and therapy. Injured Horses must be given full supportive treatment before being transported.

### c) Competition injuries

The incidence of injuries sustained in Competition should be monitored. Ground surface conditions, frequency of Competitions and any other risk factors should be examined carefully to indicate ways to minimise injuries.

### d) Euthanasia

If injuries are sufficiently severe a Horse may need to be euthanized on humane grounds by a veterinarian as soon as possible, with the sole aim of minimising suffering.

### e) Retirement

Horses must be treated sympathetically and humanely when they retire from Competition.

## 5. Education:

The FEI urges all those involved in equestrian sport to attain the highest possible levels of education in areas of expertise relevant to the care and management of the Competition Horse.

This Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse may be modified from time to time and the views of all are welcomed. Particular attention will be paid to new research findings and the FEI encourages further funding and support for welfare studies.

## **CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION**

### **ARTICLE 200 GENERAL**

1. A Jumping Competition is one in which the combination of Horse and Athlete is tested under various conditions over a course of obstacles. It is a test intended to demonstrate the Horse's freedom, its energy, its skill, its speed and its obedience in Jumping and the Athlete's horsemanship. It is essential that strict and detailed JRs are established to regulate Competitions.
2. If an Athlete makes certain Faults such as knocking down an obstacle, refusing, exceeding the time allowed, etc. the Athlete incurs Penalties. The winner of the Competition is the Athlete who incurs the least number of Penalties, completes the course in the fastest time or gains the highest number of points, depending on the type of Competition.
3. Variety in Jumping Competitions is encouraged. Therefore, while the JRs are intended to standardise the rules and regulations which apply to Jumping Competitions, they are not intended to standardise the nature of the Competitions since variety provides a precious element of interest for Athletes and spectators alike.
4. Other Competitions may be authorised by the Jumping Director in consultation with the Chair of the Jumping Committee, provided their conditions comply with the requirements set forth in the GRs and in the JRs. Detailed conditions of each Competition must be set out clearly in the Schedule and in the programme of the Event. OCs are not permitted to organise Competitions unless the FEI has approved the conditions according to which these Competitions may be run. The conditions according to which these Competitions may be run must be approved by the FEI in writing.
5. Competitions must be fair for all Athletes. To achieve this objective, the use of all technical assistance available including but not limited to official video recordings is permitted to assist FEI Officials in carrying out their responsibilities under FEI Rules & Regulations. For official video recordings to be accepted under the FEI Rules & Regulations, they must be presented to the President of the Ground Jury within 30 minutes after the official results are announced. An official video recording is considered to be a recording made by the designated host broadcaster and/or any other accredited broadcaster and/or a designated official video recording company as named by the OC and/or the FEI prior to the Event in question). Videos recorded by any other entity are not acceptable under any circumstances. A review of the video recording is solely at the discretion of the President of the Ground Jury. If the Ground Jury relies on video evidence to alter the outcome of any Competition after the results have been communicated, such a video recording must contain irrefutable evidence that the original ruling or decision was incorrect. A video recording may never be used to establish the time of an Athlete's round (see JRs Art. 229.5). The use of a video shall always be within the confines of the applicable rules and must never by its usage alter the rules currently in effect. With reference to the water jump the decision of the water jump judge is final. (see JRs Art. 211.8)
6. Expenses
  - 6.1. Chefs d'Equipe, Team Veterinarians, Athletes, Grooms and Horses
    - 6.1.1. OCs of World and Continental Championships for Seniors are responsible for meeting the costs for accommodation and meals from one day before the Horse inspection until one day after the Event and for travelling Expenses of Chefs d'Equipe, team Veterinarians, Athletes and Horses belonging to the official Teams and of their grooms, from the frontier of the host NF's country, or the point of arrival in the host NF's country, to the place of the Event, including the cost of loading on and unloading from a ship or aircraft, of quarantine as well as customs duties in the host NF's country. The same applies for the return journey.
    - 6.1.2. OCs of CSIOs are responsible for meeting the costs for accommodation and meals from one day before the first official Competition until one day after the Event for Chefs d'Equipe, Athletes and Horses belonging to the official teams and of their grooms. Reimbursement of travelling expenses is not obligatory for CSIOs. At the discretion of the OC, the same conditions as above may be offered, in whole or in part, to any individual Athletes entered in addition to the official teams at CSIOs.
    - 6.1.3. OCs of CSIOs are responsible for meeting the costs for meals from one day before the first official Competition until one day after the Event for Team Veterinarians.
    - 6.1.4. OCs are under no obligation to meet any of these expenses beyond the time limits published in the Schedule, or to meet any travelling or accommodation expenses of any other persons who may be associated with the official Teams.
    - 6.1.5. If not otherwise specified in the FEI Rules and Regulations, the scale of expenses for the travel and accommodation of Athletes and grooms and the stabling and fodder for the Horses must be published in the Schedule and must cover the reasonable cost of accommodation and meals.
  - 6.2. Expenses for Officials
    - 6.2.1. The OCs shall meet the travelling, accommodation and meals Expenses of all Officials as follows:
      - 6.2.1.1. Reimbursement of Travel Costs

Officials should be offered a convenient travel solution, where total travel time and number of stops are minimised. Proposed travel plans must be submitted to the Official for approval before bookings are made. For non-stop flights with a duration of six or more hours, Business Class must be offered. In any case individual air travel arrangement can be made between the OC and the Official, e.g. a higher per diem for travelling Economy Class.
      - 6.2.1.2. Transportation

Suitable arrangements for airport and hotel transportation should be made in advance with the Official. Transportation to and from the home airport and parking expenses at the home airport must be reimbursed by the OC. If transportation is not provided by the OC from the arrival airport/station to the hotel/venue, all costs incurred will be reimbursed to the Official.

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### 6.2.1.3. Meals

Two proper meals a day (in addition to breakfast) must be provided to all Officials during the period of the Event. If the OC fails to provide these, the Official will be entitled to an additional daily allowance of EUR 25.- per meal.

### 6.2.1.4. Accommodation

This should be provided in a minimum 3\* hotel and include breakfast. Officials shall not be required to share a room with another Official(s).

### 6.2.1.5. Per Diem (Daily Allowance) for all Officials except the Technical Delegate

A per diem allowance of minimum 120 Euros per day per Official must be offered to all FEI Officials during the period of the Event. This remuneration for miscellaneous costs is to be provided net after relevant taxes being borne by the OC. A per diem will be paid in addition for a maximum total of one travel day if the Official's travel day(s) is/are different from the officiating days.

### 6.2.1.6. Per Diem (Daily Allowance) for the Technical Delegate

A per diem allowance of minimum 300 Euros per day must be offered to the FEI appointed Technical Delegate for FEI Jumping Events and Championships during the period of the Event and during the Technical Delegate's preliminary visit(s) to the venue (not applicable for multi-sports Games). This remuneration for miscellaneous costs is to be provided net after relevant taxes being borne by the OC. A per diem will be paid in addition for a maximum total of one travel day if the Official's travel day(s) is/are different from the officiating days.

6.2.2. FEI appointed Officials whose travel Expenses are to be paid by the OC shall be appointed with the agreement of the OC.

6.3. For expenses at other FEI Championships, FEI World Cup™ Finals, FEI Nations Cup™ Finals and Olympic Games see the specific rules for these Events. Expenses at Regional Championships and Regional Games are left to the discretion of the OC.

7. If the FEI has reason to suspect that an OC will not be able to meet its financial obligations, the NF concerned will be authorised to require that Event to be secured by financial guarantees such as a bank guarantee or through an escrow account. Information will be included in the Event Schedule to indicate whether the Event has such financial guarantees or not. If the FEI is aware of an Event that is likely to default on payment of prize money, the Athletes will be informed through their NF. If in spite of all precautions taken an OC fails to meet its financial obligations to the FEI and Athletes, it will not be permitted to organise another Event until all outstanding debts have been settled; furthermore the total prize money foreseen for the next event that OC wishes to organise must be secured ahead of time in an account jointly held by the OC and the NF.

8. Calendar (See also GRs Art. 112)

For the avoidance of doubt, all references to CSI5\* and CSIO5\* Events in the paragraphs below (Art. 200.8) include CSI5\*-W and CSIO5\*-W Events.

The dates of all CSI5\* and CSIO5\* Events shall be approved by the FEI Secretary General two years prior to the year in which the Event is to take place; the dates of all other higher level Events (all Events except for those listed as CIMs in GRs Appendix E), shall be approved by the Secretary General the year prior to the year in which the Event is to take place.

Consequently, the following deadlines apply in relation to Events to be inserted in the FEI calendar:

- Applications for all CSI5\* and CSIO5\* Events must be received by the FEI Secretary General by 1 October two years prior to the year in which the Event takes place.
- Applications for the dates of all other higher level Events (Events that are not listed as CIMs in GRs Appendix E) must be received by the FEI Secretary General by 1 October the year prior to the year in which the Event takes place.
- Applications or modifications for higher level Events that arrive after the above deadlines are considered as late date applications or modifications and may only be considered by the FEI if received at least 12 weeks prior to the start of the Event.
- Applications or modifications for CIMs (including CSI2\* Open Events) must reach the FEI Secretary General no later than four weeks prior to the start of the Event, with the exception of applications or modification for CSI2\* Events with Longines Ranking Competitions, which must reach the Secretary General no later than nine weeks prior to the start of the Event.

For late date applications and/or modifications of Events please refer to the provisions of GRs Art. 112.7.

CSI5\* and CSIO5\* Events are not permitted to clash with the FEI World Cup™ Jumping Final or with the FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping Final. Events that are part of a Series may not clash or overlap with the FEI World Cup™ Jumping Final.

From the Monday of the week of and all days during the World and Continental Jumping Championships for Seniors it is forbidden to host an FEI World Cup™ Competition, a CSI4\*, CSIO4\*, CSI5\* or a CSIO5\* on the same Continent as the Championship.

There shall be no FEI World Cup™ Competition (worldwide) 10 days prior to, all days during and seven days after the Jumping Events at the Olympic Games; there shall be no FEI World Cup™ Competition 10 days prior to, all days during and seven days after the Jumping Events at the Pan-American Games on the same continent.

From the Monday of the week preceding and all days during the Jumping Events at the World Equestrian Games and the Olympic Games and the FEI World Cup™ Jumping Final it is forbidden to host an FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping Event (worldwide).

From the Monday of the week preceding and all days during the Continental Championship for Seniors it is forbidden to host an FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping Event on the same continent as the Championship.

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From the Monday of the week preceding and all days during the Jumping Event of the Pan-American Games it is forbidden to host an FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping Event in the Americas.

From the Monday of the week preceding and all days during the Jumping Event of the Asian Games it is forbidden to host an FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping Event in Asia.

### 9. Stables

All Horses must be stabled in the official stables provided by the OC for the duration of the Event. In case the Horse(s) are moved to a different stable other than the official stables provided by the OC without the authorisation of the Ground Jury the Horse(s) will be disqualified from the Event.

## **CHAPTER II ARENAS AND SCHOOLING AREAS**

### **ARTICLE 201 ARENA, SCHOOLING AREAS AND PRACTICE OBSTACLES**

1. The arena must be enclosed. While a Horse is in the arena during a Competition, all entrances and exits must be physically closed.
2. An indoor Competition arena must have minimum size of 1'200 m<sup>2</sup> with a minimum width on the short side of 25 metres. An outdoor Competition arena must have a minimum size of 4'000 m<sup>2</sup> with a minimum width on the short side of 50 metres. An exception to this rule may be granted, where circumstances warrant, by the FEI Jumping Director in consultation with the Chair of the Jumping Committee.

#### 3. The Schooling Areas

The OC must provide at least one schooling area sufficiently large for optimal training conditions. There must be a minimum of one vertical and one spread obstacle. The ground has to be in proper condition for the training of Horses. When there are many Athletes and sufficient space, additional obstacles should be provided. All obstacles must be constructed in the usual manner and provided with red and white flags. However, the flags may be replaced by tape or paint in order to provide a white and a red top to the wings or uprights.

Where space permits and the number of Athletes is large, a separate schooling area may be designated.

If the schooling area is situated in an area accessible to the public, for safety reasons a buffer zone of approximately one meter must be created around its perimeter to keep the public from direct contact with the horses.

#### 4. Practice Obstacles

The use of obstacle material not provided by the OC is forbidden under Penalty of Disqualification and/or Fine (see JRs Art. 242.2.6 and 240.2.5). Practice obstacles may only be jumped in the direction for which they are flagged. No part of the practice obstacles may be physically held by any person.

- 4.1. Ground lines may be placed directly underneath the first part of an obstacle or up to one metre away on the take-off side. If there is a ground line on the take-off side of a vertical obstacle, a ground line may be placed on the landing side of the obstacle at an equal distance up to a maximum of 1.00 m. A ground line may never be used on the landing side of a spread obstacle.
- 4.2. Any obstacles 1.30 m or higher must have a minimum of two poles on the take-off side of the obstacle, regardless of whether or not a ground line is used. The lower pole must always be below 1.30 m. One end of the lower pole of a practice obstacle must be in a cup. The other end may rest on the ground.
- 4.3. If crossed poles are used as the top part of an obstacle, they must be able to fall individually. The top end of the poles must be in a cup. However, there can be a horizontal top pole behind the crossed poles, which must be at least 20 centimetres higher than the centre of the crossed poles.
- 4.4. The top poles of an obstacle must always be in cups at both ends. If the pole is resting on the edge of a cup it must be on the far edge and never on the near edge.
- 4.5. For Competitions where the maximum obstacle height is 1.40m or less, the obstacles in the practice arena may not exceed in height and width ten centimetres more than the actual maximum height and width of the obstacles of the Competition in progress. If the obstacle height of the Competition in progress is greater than 1.40 m, the obstacles in the practice arena may not exceed 1.65 m in height and 1.80 m in width.

This paragraph is applicable to all Categories except for Pony Riders; refer to Annex XI, Art. 17 for the maximum height and width of obstacles in the practice arena at Pony Jumping Events.

- 4.6. It is not permitted to walk Horses over poles when these are elevated or placed in cups at one or both ends.
- 4.7. The OC may provide material to simulate a water ditch.

#### 5. Schooling, Exercising, Gymnastics and Training

- 5.1. Athletes may train their Horses in gymnastic exercises using placing poles on the ground, but obstacles used for this purpose may not exceed 1.30 m in height. Athletes using such obstacles must not violate the rules against rapping (see JRs Art. 243.2.1). Training exercises consisting of a line of obstacles in succession without a stride in between (in-out/bounce exercises) are permitted if there is sufficient space. For these exercises a maximum of three obstacles with a height not exceeding 1.00 m may be used; minimum distance between obstacles is 2.50 m, maximum distance is 3.00 m.

Gymnastic/training exercises as described above are not permitted during the warm-up for a Competition.

- 5.2. Placing Poles: if there is enough space placing poles may be used and placed on the ground not closer than 2.50 m on the take-off side of a vertical obstacle not exceeding 1.30 m in height. A placing pole may be used on the landing side not closer than 2.50 m when the obstacle is jumped at the trot or three metres if at the canter. Any pole placed approximately six metres or more from an obstacle on either side or on both sides is not considered a placing pole and is therefore allowed to be used with both verticals and oxers.

Poles on the ground as described above may not be used during the warm-up for a Competition.

- 5.3. Exercising and Training: whenever possible provision should be made for Athletes to exercise and train in the presence of a steward for several hours in the morning. Athletes may make minor changes to obstacles providing JRs Art. 201.4, 201.5 and 201.6 are not contravened, but should significant changes be made, it should be done with the permission of the Steward.

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6. Combinations are permitted as long as there is enough space and if they are built with correct distances. The OC must provide the material.

When training areas are crowded Athletes may only use single obstacles.

7. The schooling area(s) must always be supervised by a steward when in use.

## **ARTICLE 202 ACCESS TO THE ARENA AND PRACTICE OBSTACLE**

1. Athletes on foot may only be admitted once to the arena before each Competition and this includes Competitions with jump-off(s). Entry into the arena will be prohibited by means of a notice "Arena Closed" placed at the entrance or conspicuously in the middle of the arena. Permission to enter the arena will be given by the Ground Jury ringing the bell and by displaying a notice "Arena Open". An announcement must also be made over the public address system. However, in Competitions over two rounds with different courses, Athletes may inspect the course before the second round.
2. The OC of an Event where facilities for exercising are severely limited, may, with the agreement of the Ground Jury, give special permission for the arena to be used for exercising at specified times.
3. If the schooling areas are inadequate or cannot be used, a practice obstacle which is not part of the course must be placed in the arena. In all other circumstances, facultative or practice obstacles are not allowed in any Competition. In certain special competitions (including but not limited to the Six Bar or Puissance Competition) the Ground Jury may decide that the Athletes remaining in the Competition must stay in the arena after the first or second jump-off. In this case, the Ground Jury must allow a practice obstacle in the arena.
4. The practice obstacle must be a spread obstacle not exceeding 1.40 m in height and 1.60 m in spread or a vertical obstacle not exceeding 1.40 m in height, provided with red and white flags and should not be numbered. These dimensions may not be altered during the course of the Competition. Only two attempts at this obstacle are allowed. Jumping or attempting to jump this practice obstacle more than twice entails a fine in addition to the possible Disqualification (see JRs Art. 242.2.3 and 240.2.6).

Jumping the practice obstacle in the wrong direction may incur disqualification (see JRs Art. 242.2.7).

The Athlete is allowed 90 seconds maximum to make these attempts, counted from the time the Ground Jury rings the bell.

A knock down, Refusal or run out count as an attempt. If there is a Refusal at the first attempt with a knock down or displacing of the obstacle, this obstacle is to be reset and the Athlete is allowed to make a second and final attempt. The time taken to reset the obstacle is neutralised.

The Ground Jury must give the signal to start the round after the Athlete has made their attempt(s) or after 90 seconds. After the sound of the bell, the Athlete who has attempted only once, is allowed the second attempt but they must cross the starting line in the correct direction within 45 seconds; failure to do so will start the time of the round (see JRs Art. 203.1.2).
5. Athletes may not jump or attempt to jump any obstacle in the arena during a parade before the Competition. Failure to comply with this paragraph may incur Disqualification (see JRs Art. 242.2.4).
6. A prize winner may only jump an obstacle for the benefit of the press with the permission of the Ground Jury, provided it does not form part of a subsequent round. This practice should not be encouraged.

## **ARTICLE 203 BELL**

1. The bell is used to communicate with the Athletes. One of the members of the Ground Jury is in charge of the bell and responsible for its use. The bell is used:
  - 1.1. to give permission to the Athletes to enter the arena when the course is ready for their inspection (see JRs Art. 202.1) and to signal that the inspection time is over;
  - 1.2. to give the signal to start and to activate a 45-seconds countdown shown in the timing equipment in the scoreboard or in another display beside the arena.

The 45-seconds countdown sets the time that the Athlete can spare before commencing their round. The Ground Jury has the right to interrupt the 45-seconds countdown if unforeseen circumstances occur. Incidents such as, but not limited to, disobediences occurring between the signal to start and up until the moment the Athlete/Horse combination crosses the starting line in the correct direction, are not penalised (see JRs Art. 235.3). However, in the event of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse at any time from the moment the Athlete/Horse combination enters the Competition arena up until the moment they cross the starting line in the correct direction, whether or not the signal to start has been given, the combination will not be permitted to start in the round or Competition in question and the bell must be rung accordingly.

After the bell has rung, crossing the starting line in the correct direction for a second time before jumping the first obstacle is counted as a Disobedience.

However, the Ground Jury, in its discretion if the situation so warrants, has the right not to activate the start or to cancel the starting procedure, give a new signal to start and restart the countdown.
- 1.3. to stop an Athlete for any reason or following an unforeseen incident and to signal to them to continue their round after an interruption (see JRs Art. 217.4 and 233);
- 1.4. to indicate the Athlete that an obstacle knocked down following a Disobedience has been replaced (see JRs Art. 233);
- 1.5. to indicate by prolonged and repeated ringing that the Athlete has been eliminated.
2. If the Athlete does not obey the signal to stop, they may be eliminated at the discretion of the Ground Jury (see JRs Art. 241.4.5) except where specifically provided for under JRs Art. 233.2.
3. If, after an interruption, the Athlete restarts and jumps or attempts to jump without waiting for the bell to ring, they will be eliminated (see JRs Art. 241.3.14).

## **ARTICLE 204 COURSE AND MEASURING**

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1. The Ground Jury must walk the course to inspect it before the start of the Competition. The course is the track, which the mounted Athlete must follow when competing from passing the start in the correct direction up to the finish. The length must be measured accurately to the nearest metre taking account, particularly on the turns, the normal line to be followed by the Horse. This normal line must pass through the middle of the obstacle.
2. In Championship Competitions, Olympic Games, FEI World Cup™, Nations Cup and Grand Prix Competitions, the President of the Ground Jury or their designee must ensure that the Course Designer has properly measured the course. At Championships, Finals, Games and all 5\* Events, as well as for all Competitions counting for the Longines Ranking, including FEI World Cup™ and Nations Cup Competitions, the President of the Ground Jury or their designee must walk the course with the Course Designer to ensure that the course is properly measured with a wheel. In exceptional cases, the Ground Jury may alter the time, if the conditions as mentioned in JRs Art. 204.3 apply.
3. Once the Competition has started only the Ground Jury in consultation with the Course Designer, and the Technical Delegate if present, may decide that a significant error has been committed in the measurement of the course. This may be done at the latest after the third Athlete, who has completed the course without a Disobedience or any other interruption, assuming that the three Athletes in question have started their course prior to the 45-second countdown elapsing, and before the next Athlete has started. In this case, the Ground Jury has the option to alter the time allowed. If the time allowed is increased, the Score of the Athletes who have jumped the course before the time was altered will then be adjusted accordingly, if applicable. If the time allowed is decreased, this may only be done to the extent that no Athlete having previously completed their round receives time penalties due to the alteration of the time allowed.
4. If the condition of the footing becomes bad, the Ground Jury may alter the speed provided for in the Schedule, before the start of the first Athlete of the Competition.
5. The total length of the course in metres may never exceed the number of obstacles in the Competition multiplied by 60.
6. The starting and finishing lines may not be more than 15 m or less than six metres from the first and last obstacle. These two lines must each be marked with an entirely red flag on the right and an entirely white flag on the left. The start line and finish line must also be marked with markers with the letters S (= Start) and F (= Finish).

### **ARTICLE 205 COURSE PLAN**

1. The Course Designer must give the Ground Jury a copy of the course plan showing accurately all the details of the course. An exact copy of the course plan given to the Ground Jury must be posted as close as possible to the entrance of the arena, and should be posted at least 30 minutes before the beginning of each Competition; if applicable the time allowed may be added to the course plan later than 30 minutes before the start of the Competition as soon as the Course Designer has finished measuring the course. For all Competitions the track as measured by the Course Designer must be indicated on the course plan that is posted prior to the Competition.
2. The obstacles are numbered consecutively in the order in which they must be jumped, except in certain Competitions, as specified in the JRs.
3. Combination obstacles carry only a single number. This number may be repeated at each element for the benefit of the Ground Jury and Athletes. In this case, distinguishing letters will be added (for example: 8A, 8B, 8C, etc.).
4. The plan must indicate the following:
  - 4.1. the position of the starting and finishing lines. During a round, unless otherwise indicated, these may be re-crossed without Penalty;
  - 4.2. the relative position, type (spread or vertical obstacle, triple bar), numbering and lettering of obstacles;
  - 4.3. any compulsory turning points marked by a white flag on the left side and a red flag on the right;
  - 4.4. the track to be followed by Athletes marked either by a continuous line (in which case it must be followed precisely) or by a series of arrows showing the direction in which each obstacle must be jumped (in which case the Athlete is free to choose their own track). Should there be a compulsory section in an otherwise unrestricted course, both methods must be used on the same plan;
  - 4.5. the table of Penalties to be used;
  - 4.6. the speed for the Competition if applicable;
  - 4.7. the length of the course;
  - 4.8. the time allowed and the time limit, if any; or the fixed time in certain Competitions, as specified in the JRs;
  - 4.9. the obstacles, the length, the time allowed and the time limit for the jump-offs;
  - 4.10. the combinations considered as completely closed or as partially closed (see JRs Art. 214);
  - 4.11. all decisions and/or modifications made by the Ground Jury in regard to the course.

### **ARTICLE 206 ALTERATIONS TO THE COURSE**

1. Should force of circumstances make it necessary to alter the plan of the course after it has been posted, the change may only be made after agreement of the Ground Jury. In this case the Chefs d'Equipe and all individual Athletes must be advised of the alterations.
2. Once the Competition has begun, the conditions under which it is run may not be altered and the course or its obstacles may not be changed unless otherwise stipulated in the JRs (see Art. 204.3). If it becomes necessary to interrupt the Competition



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(because of a storm or bad light, etc.) it must subsequently be continued using the same obstacles and course and as far as possible under the same conditions and at the exact point where it was interrupted. However, for the Nations Cup, JRs Art. 264.3.6 applies.

3. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, an obstacle may be re-sited during a round, or between rounds of a Competition, if in the opinion of the Ground Jury a deterioration in the state of the going or other special circumstances necessitates such action. Obstacles which cannot be re-sited, such as water jumps, ditches or permanent obstacles, must be taken out of the course. If an obstacle has been taken out of the course during a round, the Scores of all previous Athletes penalised during this round at that obstacle must be adjusted by cancelling jumping Penalties and time corrections incurred thereat. All Eliminations and time Penalties already incurred will stand.
4. If necessary, a new time allowed and time limit shall be fixed for the course as altered under paragraph 3 above.

### **ARTICLE 207      FLAGS**

1. Completely red flags and completely white flags must be used to mark the following details of the course:
  - 1.1. the starting line; it is obligatory to place also a marker S (see JRs Art. 204.6);
  - 1.2. the limits of the obstacles; the flags may be attached to any part of the wings of the obstacles. They may also stand independently. One red flag and one white flag must be placed at vertical obstacles and at least two red and two white flags to define the limits of spread obstacles. They must also be used to mark the limits of the obstacles provided in the schooling areas (JRs Art. 201.3) or the practice obstacle in the arena (JRs Art. 202.3); in the schooling area it is also allowed to use wings/uprights with a red or white top, instead of flags;
  - 1.3. compulsory turning points;
  - 1.4. the finishing line; it is obligatory to place also a marker F (JRs Art. 204.6);
2. At the obstacles, the starting and finishing lines and at the compulsory turning points, the Athlete must pass between the flags (red on their right and white on their left). Flag poles defining the limits of the landing side of the water jump must be made of material that cannot shatter or splinter and must bend when hit; flags must have no sharp points or corners.
3. If an Athlete passes the flags on the wrong side, they must retrace their steps and pass them on the correct side before continuing their round. If the Athlete does not correct this mistake, they will be eliminated (see JRs Art. 220.2).
4. Knocking down a flag anywhere in the arena does not incur a Penalty. If a flag marking the limits of an obstacle or compulsory turning point or the finishing line has been knocked down following a Disobedience / Resistance, (without passing these lines) or as a result of unforeseen circumstances, the flag will not be replaced immediately; the Athlete must continue their round and the obstacle /compulsory turning point will be judged as if the flag was in its original place. The flag must be replaced before the next Athlete will be given the signal to start.

However, if a flag defining the limits of the water jump or of a natural obstacle has been knocked down following a Disobedience or as a result of unforeseen circumstances and in all cases where the nature of the obstacle is changed by knocking down the flag, the Ground Jury will interrupt the round of the Athlete. The clock must be stopped while the flag is replaced and a time correction of six seconds will be applied in accordance with the procedure provided for in JRs Art. 232.
5. In certain Competitions, the starting and finishing lines may be crossed in both directions. In this case the lines must be provided with four flags; a red and a white flag at each end of these lines.

## **CHAPTER III OBSTACLES**

### **ARTICLE 208 OBSTACLES - GENERAL**

1. The obstacles must be inviting in their overall shape and appearance, varied and match their surroundings. Both the obstacles themselves and their constituent parts must be such that they can be knocked down, while not being so light that they fall at the slightest touch or so heavy that they may cause Horses to fall or be injured.
2. The obstacles must be designed with horsemanship and fairness in mind.
3. A sponsored obstacle is any obstacle inside the flags of which there is advertising material or a sponsor's product or representation of a product. If advertising material or representation of a product on the wing of an obstacle is more than 0.50 m<sup>2</sup>, the obstacle is also considered to be a sponsored obstacle. If the wings of an obstacle have advertising of 0.50 m<sup>2</sup> or less, the obstacle is not considered a sponsored obstacle.

At the FEI World and Continental Championships, FEI World Cup™ Final, FEI Nations Cup™ Final and other Events or Competitions as designated by the FEI, no more than 30%, rounded up to the next whole number of the efforts, may be sponsored obstacles. The Technical Delegate must approve the design and construction of all obstacles with regard to safety and technical suitability.

In agreement with the Chair of the Jumping Committee, FEI Commercial Director and FEI Director Jumping, the number of sponsored efforts may be increased up to 50%. This number may be increased to 75%, pending approval of the FEI Jumping Committee of the design of the additional 25% of sponsored efforts.

4. The maximum height of obstacles in the first round of any Competition which takes place within the frame of an Event classified according to GRs Art. 102.6 is:
  - (i) 1.40 m for CSI1\* Events;
  - (ii) 1.45 m for CSI2\* Events. In Competitions for which the Schedule indicates a height of 1.45 m, the height of obstacles in the Competition may, at the discretion of the Course Designer, exceed the height indicated in the Schedule by maximum 3 cm (see JRs 208.7).
  - (iii) For CSI3\* to CSI5\* Events, the maximum height of obstacles that may be indicated in the Schedule for the first round of any Competition is 1.60 m, except for the final Competition of an FEI-approved Series for which an exception may be allowed to indicate a height of 1.65 m. Refer also to JRs 208.7.

The above does not apply for Six Bar and Puissance Competitions (see JRs Art. 262).

5. Under no circumstances, except in Six Bar and Puissance Competitions may any obstacle exceed 1.70 m in height. Spread obstacles must not exceed 2.00 m in spread with the exception of triple bars which may have a maximum spread of 2.20 m. This applies also in the case of one or of several jump-offs. The water jump may not exceed 4.00 m in spread including the take-off element.
6. Poles and other parts of the obstacles are held up by supports (cups). The pole must be able to roll on its support; the support must have a depth of 18 mm minimum and a depth of 30 mm maximum. As of 1 January 2023, the support must have a depth of 18 mm minimum and a depth of 20 mm maximum. This also applies for safety cups (refer to Art. 210.1 for details). For special obstacle material and planks, balustrades, barriers, gates, etc. the diameter of the supports must be more open or even flat.
7. The limits on the height and spread of obstacles set forth by these JRs and in the definite Schedules must be observed with the greatest care. However, if it should happen that a maximum dimension has been marginally exceeded as a result of the material used for construction and/or by the position of the obstacle on the ground, the maximum dimensions set forth will not be considered as having been exceeded, providing every effort has been made to not exceed the maximum dimensions specified in the Schedule with the material available. In Competitions for which the Schedule indicates a maximum height of 1.45 m or more, the height of obstacles in the Competition may, at the discretion of the Course Designer, exceed the height indicated in the Schedule by maximum 3 cm. However, the height of obstacles at indoor Competitions (with the exception of Power and Skill Competitions) must never exceed 1.65 m under any circumstances.
8. The approximate dimensions of obstacles in Competitions other than those, which are specially set forth in the JRs, must be stipulated in the Schedule.

### **ARTICLE 209 VERTICAL OBSTACLE**

1. An obstacle whatever its construction may only be called a vertical when faults are judged on the same vertical plane.

### **ARTICLE 210 SPREAD OBSTACLE**

1. A spread obstacle is an obstacle which is built in such a manner that it requires an effort both in spread and in height. FEI-approved safety cups must be used as support for the back pole of spread obstacles and in case of a triple-bar to support the centre and back poles of the obstacle. As of 1 January 2023, the maximum depth of the safety cups for the top back pole of a spread obstacle is 18 mm; safety cups used for the centre poles of a triple bar or for lower poles of other obstacles may have a maximum depth of 20 mm. Approved safety cups must be used in the Competition arena and schooling areas.
2. The President of the Ground Jury is responsible for the rules relating to safety cups to be followed. The Foreign Judge will report any non-compliance of the rules to the FEI. The name of the company which supplies the FEI approved safety cups, to be used at the Event, will be mentioned in the Schedule.

## **ARTICLE 211 WATER JUMP, WATER JUMP WITH VERTICAL AND LIVERPOOL**

1. For an obstacle to be called a water jump, there must be no obstacle in front, in the middle or behind the water. The water must have a minimum spread in excess of 2.00 m and must be dug into the ground. For details of how the water jump should be constructed refer to Annex VII.  

If the water jump does not meet the specifications as described in Annex VII, a vertical obstacle must be placed over the water as described in JRs Art. 211.10.
2. A take-off element (brush, small wall), with a minimum height of 40 cm and a maximum height of 50 cm, must be erected on the take-off side. The width of the front of the water jump must be at least 30% greater than the length.
3. At Olympic and Regional Games, FEI Championships, CSIOs and CSIs the landing side of the water jump must be defined by a lath, at least six centimetres in width and not exceeding eight centimetres, covered with a bed of contrasting coloured plasticine about one centimetre thick. This plasticine must be replaced each time a Horse touches it. Several spare laths must be provided together with extra plasticine so that a lath, which has been marked by a Horse, may be replaced at any time. The lath must be placed at the edge of the water, properly fixed to the ground; at the time of the inspection of the course by the Ground Jury, the entire length of the lath must touch the water.
4. If the bottom of the water jump is made of concrete or hard material, it must be covered with a softer material such as a coconut or rubber mat.
5. It is a Fault at the water jump:
  - 5.1. when a Horse puts one or several feet on the lath defining the limit of the water jump. It is a Fault when the foot or the shoe touches the lath and leaves an impression; impression of the fetlock joint or boot does not constitute a fault.
  - 5.2. when a Horse touches the water with one or several feet.
6. Striking, knocking down, or displacing the brush or take-off element is not a Fault.
7. If one of the four flags is knocked down or displaced it is for the water jump Judge to decide whether or not there has been a Run-out depending on which side of the flag the Horse has passed. If the decision is a Run-out the bell will be rung and the clock stopped while the flag, which has been knocked down or displaced is put back and six seconds will be added in accordance with JRs Art. 232.
8. The decision of the water jump Judge is final. For this reason they must be a member of the Ground Jury.
9. The water jump Judge must register the identification number of Horses penalised at the water jump and the reason for the Penalties.
10. Only a vertical obstacle of not more than 1.50 m in height having any number of poles but all with the use of FEI-approved safety cups (see JRs Art. 210.1) may be placed over open water. The depth of the safety cups for the top pole of the vertical is 18 mm; the safety cups for the lower poles may have a maximum depth of 20 mm. The vertical obstacle must not be placed further than two metres from the front of this obstacle. This obstacle is judged as a vertical obstacle and not as a water jump. For this reason it is not necessary to use a lath or other arrangement to define its limits. If a lath is used it is to be considered a visual aid only; Penalties will not be incurred for any imprints on the lath. The same applies if the take-off element is displaced. Only poles with a minimum length of 3.50 m may be used for a vertical placed over a water jump.
11. With the exception of the case set forth in Art. 211.10, if water is used under, in front of or behind an obstacle (a so-called "Liverpool") the total spread of the obstacle (including the water) may not exceed two metres. Open water with a spread of more than two metres may not be used as a Liverpool. For all Liverpool obstacles, the front edge of the water tray must be placed either in alignment with the same vertical plane as the front poles, or in front of the vertical plane of the front poles.
12. The Technical Delegate or the Foreign Judge if there is no Technical Delegate may, at their discretion, decide whether the water jump may be used in Competitions held under floodlight.
13. At Olympic Games and FEI Senior Championships, the water jump must be used minimum two times, maximum three times in the official Competitions of the Games/Championship, unless in the opinion of the Course Designer and the Technical Delegate it is unsafe to include it due to lighting conditions. The Course Designer will, at their discretion, decide in which Competitions the water jump will be used.

## **ARTICLE 212 COMBINATION OBSTACLES**

1. Double, treble or higher combinations mean a group of two or more obstacles, with distances between the elements of seven metres minimum and 12 metres maximum (except for Hunting or Speed and Handiness Competitions judged under Table C and for permanent fixed obstacles where the distance may be less than 7 metres which require two or more successive efforts. The distance is measured from the base of the obstacle on the landing side to the base of the next obstacle on the take-off side.
2. In combinations, each element of the group must be jumped separately and consecutively, without circling around any element. Faults committed at any element of a combination are penalised separately.
3. When there is a Refusal, Run-out, the Athlete must retake all the elements unless it is a closed combination or partially closed combination (see JRs Art. 214) or a Six Bar or obstacles-in-line Competition.
4. Penalties for Faults made at each element and during different attempts, are counted separately and added together.
5. In a combination obstacle a triple bar may only be used as the first element.

### **ARTICLE 213      BANKS, MOUNDS, AND RAMPS**

1. With exception of JRs Art. 213.2, banks, mounds, ramps and sunken roads irrespective of whether they include any sort of obstacle and in whatever direction they should be taken, are to be regarded as combination obstacles (see JRs Art. 212).
2. A bank or mound without an obstacle or with only one or several poles over it may be jumped in one effort. This method of jumping the obstacle incurs no Penalty.
3. No banks, mounds, sunken roads, talus, slopes or ramps, except table banks not exceeding one metre in height, may be used at indoor Events.

### **ARTICLE 214      CLOSED COMBINATIONS, PARTIALLY CLOSED & PARTIALLY OPEN COMBINATIONS**

1. A combination is considered to be completely closed, if the sides, which surround it, can only be surmounted by jumping.
2. A closed combination may be in the form of an in-and-out, sheep pen, (square or hexagonal) or any similar obstacle considered as a closed combination by decision of the Ground Jury. A combination is considered as partially open and partially closed if one part of this combination is open and the other closed. In the event of a Refusal, Run-out, the following procedure applies (see JRs Art. 219):
  - 2.1. if the Disobedience occurred in the closed part, the Athlete must jump out in the direction of the course;
  - 2.2. if the Disobedience occurred in the open part, the Athlete must take the whole obstacle again. Failure to do so incurs Elimination (see JRs Art. 241.3.15).

In the event of a Disobedience with a knock down and/or displacing of the obstacle at any part, a time correction of six seconds must apply. If, once inside the enclosure, the Horse refuses the Athlete must jump out in the direction of the course. The six seconds Penalty is added to the time when the clock is restarted and the Athlete resumes their round.

3. The Ground Jury must decide before the Competition whether the combination is to be considered as closed or partially closed. This decision must be shown on the plan of the course.
4. If a combination is not mentioned on the plan of the course as closed or partially closed, it must be considered as an open combination and judged as such.

### **ARTICLE 215      ALTERNATIVE OBSTACLES AND JOKER**

1. When in a Competition two obstacles of the course carry the same number, the Athlete has the choice of jumping either one of the obstacles:
  - 1.1. if there is a Refusal or Run-out without a knock-down or displacing of the obstacle, at their next attempt the Athlete is not obliged to jump the obstacle at which the Refusal or Run-out occurred. They may jump the obstacle of their choice;
  - 1.2. if there is a Refusal or Run-out with a knock-down or displacing of the obstacle, they may only restart their round when the obstacle knocked down or displaced has been replaced and when the Ground Jury gives them the signal to start. They may then jump the obstacle of their choice.
2. Red and white flags must be placed at each of the elements of this alternative obstacle.
3. The Joker is a difficult obstacle and must be designed with horsemanship and fairness in mind. It may only be used in an Accumulator Competition or in a Top Score Competition.

## **CHAPTER IV PENALTIES DURING A ROUND**

### **ARTICLE 216 PENALTIES - GENERAL**

During a round, Penalties are incurred for:

1. Knocking down an obstacle (see JRs Art. 217) and a foot in the water or an imprint of the foot or the shoe on the lath defining the limits of the water jump on the landing side;
2. A Disobedience (i.e. Refusal, Run-out or Resistance) (see JRs Art. 219);
3. A deviation from the course (see JRs Art. 220);
4. A fall of a Horse and/or Athlete (see JRs Art. 224);
5. Unauthorised assistance (see JRs Art. 225);
6. Exceeding the time allowed or the time limit (see JRs Art. 227 and 228).

### **ARTICLE 217 KNOCK DOWN**

1. An obstacle is considered to have been knocked down when, through a mistake of the Horse or Athlete:
  - 1.1. the whole or any upper part of the same vertical plane of it falls, even if the part which falls is arrested in its fall by any other part of the obstacle (see JRs Art. 218.1);
  - 1.2. at least one of its ends no longer rests on any part of its support.
2. Touches and displacements of any part of an obstacle or its flags, in whatever direction, while in the act of jumping, do not count as a knock down. If in doubt the Ground Jury should decide in favour of the Athlete. The knock down or displacement of an obstacle and/or a flag as a result of a Disobedience is penalised as a Refusal only.

In the event of the displacement of any part of an obstacle (except the flags) as a result of a Disobedience, the bell will be rung and the clock stopped while the displacement is re-adjusted. This does not count as a knock down and is only penalised as a Disobedience and corrected by time in accordance with JRs Art. 232.
3. Penalties for knocking down an obstacle are those provided for under Tables A and C (see JRs Art. 236 and 239).
4. If any part of an obstacle, which has been knocked down is likely to impede an Athlete in jumping another obstacle, the bell must be rung and the clock stopped while this part is picked up and the way is cleared.
5. If an Athlete jumps an obstacle correctly which has been improperly rebuilt, they incur no Penalty; but if they knock down this obstacle they will be penalised in accordance with the table in use for the Competition.

### **ARTICLE 218 VERTICAL AND SPREAD OBSTACLES**

1. When a vertical obstacle or part of an obstacle comprises two or several parts placed one above the other and positioned in the same vertical plane, only the fall of the top part is penalised.
2. When a spread obstacle which requires only one effort comprises parts which are not positioned in the same vertical plane, the fall of one or several top parts only counts as one Fault whatever the number and position of the parts which have fallen. Trees, hedges etc. used as filling are not liable for Penalties.

### **ARTICLE 219 DISOBEDIENCES**

1. The following are considered as Disobediences and are penalised as such (see JRs Art. 236 and 239):
  - 1.1. a Refusal;
  - 1.2. a Run-out;
  - 1.3. a Resistance;
  - 1.4. a more or less regular circle or group of circles no matter where they occur on the course or for whatever reason. It is also a Disobedience to circle around the last obstacle jumped unless the track of the course so requires.
2. Notwithstanding the above, the following is not considered to be a Disobedience:
  - 2.1. circling for up to 45 seconds after a Run-out or a Refusal (no matter if the obstacle has to be rebuilt or not) to get into position to jump an obstacle.

### **ARTICLE 220 DEVIATION FROM THE COURSE**

1. It is a deviation from the course when the Athlete:
  - 1.1. does not follow the course as set out on the published plan;
  - 1.2. does not cross the starting line or the finishing line between the flags in the correct direction (see JRs Art. 241.3.6 and 241.3.17);

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- 1.3. omits a compulsory turning point (see JRs Art. 241.3.7);
- 1.4. does not jump the obstacles in the order or in the direction indicated, except in certain special Competitions (see JRs Art. 241.3.10 and 241.3.11);
- 1.5. jumps or attempts to jump an obstacle which does not form part of the course or omits an obstacle. Obstacles not included in the course should be crossed but failure to do so by the arena party will not preclude the Elimination of an Athlete for jumping an obstacle not forming part of the course.
2. An uncorrected deviation from the course will result in Elimination of the Horse and Athlete combination (see JRs Art. 241.3.6, 241.3.7 and 241.3.17).

### **ARTICLE 221 REFUSAL**

1. It is a Refusal when a Horse halts in front of an obstacle, which it must jump whether or not the Horse knocks it down or displaces it.
2. Stopping in front of an obstacle without moving backwards and without knocking it down followed immediately by a standing jump is not penalised.
3. If the halt is prolonged, if the Horse steps back, either voluntarily or not, even a single pace, it counts as a Refusal.
4. If a Horse slides through an obstacle, the Judge in charge of the bell must decide immediately if it is to count as a Refusal or as an obstacle knocked down. If they decides that it is a Refusal the bell is rung at once and the Athlete must be ready to attempt the obstacle again as soon as it has been rebuilt (see JRs Art. 232 and 233).
- 4.1. If the Judge decides that it is not a Refusal, the bell is not rung and the Athlete must continue their round. The Athlete is then penalised as for an obstacle knocked down.
- 4.2. If the bell has been rung and the Athlete jumps other elements of the combination in their stride, they will not be eliminated or incur further penalties even if they knock down this element of the combination.

### **ARTICLE 222 RUN-OUT**

1. It is a Run-out when the Horse escapes the control of its Athlete and avoids an obstacle, which it has to jump or a compulsory turning point, which it has to pass.
2. When a Horse jumps an obstacle between two red flags or between two white flags the obstacle has not been jumped correctly, the Athlete is penalised as for a Run-out and they must jump the obstacle again correctly.
3. It is considered to be a run out and is penalised as such for a Horse or any part of a Horse to go past the extended line of an obstacle to be jumped, or of an element of a combination, or of the finishing line or of a compulsory turning point.

### **ARTICLE 223 RESISTANCE**

1. It is a Resistance when the Horse refuses to go forward, makes a halt for any reason, makes one or several more or less regular or complete half turns, rears or steps back for whatever reason.
2. It is equally a Resistance when the Athlete stops their Horse at any moment and for any reason, except in the event of an incorrectly rebuilt obstacle or to indicate unforeseen circumstances to the Ground Jury (see JRs Art. 233.3.2). A Resistance is penalised as for a Refusal except in the circumstances set out in JRs Art. 241.3.4.

### **ARTICLE 224 FALLS**

1. Fall of an Athlete
  - 1.1 Fall of an Athlete in the Competition arena

An Athlete is considered to have fallen when, either voluntarily or involuntarily, the Athlete is separated from their Horse in such a way that they touche the ground or finds it necessary, in order to get back into the saddle, to use some form of support or outside assistance.
  - 1.2 If it is not clear that the Athlete has used some form of support or outside assistance to prevent their fall, the benefit of doubt must be given to the Athlete.
2. Fall of an Athlete anywhere outside of the Competition arena

An Athlete is considered to have fallen when, involuntarily, the Athlete is separated from their Horse. If an Athlete has voluntarily dismounted, it is not considered a Fall.
3. Fall of a Horse

A Horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and quarters have touched the ground or the obstacle and the ground.
4. Protocol to be followed in case of a fall of an Athlete and/or a Horse

In case of a fall of an Athlete and/or a Horse at any time in the Competition arena, in the practice arena or elsewhere within the grounds of the Event, the Athlete must be checked by the Event's medical service (or by a medical doctor if the medical service is not available) before they may be permitted to take part in the round in progress or in the next round or Competition

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at the Event, respectively the Horse must be cleared by the Veterinary Delegate, before it may be permitted to take part in the next round or Competition at the Event, according to the provisions outlined in paragraphs 4.1 – 4.3 below.

### 4.1 Fall in the Competition Arena

#### 4.1.1 Fall prior to starting the round

In the event of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse at any time prior to starting the round (see JRs Art. 226.2), the combination is not eliminated but will not be permitted to start in the round in question; in this case the combination shall be listed in the results as “did not start” in that round. If the Athlete has entered more than one Horse in the Competition concerned, they must be checked by the Event’s medical service (or by a medical doctor if the medical service is not available) before they can be permitted to take part in the round in progress with their other Horse(s). In this case the Ground Jury may give the Athlete a later starting position if considered necessary. The Horse must be cleared by the Veterinary Delegate, before it may be permitted to take part in the next round or Competition at the Event.

#### 4.1.2 Fall during the round

In the event of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse during the round (see JRs Art. 226.2), the combination is eliminated (see JRs Art. 241.25). If the Athlete has entered more than one Horse in the Competition concerned, they must be checked by the Event’s medical service (or by a medical doctor if the medical service is not available) before they can be permitted to take part in the round in progress with their other Horse(s). In this case the Ground Jury may give the Athlete a later starting position if considered necessary. The Horse must be cleared by the Veterinary Delegate, before it may be permitted to take part in the next round or Competition at the Event.

#### 4.1.3 Fall after crossing the finish line

In the event of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse after crossing the finish line (see JRs Art. 226.2), the combination is not eliminated from the round in question. The Athlete must be checked by the Event’s medical service (or by a medical doctor if the medical service is not available), respectively the Horse must be cleared by the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or Horse may be permitted to take part in the jump-off or second round if applicable, or in any further Competition at the Event. Refer to JRs Art. 235.4 for details relating to a fall of an Athlete and/or a Horse after crossing the finish line.

### 4.2 Fall in the practice arena

In case of a fall of an Athlete and/or a Horse in the practice arena prior to entering the Competition arena for the first or second round of a Competition, the Athlete must be checked by the Event’s medical service (or by a medical doctor if the medical service is not available), respectively the Horse must be cleared by the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or the Horse may be permitted to take part in the round in progress. In this case the Ground Jury may give the Athlete a later starting position in that round if considered necessary. In case of a fall of an Athlete and/or a Horse in the practice arena prior to entering the Competition arena for a jump-off, the Ground Jury may, at its discretion, decide to delay the jump-off for a reasonable amount of time for the Athlete to be checked by the Event’s medical service (or by a medical doctor if the medical service is not available), respectively the Horse to be cleared by the Veterinary Delegate, or to eliminate the combination from the jump-off.

### 4.3 In all cases of a fall of an Athlete and/or a Horse anywhere within the grounds of the Event, the Ground Jury reserves the right to exclude the Athlete from participating further in the Competition and/or Event in accordance with Article 140.2 of the FEI General Regulations.

## ARTICLE 225 UNAUTHORISED ASSISTANCE

1. Any physical intervention by a third party between the crossing of the starting line in the correct direction and the crossing of the finishing line after jumping the last obstacle, whether solicited or not, with the object of helping the Athlete or their Horse is considered to be unauthorised assistance.
2. In certain exceptional cases, the Ground Jury may authorise the Athlete to enter the arena on foot or with the help of another person, without this being considered as unauthorised assistance.
3. Any help given to a mounted Athlete to adjust their saddlery or bridle or to hand them a whip while mounted during the round will incur Elimination. To hand a mounted Athlete their Headgear and/or spectacles during their round is not considered to be unauthorised assistance (see JRs Art. 241.3.20).
4. Earphones and/or other electronic communication devices are strictly prohibited in FEI Jumping Competitions, and such usage is penalised by elimination. For the avoidance of any doubt, Athletes, grooms or any other person may wear one earphone at any other time while mounted (see JRs Art. 256.1.10).

## **CHAPTER V      TIME AND SPEED**

### **ARTICLE 226      TIME OF THE ROUND**

1. The time of a round, recorded in seconds and in hundredths of a second, is the time taken by an Athlete to complete the round, plus the time correction (see JRs Art. 232) if any. The time awarded to the Athlete starts running either upon crossing the starting line as per JRs Art. 226.2 or upon expiration of the 45-second countdown (see JRs Art. 203.1.2), whichever occurs first. It extends to the moment when the mounted Athlete crosses the finishing line in the correct direction, after having jumped the last obstacle.
2. The round starts when the mounted Athlete passes the starting line in the correct direction for the first time after the bell has been rung. It extends to the moment when the mounted Athlete crosses the finishing line in the correct direction, after having jumped the last obstacle.
3. A display board, clearly visible for the Athlete, must show the 45-seconds countdown.

### **ARTICLE 227      TIME ALLOWED**

1. The time allowed for a round in each Competition is determined in relation to the length of the course and the speeds set forth under JRs Art. 234 and Annex II.

### **ARTICLE 228      TIME LIMIT**

1. The time limit is equal to twice the time allowed for all Competitions in which a time allowed has been set forth.

### **ARTICLE 229      RECORDING THE TIME**

1. Each Competition at an Event must be timed by the same system or by means of the same type of timing equipment. FEI-homologated timing equipment is compulsory for all Olympic and Regional Games, FEI Championships, FEI World Cup™ Finals, CSIOs and CSIs unless circumstances warrant an exception to be authorised by the FEI Jumping Director. In all instances, the timekeeper is required to record the number of the Horse and the time taken to complete the round by the means of an electronic timing system. The time must be recorded to the one-hundredth of a second.
2. Two digital stopwatches are required in the Ground Jury box in case the electronic timing system breaks down and a third watch to measure the time taken to resume the round after the bell has been rung for Disobediences, interruptions, the time taken between two consecutive obstacles and the time limit for a Resistance. The President or a member of the Ground Jury must have a digital stopwatch.
3. In any Competition where the time is taken by stopwatches, the time is to be registered in seconds and in hundredths of a second. If two timekeepers are used, only the time of one will be taken into account for the official timing, the time of the second timekeeper will be used as a back-up.
4. In case of a breakdown of the electronic timing equipment, the time of any Athlete affected by the breakdown shall be determined by a stopwatch in hundredths of a second (for details see Annex IV).
5. A video recording may never be used to establish the time of an Athlete's round.
6. If the crossing of the starting and/or finishing line by the Athlete cannot be clearly judged from the Ground Jury box, one or two persons, one at the starting line and one at the finishing line, with a flag, must be placed at both of these lines to signal the crossing of the Athlete. The time taken by the Athlete to complete the round is to be registered at the Ground Jury box.

### **ARTICLE 230      INTERRUPTED TIME**

1. While the clock is stopped, the Athlete remains free to move around until the ringing of the bell gives them permission to start again.  

The clock is restarted when the Athlete reaches the place where the clock was stopped. Exception, in the case of a Disobedience with a knock-down, in which case JRs Art. 232 applies.
2. The responsibility for starting and stopping the clock rests solely with the Judge in charge of the bell. The timing equipment must be such that this procedure can be followed. The timekeeper may not be made responsible for this function.
3. The electronic timing system must not only register the time of the Athlete's round, but must also include time corrections, if any.

### **ARTICLE 231      DISOBEDIENCES DURING INTERRUPTED TIME**

1. The time of a round is interrupted only under the provisions of JRs Art. 232 and 233. The clock is not stopped in the event of a deviation from the course, a Run-out or a Refusal.
2. Disobediences are not penalised during interrupted time, except for the second Refusal following a Refusal with a knock-down.
3. The provisions concerning Elimination remain in force during interrupted time.



## **ARTICLE 232      TIME CORRECTIONS**

1. If, as the result of a Disobedience, an Athlete displaces or knocks down any obstacle or a flag defining the limits of the water jump, of a natural obstacle or in all cases where the nature of the obstacle is changed by knocking down the flag, the bell is rung and the clock is stopped until the obstacle has been rebuilt. When the obstacle has been rebuilt the bell is rung to indicate that the course is ready and that the Athlete can continue the round. The Athlete is penalised for a Refusal and a time correction of six seconds is added to the time taken by the Athlete to complete their round. The clock is restarted at the moment when the Horse leaves the ground at the obstacle where the Refusal occurred. If a Disobedience with the knock-down occurs at the second or subsequent part of a combination the clock is restarted when the Horse leaves the ground at the first element of the combination.

## **ARTICLE 233      STOPPING DURING THE ROUND**

1. In the event of an Athlete not being able to continue their round for any reason or unforeseen circumstance, the bell should be rung to stop the Athlete. As soon as it is evident that the Athlete is stopping, the clock will be stopped. As soon as the course is ready again, the bell will be rung, and the clock will be restarted when the Athlete reaches the precise place where the clock was stopped; no penalty is incurred and six seconds are not added to the Athlete's time.
2. If the Athlete does not stop when the bell is rung, the Athlete continues at their own risk, and the clock should not be stopped. The Ground Jury must decide whether the Athlete is to be eliminated for ignoring the order to stop, or whether, under the circumstances, they should be allowed to continue. If the Athlete is not eliminated, and is allowed to continue their round, the Scores obtained at the obstacles preceding and following the order to stop will count.
3. If the Athlete stops voluntarily to signal to the Ground Jury that the obstacle to be jumped is wrongly built or if due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the Athlete, they are prevented from continuing their round under normal circumstances, the clock must be stopped immediately.
- 3.1. If the dimensions are correct and the obstacle in question has been properly built or if the alleged unforeseen circumstances are not accepted as such by the Ground Jury, the Athlete will be penalised as for stopping during the round (see JRs Art. 223.1) and the time of their round will be increased by six seconds.
- 3.2. If the obstacle or part of the obstacle needs to be rebuilt or if the unforeseen circumstances are accepted as such by the Ground Jury, the Athlete is not penalised. The time of the interruption must be deducted and the clock stopped until the moment when the Athlete takes up their track at the point where they stopped. Any delay incurred by the Athlete must be taken into consideration and an appropriate number of seconds deducted from their recorded time.

## **ARTICLE 234      SPEED**

1. The speeds for international Competitions are as follows:
  - 1.1. 350 m per minute minimum and 400 m per minute maximum. In indoor arenas the speed may be reduced to 325 m per minute; the speed may also be reduced to 325 m per minute in outdoor arenas providing it is stated in the Schedule.
  - 1.2. Puissance / Power and Skill Competitions: no minimum speed required.
  - 1.3. Longines Ranking Competitions counting for Longines Ranking point groups AA through D at CSIs and CSIOs: 375 m per minute minimum and 400 m per minute maximum outdoors and 350 m per minute minimum indoors. In outdoor arenas measuring 65 m x 85 m or smaller the speed may be reduced to 350 m per minute.
  - 1.4. Nations Cup: 400 m per minute for 5\* and 4\* Nations Cup Competitions outdoors; 375 m per minute for 3\* and 2\* Nations Cup Competitions outdoors, 350 m per minute for 1\* Nations Cup Competitions outdoors and also for all indoor Nations Cup Competitions.
  - 1.5. Young Horse Competitions: 325 m per minute minimum.

## CHAPTER VI TABLES OF PENALTIES

### ARTICLE 235 FAULTS

1. Faults made between the starting line and the finishing line must be taken into consideration. Exception: A knock down of the last obstacle will be considered a fault if the upper element falls from one or both of its supports prior to the time the Athlete leaves the arena or until the bell is rung for the next Athlete to commence their round, whichever occurs first. Definition of Faults according to JRs Art. 217 and 218.
2. Disobediences committed during the time when the round is interrupted (see JRs Art. 231.2) are not penalised.
3. Disobediences and falls occurring between the moment the Athlete/Horse combination enters the Competition Arena and up until the moment the combination crosses the starting line in the correct direction are not penalised. However, in the event of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse from the moment the combination enters the arena up until the moment they cross the starting line in the correct direction once the signal to start has been given, the combination will not be permitted to take part in the round or Competition in question. (Refer also to JRs Art. 224.4.1.1.) The Ground Jury reserves the right to exclude the Athlete from participating further in the Competition and/or the Event in accordance with Article 140.2 of the FEI General Regulations.
4. A fall of the Athlete and/or Horse after crossing the finish line does not incur Elimination. However, in the event of a fall after the finish line, the following applies:
  - 4.1. In case of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse after crossing the finish line in a Competition with an immediate jump-off, the Athlete/Horse combination is eliminated from the jump-off, and will be placed equal last in the jump-off with Athletes who have withdrawn, retired or been eliminated from the jump-off. The Athlete must be checked by the Event's medical service (or by a medical doctor if the medical service is not available), respectively the Horse must be cleared by the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or Horse can be permitted to take part in any further Competition at the Event.
  - 4.2. In case of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse after crossing the finish line in a Competition with a jump-off (but not an immediate jump-off) or after crossing the finish line of the first round of a two-round Competition, the Athlete must be checked by the Event's medical service (or by a medical doctor if the medical service is not available), respectively the Horse must be cleared by the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or Horse can be permitted to take part in the jump-off, respectively in the second round. In the case of a Competition with a jump-off the Ground Jury may, at its discretion, decide to delay the jump-off for a reasonable amount of time for the Athlete to be checked by the Event's medical service (or by a medical doctor if the medical service is not available), respectively for the Horse to be cleared by the Veterinary Delegate, or to eliminate the combination from the jump-off. In the case of a two-round Competition, the Ground Jury may give the Athlete a later starting order in the second round if considered necessary.
  - 4.3. In case of a fall of the Athlete after crossing the finish line of a jump-off, or after crossing the finish line of the initial round if the combination did not qualify for the jump off, or after crossing the finish line in a Competition with no jump-off, the Athlete must be checked by the Event's medical service (or by a medical doctor if the medical service is not available), respectively the Horse must be cleared by the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or Horse can be permitted to take part in any further Competition at the Event.
  - 4.4. In all cases outlined in paragraphs 4.1 – 4.3 above, the Ground Jury reserves the right to exclude the Athlete from participating further in the Competition and/or Event in accordance with Article 140.2 of the FEI General Regulations.

### ARTICLE 236 TABLE A

1. Faults are penalised in Penalty points or by Elimination according to the tables set out in this Chapter.

FAULT	PENALTY
(i) First Disobedience	Four Penalties
(ii) Obstacle knocked down while jumping	Four Penalties
(iii) One or more feet in the water jump or an imprint made by the foot or shoe on the lath defining its limits on the landing side	Four Penalties
(iv) Fall of Horse or Athlete or both in all Competitions	Elimination
(v) Second Disobedience or other infringement set forth under JRs Art. 241	Elimination
(vi) Exceeding the time limit	Elimination
(vii) Exceeding the time allowed in all Competitions run under Table A	<b>One</b> Penalty for each second commenced

2. Penalties for the Disobediences accumulate not just at the same obstacle, but throughout the entire round.

### ARTICLE 237 SCORES UNDER TABLE A



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5. Athletes wishing to school in speed Competitions under Table A or C, must inform the OC before the Competition commences. Those wishing to school will start first in the Competition. Athletes not complying with the above may be eliminated by the Ground Jury (see JRs Art. 241.4.4).
6. In the event of equality for first place, the Athletes will be placed equal first, unless there is specific provision for a jump-off in the Schedule of the Event.

## **CHAPTER VII FINES, WARNINGS, YELLOW WARNING CARDS, ELIMINATIONS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS**

### **ARTICLE 240 FINES, WARNINGS AND YELLOW WARNING CARDS**

1. In addition to any other sanction(s) that may be issued in accordance with these JRs and/or the GRs, the President of the Ground Jury, the Chief Steward and the Technical Delegate are each authorised to issue a Warning or a Yellow Warning Card in accordance with GRs Art. 164.2 and Art. 164.3.
2. In the following cases fines may be imposed by the President of the Ground Jury in accordance with the GRs, where appropriate:
  - 2.1. to an Athlete who has been eliminated and does not promptly leave the arena;
  - 2.2. to an Athlete who does not promptly leave the arena after their round;
  - 2.3. to an Athlete who has been eliminated or has retired and who makes more than one attempt to jump a single obstacle or jumps it in the wrong direction before leaving the arena;
  - 2.4. an Athlete who has been eliminated for jumping one or several obstacles after passing the finishing line or jumps an obstacle without the permission of the Ground Jury for the press (see JRs Art. 202.6);
  - 2.5. an Athlete who uses obstacles that are different from those provided by the OC in the schooling areas (see JRs Art. 242.2.6 and 201.4);
  - 2.6. an Athlete who jumps or attempts to jump the practice obstacle placed in the arena more times than allowed (see JRs Art. 202.4, 242.2.3 and 262.1.9);
  - 2.7. an Athlete who does not salute the Ground Jury or the official personalities on entering the arena (see JRs Art. 256.2.1);
  - 2.8. failure to display the identification number in case of repeated offence (see JRs Art. 282.2);
  - 2.9. an Athlete who violates the advertising rules (see also GRs Art. 135) or does not comply with the rules regarding dress and saddlery (see JRs Art. 256.1 and 257);
  - 2.10. an Athlete who does not comply with the directives of the OC;
  - 2.11. an Athlete who touches an obstacle to the effect of changing it;
  - 2.12. an Athlete who does not follow orders or shows incorrect behaviour towards Event Officials or any other party connected with the Event (other Athlete, FEI employee or representative, journalist, public, etc.);
  - 2.13. an Athlete who repeats offences after a warning;
3. All fines imposed by the President of the Ground Jury are invoiced to the NF concerned by the FEI and are paid to the FEI.

### **ARTICLE 241 ELIMINATIONS**

1. Unless otherwise specified in the Rules or in the conditions for the Competitions, Elimination means that the Athlete with the Horse in question may not continue in the Competition at issue. Elimination may also be retroactive.
2. The Athlete has the right to jump one single obstacle, after retiring or after being eliminated, providing that obstacle is part of the course of the current Competition. This, however, does not apply to Elimination arising from a fall.
3. The following paragraphs lay down the reasons for which Athletes are eliminated in Jumping Competitions. The Ground Jury must enforce Elimination under the following circumstances:
  - 3.1. jumping or attempting to jump an obstacle in the arena before the start of the round except for the practice obstacle(s) authorised by the Ground Jury (see JRs Art. 202.3);
  - 3.2. starting before the signal is given and jumping the first obstacle of the course (see JRs Art. 202.5 and 203.1.2);
  - 3.3. taking more than 45 seconds to jump the first obstacle after the time of the round has started, except all cases relating to circumstances beyond the influence of the Athlete (see JRs Art. 203.1.2);
  - 3.4. a Horse resisting for 45 consecutive seconds during the round (see JRs Art. 223.2);
  - 3.5. taking more than 45 seconds to jump the next obstacle, or to jump the last obstacle and cross the finishing line;
  - 3.6. jumping the first obstacle while omitting to cross the starting line between the flags in the correct direction (see JRs Art. 220.1.2);
  - 3.7. omitting a compulsory turning point or not following the track indicated by a continuous line on the course plan;
  - 3.8. jumping or attempting to jump an obstacle which does not form part of the course during the round (see JRs Art. 220.1.5);
  - 3.9. omitting to jump an obstacle of the course (see JRs Art. 220.1.5) or after a Run-out or a Refusal, failing to attempt to jump again the obstacle where the Fault was committed;
  - 3.10. jumping an obstacle out of order (see JRs Art. 220.1.4);
  - 3.11. jumping an obstacle in the wrong direction (see JRs Art. 220.1.4);
  - 3.12. exceeding the time limit (see JRs Art. 236 and 239);

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- 3.13. following a Refusal, jumping or attempting to jump an obstacle which has been knocked down, before it has been rebuilt;
- 3.14. jumping or attempting to jump an obstacle after an interruption without waiting for the bell (see JRs Art. 203.3);
- 3.15. not jumping all the elements of a combination again after a Refusal or Run-out (see JRs Art. 212.3), except in the case of the closed part of a combination (see JRs Art. 214);
- 3.16. not taking each element of a combination separately and consecutively (see JRs Art. 212.2);
- 3.17. not crossing the finishing line between the flags mounted in the correct direction, after having jumped the last obstacle (except in certain special Competitions) before leaving the arena (see JRs Art. 226.2);
- 3.18. Athlete and/or Horse leaving the arena without permission of the Ground Jury, including prior to starting;
- 3.19. a loose Horse leaving the arena before the end of the round, including prior to starting;
- 3.20. accepting while mounted any object whatsoever during a round other than Headgear and/or spectacles.
- 3.21. non-compliance with the rules relating to saddlery and equipment (see JRs Art. 257.1 and 257.2);
- 3.22. an accident to an Athlete or to a Horse which prevents the Athlete from completing the Competition (see JRs Art. 258);
- 3.23. not leaving a closed combination in the right direction or displacing a closed combination;
- 3.24. second Disobedience during the course of a round (see JRs Art. 236 and 239);
- 3.25. fall of Athlete or Horse during the round(see JRs Art. 224, 236 and 239) NB: fall after crossing the finish line does not incur Elimination (see JRs Art. 235.4) ;
- 3.26. if the Ground Jury feels that for any reason Horse or Athlete is unfit to continue in Competition;
- 3.27. jumping or attempting to jump an obstacle in the arena after the completion of a round unless circumstances rendered it impossible for the Athlete/Horse combination to avoid jumping the obstacle, e.g. in a competition with an immediate jump-off or in a two-phase competition if the bell is rung too late for the Athlete to safely pull up before the obstacle. (Refer to JRs Art. 202.6 regarding authorisation to jump an obstacle for the press.)
- 3.28. jumping or attempting to jump an obstacle with a retention harness incorrectly fastened or not fastened unless the circumstances rendered it unsafe for the Athlete to stop immediately in order to refasten the harness (see JRs 256.1.4);
- 3.29. Athlete wearing earphones and/or other electronic communication devices during a Competition (see JRs Art. 225.4);
- 3.30. blood on the Horse's flank(s);
- 3.31. Horses bleeding in the mouth (in minor cases of blood in the mouth, such as where a Horse appears to have bitten its tongue or lip, Officials may authorize the rinsing or wiping of the mouth and allow the Athlete to continue; any further evidence of blood in the mouth will result in Elimination);
4. Elimination is left to the discretion of the Ground Jury in the following cases:
  - 4.1. not entering the arena when the Athlete's name and/or number is called;
  - 4.2. not entering the arena mounted or not leaving the arena mounted (except in case of a fall after crossing the finish line, in which case the Athlete is not required to remount prior to leaving the arena);
  - 4.3. all physical unauthorised assistance, except for paragraph 3.20 above;
  - 4.4. schooling a Horse in speed Competitions under table A or C, without informing the OC in advance;
  - 4.5. not stopping when the bell is rung during the round (see JRs Art. 203.2 and 233.2).

## ARTICLE 242 DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. Disqualification means that the Athlete, the Horse(s), and/or a combination of both is/are disqualified from the Competition at issue or from the entire Event. Disqualification may also be retroactive.
2. The Ground Jury may impose Disqualification in the following cases:
  - 2.1. entering the arena on foot once the Competition has started;
  - 2.2. exercising Horses in the arena or jumping or attempting to jump an obstacle without the permission of the Ground Jury (see JRs Art. 202.2, 202.5 and 202.6);
  - 2.3. jumping or attempting to jump the practice obstacle in the arena more times than authorised (see JRs Art. 202.4, 240.2.6 and 262.1.9);
  - 2.4. jumping or attempting to jump any obstacle in the arena or an obstacle forming part of a subsequent Competition (see JRs Art. 202.5);
  - 2.5. retiring, before a jump-off, without permission of the Ground Jury or without valid reason;
  - 2.6. exercising Horses during the course of an Event over obstacles different from those provided by the OC (see JRs Art. 240.2.5 and 201.4);
  - 2.7. jumping the obstacles in the schooling areas in the wrong direction or jumping the practice obstacle, if any, in the arena in the wrong direction (see JRs Art. 201.4 and 202.4);

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- 2.8. all cases of abuse and/or ill treatment of Horses reported by a member of the Ground Jury or by a Steward, or by any other person to an Official (see GRs Art. 142.2) including, but not limited to, cases arising under VRs Art. 1050 (Final Examination for Limb Sensitivity);
3. Disqualification is mandatory in the following cases:
  - 3.1. marks indicating excessive use of spurs or of the whip anywhere on the Horse; additional sanctions may also apply (see JRs Art. 243);
  - 3.2. jumping unauthorised obstacles in any place on the showground;
  - 3.3. leaving the showground with the horse for any purpose during the period of the Event.

### **ARTICLE 243 ABUSE OF HORSES (SEE ALSO GRs ART. 142)**

1. All forms of cruel, inhumane or abusive treatment of Horses, which include, but are not limited to various forms of rapping, are strictly forbidden (see JRs Art. 243.2).

Any act or series of actions that in the opinion of the Ground Jury can be deemed abuse of a Horse shall be penalised according to the GRs with one or more of the following penalties:

- (i) Yellow Warning Card (see GRs Art. 164.3);
- (ii) Fine;
- (iii) Elimination;
- (iv) Disqualification.

2. The following are considered to be abuse of a Horse (see also GRs Art. 142):

#### 2.1. Rapping Horses

The term "rapping" is construed to include all of the artificial techniques intended to induce the Horse to jump higher or more carefully in Competitions. It is not practical to list every possible means of rapping, but in general it consists of the Athlete and/or dismounted assistants, for whose behaviour the Athlete is responsible, either hitting the Horse's legs manually with something (no matter with what or by whom) or deliberately causing the Horse to hit something itself, whether by building obstacles too large and/or too wide, setting false ground lines, placing trotting poles or the elements of a combination at a false distance, intentionally pulling or pushing the Horse into an obstacle or otherwise making it difficult or impossible for the Horse to negotiate the practice obstacle without hitting it.

In the case of rapping or any other abusive schooling practice within the period of jurisdiction of the Ground Jury, the Athlete and the Horse concerned will be disqualified from all Competitions for at least 24 hours. In addition, the Ground Jury may take any further action it deems appropriate under the circumstances, including, but not limited to, disqualifying the Athlete and/or Horse from the entire Event.

#### 2.2. Excessive use of the whip

- The whip may not be used to vent an Athlete's temper. Such use is always excessive;
- The use of a whip on a Horse's head is always excessive use;
- A Horse should never be hit more than three times in a row. If a Horse's skin is broken, it is always considered excessive use of the whip;
- The whip is not to be used after Elimination;  
An Athlete identified as misusing or excessively using the whip will be disqualified and may be fined at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

#### 2.3. Other Forms of Abuse

Abuse of a Horse in any other form (such as, but not limited to, hypersensitising or desensitising the limbs, the use of banned schooling methods, excessive use of spurs and other cases as specified in the GRs, VRs or any other FEI rules and regulations) is also prohibited and must be penalised appropriately under these rules.

### **ARTICLE 244 BOOT AND BANDAGE CONTROL**

1. Stewarding – Boot and Bandage Control (see also JRs Art. 257.2.3-257.2.5 and VRs Art. 1023, 1046, 1047)

It is obligatory to carry out boot and bandage control on all Horses taking part in the Grand Prix, Nations Cup, Puissance and Six Bar Competitions, and during the Competition with the highest prize money at each Event. It is also recommended that boot and bandage control be carried out during other Competitions. Refer to the VRs and to the Jumping Stewards Manual for the procedure for boot and bandage control.

## **CHAPTER VIII JUMP-OFFS**

### **ARTICLE 245 JUMP-OFFS - GENERAL**

1. Only Athletes who are in equal first place after one or several preliminary rounds of the same Competition may take part in a jump-off. Athletes must start the same Horse in the jump-off as in the initial round.
2. In principle a jump-off must take place under the same rules and Table as the preliminary round(s) of the Competition and the rules for jump-offs in that type of Competition. However, the jump-off from a minor Table A Competition may be judged under Table C, providing it is specified in the Schedule. In any case, all jump-offs must be held immediately after the original round(s) of the Competition.
3. If specified in the Schedule the OC may decide that Athletes, who have completed their preliminary round without Penalties, must proceed to the jump-off immediately following their preliminary round. In this case, the bell must be rung again to signal the Athlete to start the jump-off course, during which the 45-second rule set forth in JRs Art. 203.1.2 applies. Athletes qualified for the jump-off are not allowed to leave the arena between their preliminary round and the jump-off. This type of jump-off is only allowed for Competitions under table A, according to JRs Art. 238.1.2 and 238.2.2 and is not authorised for a Grand Prix Competition or for the Competition with the highest prize money. If there are no clear rounds in the preliminary round, the classification is established according to JRs Art. 238.1.1 or 238.2.1 as applicable.
4. Unless otherwise set forth in these JRs (Power and Skill Competitions) no Competition may involve more than two jump-offs.
5. The order of starting in the jump-off(s) must remain the same as the order of starting fixed for the round preceding the jump-off, except where otherwise specified in the Schedule or the JRs.
- 5.1. The order of starting in the jump-off of an individual Competition counting for the Longines Rankings may be established in reverse order of the Athletes' times in the previous round as an alternative to the same starting order used in the previous round. The method of establishing the starting order in the jump-off must be stated in the Event Schedule; if not specified, the starting order will be the same as in the previous round.
6. In the event of equality of Score for the first place, a jump-off may take place according to the provisions of the Schedule. If no provision for a jump-off is set forth in the Schedule, it will be considered that the Competition is run with no jump-off.

### **ARTICLE 246 OBSTACLES IN THE JUMP-OFF**

1. The obstacles in the jump-off(s) may be altered in height and/or spread (partially or totally), without exceeding the limits set forth in JRs Art. 208.5. However, the dimensions of the obstacles in the jump-off may only be increased if the Athletes sharing first place have completed the previous round without jumping Penalties.
2. If the original course includes combination(s), the jump-off(s) must also include at least one combination.
3. The number of obstacles in a jump-off may be reduced to a minimum of six (combinations count as one obstacle).
4. The shape, the type and the colour of the obstacles for a jump-off may not be altered, but it is permitted to leave out one or more of the elements of a combination obstacle. If the combination obstacle is a treble or a quadruple, the centre element(s) only may not be omitted.
5. The order of the obstacles for a jump-off may be altered, compared to the original course.
6. In a jump-off, the distance between the elements of a combination obstacle may never be altered.
7. A maximum of two additional single obstacles may be added to the course of a jump-off. Both obstacles must be on the course during the course inspection or will be built from obstacles of the previous round or rounds; if obstacles from the previous round(s) are built differently or with new obstacle material for the jump-off, they will not count as extra obstacles for the jump-off, providing the change of material has been approved by the Ground Jury and notified to Athletes in the course plan. The two additional obstacles may consist of two spread or two vertical obstacles or one spread and one vertical. It must be clearly indicated both on the course plan and at the obstacle(s) in question, whether the obstacle(s) may be jumped from either side or just from one side. If an obstacle included in the previous round(s) is jumped from the opposite direction in the jump-off, the obstacle is considered as one of the two additional obstacles allowed. A vertical in the first or second round may be converted to a spread obstacle or vice-versa in the jump-off, in which case it will be considered one of the two additional obstacles.

Alternatively a combination consisting of two verticals in the previous round(s) may be jumped in the opposite direction in the jump-off, in which case the combination constitutes the two additional obstacles allowed in the jump-off.

### **ARTICLE 247 ELIMINATION, RETIREMENT OR WITHDRAWAL FROM A JUMP-OFF, SECOND ROUND OR WINNING ROUND**

1. An Athlete who retires, is eliminated or withdraws with the permission of the Ground Jury from a jump-off or second round or winning round will be placed equal last in the jump-off/second round/winning round after all Athletes who have completed the round. The same applies to teams taking part in team Competitions except in the case of teams withdrawing from the second round of a Nations Cup Competition, as teams that withdraw from the second round are not entitled to any prize money (see JRs Art. 264.8.4) and will be placed according to their Score in the first round.
2. An Athlete who withdraws from a jump-off, second round or winning round without the permission of the Ground Jury or without informing the Ground Jury will be placed after Athletes having withdrawn with the permission of the Ground Jury, retired or been eliminated in the jump-off/second round/winning round. The same applies to teams taking part in team



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Competitions except in the case of teams withdrawing from the second round of a Nations Cup Competition, as teams that withdraw from the second round are not entitled to any prize money (see JRs Art. 264.8.4) and will be placed according to their Score in the first round.

3. If before a deciding jump-off, all Athletes qualified for the jump-off decline to take part in the jump-off, the Ground Jury will decide whether this refusal can be accepted or must be rejected. If the Ground Jury accepts the refusal, the OC will award the trophy by lot and the prize money will be added together and shared equally between the Athletes. If the Ground Jury's instruction to continue is not followed by Athletes, no trophy will be awarded and the Athletes will each only receive the prize money and the lowest placing for which they would have jumped-off.

## **CHAPTER IX PLACING**

### **ARTICLE 248 INDIVIDUAL PLACING AND PRIZE GIVING**

1. The placing (classification) of an individual Athlete is decided according to the table in use and the instructions included in the Schedule for the Competition or amendments noted on the course plan.
2. Any Athlete who has no chance of winning a prize may, at the discretion of the Ground Jury, be stopped at any time during their round.
3. Athletes who are unable to complete the first round of a Competition have no right to any prize, except in certain special Competitions.
4. Prize winners of qualifying Competitions retain the prizes they have won even if they decline to take part in the final Competition for which they have qualified.
5. Prize winners must take part in the prize giving ceremony and should do so with the placed Horses. The Ground Jury, however, for safety reasons, may make exceptions. If a prize winner fails, without plausible excuse to take part at the prize giving ceremony, the Ground Jury, at its discretion, may decide to allow the OC to withhold the Athlete's prize. Therefore, the OC must publish in the Schedule and programme the number of prize winners required to take part in the ceremony. If the Schedule or programme does not indicate the number that must be present, then all Athletes and Horses placed must attend the prize-giving ceremony.
6. With the exception of Horse rugs presented by sponsors of Competitions, rugs may not be worn at prize-giving ceremonies. The Ground Jury, under special circumstance, may, however, decide to relax this rule.
7. At CSIO5\* and CSI5\* Events, the Organising Committee must invite the owner of the Horse that wins the Grand Prix to take part in the prize giving ceremony, if present at the Event.

## **CHAPTER X      ATHLETES AND HORSES**

### **ARTICLE 249      INVITATIONS TO CSIOS**

1. The official invitation sent to the NF must be extended to an official team comprising a Chef d'Equipe, a Team Veterinarian, a minimum of four and a maximum of six Athletes, a minimum of two and a maximum of three Horses per Athlete and one groom per Athlete. The number of Horses allowed per Athlete must be the same for all NFs invited with a team. If an invited NF cannot send a team of minimum four Athletes, it may enter a team of three Athletes.

If OCs invite teams consisting of four Athletes with two Horses per Athlete the total number of invited foreign Athletes cannot be less than the number invited the previous year.

Three official teams at least (including that of the host NF) must participate for the Event to be considered as a CSIO.

If less than five NFs have entered a team for a CSIO, the invitation may be extended to include two teams per NF (including the host team). Before the start of the first Competition of the Event each NF with two teams must decide which team competes for points, if applicable.

2. CSIO Events in Europe

If eight or more teams are invited (host team included), the OC may invite foreign individual Athletes in accordance with JRs Art. 249.5.

If seven or less teams are invited (host team included), no foreign individual Athletes may be invited.

3. CSIO Events in North America

- 3.1 If five or more teams are invited (host team included), foreign individual Athletes may be invited in accordance with JRs Art. 249.5. The following is applicable specifically to CSIO Events in Canada, Mexico and the United States of America at which five or more teams are invited:

The number of individual Athletes that the OC of a CSIO in Canada, Mexico, respectively the United States of America, may invite from each of the other two NFs in addition to the official teams, is not limited to two per NF. The number of individual Athletes that the OC of a CSIO in Canada, Mexico, respectively the United States of America, may invite from each of the other two NFs in addition to the official teams may not exceed ten; the exact number must be indicated in the Schedule and must be the same for each of these NFs.

- 3.2 If four teams are invited (host team included), only a maximum of two foreign individual Athletes may be invited.

- 3.3 If there are less than four teams invited (host team included), no foreign individual Athletes may be invited.

4. In the draft Schedule, each OC will be required to mention the names of NFs to be invited, plus the names of at least three reserve NFs, in case any of those invited cannot accept the invitation. Upon receipt of a refusal, the OC must contact immediately one of the NFs on the reserve list. It is recommended that each OC uses double entry dates for nominated entries, in case invited NFs drop out. The OCs of events that are part of the FEI Nations Cup™ series must invite teams in accordance with the specific rules for that series.

5. At the discretion of the Organising Committee, one or two individual Athletes per NF, in addition to those belonging to the teams or to NFs not represented by a team, may be invited under the same conditions, in whole or in part, as the official teams. The number of individuals invited per NF represented by a team must be the same for all NFs represented by a team; the number of individuals invited from NFs not represented by a team must be the same for all NFs not represented by a team. No personal invitations are allowed for individuals at CSIO Events.

6. The maximum number of individual Athletes of the host NF allowed to compete in CSIOs of all Categories (with the exclusion of FEI Nations Cup™ Division 1 Events) is 30; the maximum number of Athletes in the official Teams is six.

7. CSIO Events with a 5\*/4\* Nations Cup, must at least invite seven foreign teams. Only in very exceptional circumstances and with the express permission of the FEI Secretary General, may fewer foreign teams be invited.

8. FEI Wildcards

- 8.1. The FEI has the right to nominate one of the foreign teams to be invited by the OC as a wild card except where prohibited by the rules for the FEI Nations Cup™ Series and the EEF Nations Cup Series.

- 8.2. The FEI has the right to nominate two individual athletes from NF(s) not represented by a team as wild cards. If the FEI does not allocate one or both of these wild cards, the places are returned to the OC which may extend the vacant place(s) to NF(s) not represented by a team.

### **ARTICLE 250      INVITATIONS TO CSIS (REFER ALSO TO ANNEX V)**

1. For CSIs, it is the responsibility of the OC with the approval of its NF to lay down in the Schedule and the invitation, the number of individual Athletes and Horses to be invited; OCs of CSIs at which the CSI Invitation Rules apply must comply with the Invitation Rules (refer to JRs Annex V). The individual Jumping gold medal winner of the most recent Olympic Games and the individual Jumping gold medal winner of the most recent World Championship have the right to receive an invitation to all CSIs.

### **ARTICLE 251      ENTRIES (see also GRs Art. 116)**

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1. All Athletes and Horses must be registered with the FEI, their own NF, and where appropriate with their host NF (CSI1\* and CSI2\* Events), before they can be permitted to take part in International Events, with the exception of the FEI World Challenge Competitions (see also GRs Art. 113).
2. The number of Horses that may be entered for an Event must be in accordance with the Schedule and the JRs.
3. All Athletes invited or nominated for an International Event or FEI Championship may only be entered by their NF. It is the NF's responsibility to ensure that Athletes are of the required age for the Event in which they are entered. All Athletes selected by their NF, in accordance with the JRs and as specified in the Schedule, must be accepted by the OC. OCs may not accept any other entries other than those received from NFs. For the avoidance of doubt, entries confirmed by an NF directly through the FEI online invitation system are considered as entries made by the NF and must be accepted by the OC. Refer to JRs Annex V for details relating to the applicable CSI Invitation Rules and FEI online invitation system.
4. NFs are responsible for selecting and entering qualified Horses and Athletes. This includes the fitness and capability of the Horses and the Athletes to participate in the Event/Category for which they are entered. It is the NF's responsibility to ensure that Horses and Athletes are of the required age for the Event in which they are entered and, for minor Athletes, the Athlete's representative (as per Article 118.4 of the FEI General Regulations) shall be responsible for this.
5. The number of teams and individual Athletes allowed to be entered to take part is set forth in the JRs.
6. NFs may only enter Athletes for World Championships and Olympic Games who are qualified under conditions decided by the Jumping Committee and approved by the FEI Board and, where appropriate, the IOC.
7. If NFs enter more Athletes and Horses than the number allowed in the official team, the Chef d'Equipe must designate the Athletes and Horses selected for the official team at the latest following the first Horse inspection.
8. Under no circumstances may the OC limit the number of entries of eligible Athletes or teams for a Championship. The FEI Board may limit the number of entries if deemed necessary.
9. Entry Deadlines
  - 9.1. Entries for FEI Championships and Games must be made following the compulsory two phases outlined under GRs Arts. 116.2.2(i) and 116.2.2(ii):
    - Nominated entries must be made at least four weeks before the Event. See GRs Art. 116.2.2(i).
    - Definite entries must be made at the latest four days preceding the beginning of the Event. See GRs Art. 116.2.2(ii)
  - 9.2. For all other Events including CSIOs definite entries must be made within the deadlines indicated below; other deadlines for NFs to indicate their intent to participate may be requested by the NF/OC in the Schedule.

Definite entries must be made by the date mentioned in the Schedule. This date may not be earlier than four weeks prior to the beginning of the Event and later than four days preceding the beginning of the Event. These represent the final selection of Athletes and Horses that will travel to the Event. The definite entries may not exceed the number listed and represent the final selection of Athletes and Horses that may participate in the Event, except if the maximum number of Horses that may be entered (based on the number of Athletes invited multiplied by the number of Horses allowed per Athlete) has not been reached at the closing of entries, the OC may invite additional Athletes without the right to participate in Longines Ranking Competitions. Any Athlete so invited is ineligible to participate in all Longines Ranking Competitions at the Event, including if the Athlete will have qualified for a Longines Ranking Competition through one or more non-Longines Ranking Competition(s). Any Athlete so invited whose name appears in the results of a Longines Ranking Competition will earn no Longines Ranking points and will be disqualified retroactively from the Competition. If the Grand Prix or Competition with the highest prize money of the Event, if it is not the Grand Prix, is not a Longines Ranking Competition, and no qualification system for the Grand Prix or Competition with the highest prize money is foreseen in the Schedule, the OC may not invite such additional Athletes in excess of the maximum number of starters allowed to take part in the Competition concerned as established in the Schedule. Refer also to JRs Annex V: CSI Invitation Rules.

Following receipt of the definite entries, substitutions of Horses and/or Athletes may only be made with the express permission of the OC. The OC must print in the Schedule the latest date for substitution of Horse (s) and Athlete(s), which may not be later than the day of the Horse inspection.
10. Entries for Athletes and Horses must include their name, FEI registration number (FEI ID) and, where appropriate, qualifications (see GRs Art. 116.2.3).
11. Should an NF send more Athletes and/or Horses than shown in the nominated entry the OC is not obliged to accommodate them or to allow them to participate in that Event even if the JRs and Schedule would allow such participation (GRs Art. 116.4).
12. At an Event, an Athlete may withdraw any or all their Horses from a Competition, but they may not add a Horse not previously entered for that Competition without the approval of the OC and the Ground Jury (GRs Art. 116.5).
13. Where an NF has made a nominated entry of a team and finds that it will be unable to send a team, it must immediately inform the OC (GRs 116.6).
14. Teams or individual Athletes who have been definitely entered by their NFs at any Event and fail to take part without valid excuse must be reported by the Foreign Judge/Technical Delegate to the FEI Secretary General for consideration by the FEI Tribunal. Competing at another Event staged at the same time does not constitute a valid excuse for failure to participate at an Event. However, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the GRs, if a definitely entered CSI-Athlete is selected to replace a CSIO-Athlete (unable to compete for a valid reason) on the same weekend, this late nomination will be considered a valid excuse for failure to participate in the originally foreseen CSI.
15. An NF may not make definite entries for the same Athlete to more than one OC of Events held in the same calendar week on Penalty of disqualification of the Athlete from the Events in which the Athlete participates unless and notwithstanding anything

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to the contrary in the GRs both OCs concerned have given their agreement (Exception see JRs Art. 251.14). The Horse(s) of Athletes entered in more than one Event on the same weekend must be present at the first Horse Inspection of the respective Events (see also JRs Art. 280.2.1.1).

### 16. Entry Fees

Refer to the definition of Entry Fees in the Glossary and to JRs Annex VI for information on Entry Fees and other fees that may be charged at CSI/CSIO Events.

### 17. Withdrawals after the date of definite entries or no-shows will be liable to reimburse the OC for the financial loss incurred by the OC as follows:

- Withdrawal after the date of definite entries up until the last date for substitutions: the OC may charge the Athlete for the cost of stabling per Horse withdrawn, as well as hotel expenses (if covered by the OC) and Horse flights (if Horse flights are at the expense of the OC; however, the OC may only charge the withdrawn Athlete for these costs if the OC has not been able to substitute them and where the OC has actually incurred the costs and cannot obtain a refund/reimbursement.
- Withdrawal (or no-show) after the last date for substitutions: the OC may charge the Athlete the full entry fee per Horse withdrawn as well as hotel expenses (if covered by the OC) and Horse flights (if Horse flights are at the expense of the OC) only where the OC has actually incurred the cost and cannot obtain a refund/reimbursement.

The Athlete is liable to reimburse the OC for the financial loss incurred by the OC as stipulated above; if the Athlete does not reimburse the OC for the relevant expenses within four weeks of receiving the invoice, the OC may send the invoice to the NF of the Athlete.

### 18. National Jumping Events: see GRs Art. 101.3.

## ARTICLE 252 STARTING ORDER

### 1. The draw for the starting order.

#### 1.1. Championships – Team and Individuals

1.1.1. A draw will first take place to determine the order of starting of the individual Athletes entered in addition to teams, regardless of their nationality.

1.1.2. A second draw will then take place to decide the order in which the NFs, which have entered teams, will start. Each Chef d'Equipe will then fix the order in which they wish their team Athletes to start in the order of the NFs. These Athletes will be inserted in sequence in the remaining spaces between the individual Athletes.

2. In individual competitions at CSIOs and CSIs, there must be a draw for the order of starting of the Athletes. If it happens that one or more Athletes have to ride two Horses too close together, the Ground Jury on its own authority or on request of the Athlete or of the Chef d'Equipe may alter the order of starting as far as these Athletes only are concerned, in such a manner that if possible an interval of at least ten Athletes is provided between these individual Horses.

3. The starting order may not be drawn in alphabetical order of the names of the Athletes or of the Horses.

4. For team Competitions, a separate draw must take place each time. Refer to JRs Art. 264.6 for details on the draw for the starting order for Nations Cup Competitions at CSIOs.

#### 5. Rotating the starting order in individual Competitions

Rotation is mandatory but the system of rotation to be applied is at the discretion of the OC. In order to achieve the rotation of the starting order in the individual Competitions included in the programme, it is recommended that the procedure as set forth below be followed.

5.1. At Events where the Athletes are allowed to ride two or three Horses in individual Competitions, the following procedure is acceptable to achieve rotation of the starting order in the individual Competitions included in the programme:

5.1.1. if the Schedule provides that the same Horse is allowed to take part in more than one individual Competition per day and throughout the Event, the number of Horses must be divided by the number of individual Competitions;

5.1.2. if the Schedule provides that the same Horse is allowed to take part in only one Competition per day and throughout the Event, the number of Horses must be divided by the number of days on which individual Competitions take place.

5.2. At Events where the Schedule provides that Athletes are allowed to ride only one Horse in each individual Competition, the Athletes are drawn and their Horses carry successive numbers:

First Athlete: 1, 2, 3 (number of their Horses)

Second Athlete: 4, 5

The rotation follows the same procedure as in paragraph 5.1.1 and 5.1.2 above, but in this case the number of Athletes must be divided by the number of individual Competitions or by the number of days on which individual Competitions take place.

#### 6. Order of starting in Grand Prix Competitions

The title "Grand Prix" may only be used once for each Category, e.g. CSIY, CSIJ, CSI3\* etc, during an international Jumping Event. The starting order for all Grand Prix Competitions must be established according to one of the following methods:

6.1. the order of start is determined by a separate draw.

6.2. if there is a special ranking for the best Athlete or the best Athlete/Horse combination at the Event, the ranking in reverse order before the Grand Prix may be used as the order of starting;

The President of the Ground Jury must be present during the draw.

The method to be used must be mentioned in the Schedule.

7. Horses which lose a shoe prior to starting in a Competition will be given a later starting position. In a jump-off a Horse that loses a shoe prior to starting will be given a new starting place three positions later. If the Horse in question has not had its shoe replaced by that time, the Ground Jury will decide whether, at its discretion, the Horse in question should receive a later starting place or be eliminated.

## **ARTICLE 253      DECLARATION OF STARTERS**

1. At CSIOs, on the day before the first Competition, the Chefs d'Equipe will designate in writing to the OC the Athletes and Horses that make up the official team (minimum three, maximum six) and the names of individual Athletes and their Horses (see JRs Art. 249). In the event of accident or illness preventing an Athlete and/or their Horse being declared as a member of the official team, Chefs d'Equipe may substitute them from among the individual Athletes (if there are any), one hour at the latest before the start of the first Competition of the Event. An Athlete or a team Horse, which has been substituted, may not start as an individual. Refer to Art. 264.5.5 for details on the declaration of Athletes and Horses (minimum three, maximum four, selected from the official team) that will take part in the Nations Cup Competition, and for details on substitution in the event of accident or illness to an Athlete and/or Horse declared for the Nations Cup.
2. At all Events, Chefs d'Equipe (CSIOs) or individual Athletes (CSIOs, CSIs) will declare to the OC at a time fixed by the OC the starters for the next day's Competitions.

## **ARTICLE 254      PARTICIPATION, AGE AND NUMBER OF HORSES**

### 1. Age of Horses

- 1.1. Horses entered for Olympic Games, World Championships and FEI World Cup™ Finals must be at least nine years of age. Horses entered in Senior Continental Championships, Regional Games and Regional Championships must be at least eight years of age. As an exception, Horses may be entered in Regional Games and Regional Championships from the age of seven years, providing the height of obstacles in these Regional Games and Championships does not exceed 1.40 m. Horses entered for CSIO3\*-5\*Events, CSI3\*-5\* Events and all FEI World Cup™ Events except the FEI World Cup™ Final must be at least seven years of age. Horses entered for CSIO1\* and CSI1\*- 2\* Events must be at least six years of age. Horses entered for CSIO2\* Events at which the Nations Cup Competition is built to the dimensions set forth in JRs Art. 264.3 for 2\* Events must be at least six years old; Horses entered in CSIO2\* Events at which the Nations Cup Competition is built to the dimensions set forth in JRs Art. 264.3 for 3\* Events or higher must be at least seven years old. Competitions for Young Horses from the age of five years may be organised at CSI or CSIO Events or may be organised as separate CSIYH (stand-alone or in connection with other CSI or CSIO Events). Refer also to Art. 254.2.

Refer to Annexes IX – XIII for the minimum age of Horses entered for Jumping Events and Championships of other Categories.

### 1.2. Age of Horses – Northern and Southern Hemispheres

#### 1.2.1. National Events

Horses from the Southern Hemisphere competing in the Northern Hemisphere should be permitted to take part in National Competitions for Horses one year younger, as their official birth date is 1 August. Horses from the Northern Hemisphere competing in the Southern Hemisphere should be permitted to take part in Competitions for Horses one year older, as their official birth date is 1 January.

#### 1.2.2. International Competitions for Young Horses (five/six /seven/eight year olds)

Horses from the Southern Hemisphere competing in international Young Horses Competitions in the Northern Hemisphere will be permitted to take part in Young Horses Competitions for Horses one year younger as their official birth date is 1 August (e.g. an eight year old Horse from the Southern Hemisphere will compete in the seven year old Category in the Northern Hemisphere). Horses from the Northern Hemisphere competing in international Young Horses Competitions in the Southern Hemisphere will be permitted to take part in Young Horses Competitions for Horses one year older as their official birth date is 1 January (e.g. a five year old Horse from the Northern Hemisphere will compete in the six year old Category in the Southern Hemisphere).

### 2. Number of Horse per Athlete

The Schedule must specify the number of Horses allowed for each Athlete at CSIOs and CSIs but this number must be limited to a maximum of three. At Shows where several Events of different Categories are organised on the same weekend the number of Horses per Athlete must be limited to three per CSI Category. CSI or CSIO Events that are not combined with a CSIYH may include Competitions for Young Horses open only to the Athletes entered in the CSI or CSIO; for these Events Athletes may enter two Horses specifically for the Young Horse Competitions in addition to the (maximum) three Horses allowed for the CSI or CSIO. The Schedule of such Events must indicate that the Young Horse Competitions are open only to the Athletes entered for the CSI or CSIO, and that participation of these additional Horses is limited to the Young Horse Competitions only. At stand-alone CSIYH Events, that is CSIYH Events that are not organised concurrently with another CSI at the same venue on the same weekend, Athletes may enter three Horses per YH age category. If separate CSIs for Young Horses (CSIYH) are organised concurrently with other CSI or CSIO Events, the OC has the option to either organise a combined CSIYH, i.e. a CSIYH for two or more age categories, or to organise a separate CSIYH for each age category. The number of Horses per Athlete is as follows:

- Combined CSIYH with two or more age categories: Athletes entered in the CSIYH are allowed to enter a total of three Horses (e.g. two six year olds and one seven year old);

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- Separate CSIYH for each age category: Athletes may enter three Horses per Young Horse age category.

The above does not apply to Tours (CSI Events held at the same venue over two or more consecutive weeks); for these Shows each Athlete may start a maximum of four Horses in each Category (Small/Medium/Big Tour) during each CSI. At these Shows a maximum of nine Horses per Athlete may be entered for the CSIYH Events, of which maximum three may start in each age category per CSI.

If the Schedule of a CSI or a CSIO includes a Puissance Competition, Six Bar Competition, Knock-Out Competition, a Derby and/or a special Competition for stallions, the Schedule may allow Athletes entered in the CSI or the CSIO to enter an additional Horse for each of these Competitions. Participation of these additional Horses is limited to these Competitions only. The Schedule may also allow extra Athletes to be invited solely for the Puissance Competition and/or a special Competition for stallions.

3. At CSIOs the Chefs d'Equipe have the right to make changes to the Horses belonging only to the official team throughout the duration of the Event, on condition that each Athlete rides the maximum number of Horses as specified in JRs Art. 254.2. A change made in this manner is irreversible.
4. Changing Horses by individuals at CSIOs and CSIs is allowed only if they belong to the same NF, and conform to the number of Horses each individual Athlete is allowed to ride during the Event in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule. A change made in this manner is irreversible.
5. At CSIOs each Athlete may ride only one Horse in the Grand Prix or, if there is no Grand Prix, in the Competition with the highest prize money. If there is a Grand Prix Competition and another Competition with the same prize money as the Grand Prix or with higher prize money, the Athlete may ride only one Horse in each of these Competitions, except when this Competition is a Derby, in which case more than one Horse per Athlete may be ridden.
6. The above paragraph also applies at CSIs. However, the following exception may be allowed for CSI1\*, CSI2\* and CSI3\* Events only. If due to fewer Athletes entering the Event than anticipated, the number of declared starters (Athletes) in the Grand Prix or in similar Competitions listed in paragraph 5 above is not more than 50% of the number of starters indicated in the Schedule for the Competition concerned (number of starters based on one horse per athlete), the OC may allow each Athlete to ride two Horses in the Competition subject to the remaining provisions of this article, provided that this eventuality is specified in the Schedule and that the total number of potential starters would not exceed the maximum number indicated in the Schedule for the Grand Prix or Competition in question (number of starters based on one horse per athlete). With respect to the Grand Prix specifically, the following applies:
  - CSI1\*/CSI2\*: If 100 or more Athletes are invited to the Event but there are 50 declared starters or less in the Grand Prix, each Athlete may ride two Horses providing the Grand Prix is open to 100 starters (maximum 100 in the Grand Prix). If the Grand Prix is open to less than 100 starters, each Athlete may ride two Horses only if the number of Athletes invited to the Event is at least as many as the number of starters indicated in the Schedule for the Grand Prix and if the number of declared starters in the Grand Prix is not more than 50% of the number indicated in the Schedule.
  - CSI3\*: If 60 or more Athletes are invited to the Event but there are 30 declared starters or less in the Grand Prix, each Athlete may ride two Horses providing the Grand Prix is open to 60 starters (maximum 60 in the Grand Prix). If the Grand Prix is open to less than 60 starters, each Athlete may ride two Horses only if the number of Athletes invited to the Event is at least as many as the number of starters indicated in the Schedule for the Grand Prix and if the number of declared starters in the Grand Prix is not more than 50% of the number indicated in the Schedule.

If there is no Grand Prix or no competition with the highest prize money at an Event, but there are several Competitions with the same prize money, the number of Horses per Athlete is not restricted in these Competitions.

These provisions do not apply to CSIAM Events, at which the OC may allow Athletes to ride more than one Horse in all Competitions.

7. All Athletes taking part in the Grand Prix and/or in the Competition with the highest prize money if this is not the Grand Prix at a CSIO or a CSI must have first completed with their Grand Prix Horse, respectively with the Horse that will be ridden in the Competition with the highest prize money, the initial round of at least one FEI Competition at the same Event (see JRs 261.4.4 for details of specific FEI Competitions in which the eligibility requirement may be fulfilled). If the Grand Prix or the Competition with the highest prize money is held on the first day of the Event or is the only FEI Competition at the Event, the Organising Committee must schedule a training session to provide Athletes with the opportunity to jump their Horse in the arena prior to the Grand Prix, respectively the Competition with the highest prize money (see also JRs Art. 261.4.4). If the Competition with the highest prize money is the Derby, these provisions are not applicable.

## **ARTICLE 255 PARTICIPATION OF MINOR ATHLETES IN SENIOR COMPETITIONS (REFER ALSO TO ANNEXES IX, XI AND XII)**

1. Subject to the exclusions mentioned in paragraph 2 below, Athletes may, with the express permission of their NF, take part in certain Competitions for Seniors from the year in which they reach their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday. The NF tacitly provides such permission to their minor Athlete(s) when making the entry of the minor Athlete(s) in the CSI or CSIO concerned. The NF does not have the authority to give permission for a minor Athlete to take part in a Competition for Seniors for which the Athlete is not eligible to participate according to paragraph 2 below.
2. Before the year in which they reach their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday Athletes may not take part in:
  - a Grand Prix at a CSI3\* to CSI5\*;
  - a Grand Prix at a CSIO1\* to CSIO5\*;
  - a Nations Cup Competition at CSIO1\* to CSIO5\*;
  - an FEI World Cup™ Competition;
  - a Power and Skill Competition;
  - a Derby;
  - the Competition with the highest prize money at a CSI3\* to CSI5\* and CSIO1\* to CSIO5\* if this is not one of the Competitions listed.
- 2.1. From the year in which they reach their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday until the end of the year in which they reach their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday Athletes may take part in certain Competitions at CSI and CSIO 1\* to 5\* and CSIAm Category A and B Events (excluding those listed above) providing the height of obstacles in the initial round does not exceed 1.30 m.
- 2.2. From the year in which they reach their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday until the end of the year in which they reach their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday Athletes may participate in all Competitions at CSI1\* Events (excluding those listed above), and in certain Competitions at CSI2\* to CSI5\* and CSIO 1\* to 5\* Events (excluding those listed above) providing the height of obstacles in the initial round does not exceed 1.40 m.
- 2.3. From the year in which they reach their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, Athletes may participate in all Competitions at CSI1\* and CSI2\* Events (excluding those listed above). From the year in which they reach their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday until the end of the year in which they reach their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday Athletes may take part in certain Competitions at CSI3\* to CSI5\* and CSIO1\* to CSIO5\* Events (excluding those listed above).

## **ARTICLE 256 DRESS, PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR, ARTIFICIAL AIDS AND SALUTE**

1. Dress
  - 1.1. Athletes are required to wear correct dress when appearing before spectators and are required to dress in accordance with the applicable provisions of JRs Art. 256.1, Art. 256.3 and GRs Art. 135.2 when they are competing or during the presentation of prizes.
  - 1.2. When inspecting the course, dress must be neat and tidy. In any case, riding boots, white or light fawn breeches, a long- or short-sleeved shirt and a white tie or choker must be worn. Shirts must have a white collar; long-sleeved shirts must have white cuffs.
  - 1.3. In bad weather, the Ground Jury may allow the wearing of a greatcoat or waterproof. In very warm weather, the Ground Jury may allow Athletes to ride without a jacket.
  - 1.4. It is compulsory for all persons to wear a properly fastened Protective Headgear at all times when mounted. If an Athlete chooses to remove their Headgear at any time, whether permitted or not by these rules, such removal shall always be entirely at their own risk. An Athlete who loses their Headgear or whose retention harness becomes unfastened during the course of their round must recover and replace it, or in the case of the retention harness becoming unfastened must refasten it. In such case, the Athlete will not be penalised for halting to retrieve their Headgear and/or refasten the retention harness, but the clock will not be stopped. An Athlete who jumps or attempts to jump an obstacle with a retention harness incorrectly fastened or not fastened will be eliminated unless the circumstances rendered it unsafe for the Athlete to stop immediately in order to refasten the harness (e.g. if the harness becomes unfastened in the middle of a combination or one or two strides before the obstacle in question). As an exception to this rule Senior Athletes may remove their Headgear while accepting prizes, during the playing of the National anthem and any other ceremonial protocol.
  - 1.5. Civilians are required to wear the uniform or clothing approved by their NF, a jacket, white or light fawn breeches, black or brown boots. Other dark coloured boots may be approved at the discretion of the FEI; boots may have one contrasting colour only, around the top, heel and/or toe. Boots must have a heel. Shirts may have long or short sleeves and must have a white collar; long-sleeved shirts must have white cuffs. A white tie or choker must be worn. Competition jackets may be any colour and must have outward facing buttons. If the jacket has a collar it must be a lapel collar which may be the same colour as the jacket or a different colour. Piping of any colour is allowed around the collar only. Jackets without a collar are allowed providing the shirt collar and tie are visible when the jacket is closed. If a jacket is not worn (refer to Art. 256.1.3 for exceptions due to weather), shirts must have sleeves; either short or long sleeves are permitted.
  - 1.6. Members of the armed services, police and gendarmerie, members and employees of military establishments and of national studs may wear civil or service dress.
  - 1.7. At the discretion of the Ground Jury, Athletes who are improperly dressed may be refused permission to take part in the Competition.
  - 1.8. Athletes shall wear the official clothing of their NF in the Nations Cup Competition at CSIOs and in all stages of competition (team and individual) at Regional, Continental and World Championships and, subject to the approval of each relevant national Olympic Committee, during the Competitions at Olympic and Regional Games. Should an NF not have official clothing, the



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Athlete(s) of such NF shall be entitled to dress in accordance with JRs Art. 256.1.5 or 256.1.6, as applicable, subject to the provisions of JRs Art. 256.3.

Black, red, navy and green jackets with collars of the same colour cannot be registered as the official jacket of any NF.

Team member jackets must be the same colour (the collar may be the same colour as the jacket or a different colour). Athletes not complying with this rule will be fined with CHF 1'000 (one thousand Swiss Francs) by the Ground Jury. In addition, the Athlete will be requested to leave the arena and will not be permitted to return until the jacket complies with the rules for participation.

- 1.9. Disputes about colours are to be referred to the FEI Secretary General whose decision is final.
- 1.10. Earphones and/or electronic communication devices may never be worn during FEI Jumping Competitions. For the avoidance of any doubt, Athletes, grooms or any other person may wear one earphone at any other time while mounted.
- 1.11. Spurs
  - 1.11.1. Anywhere within the grounds of the Event, the Athlete when mounted may wear only one spur on each boot.
  - 1.11.2. Rowel spurs, that is spurs with a notched or serrated rotating disc, are not authorised anywhere within the grounds of international Jumping Events; spurs with a rotating disc that is not notched or serrated are allowed.
- 1.12. Whip
  - 1.12.1. Anywhere within the grounds of the Event, the Athlete when mounted may carry only one whip.
  - 1.12.2. Athletes are allowed to use a dressage whip when working on the flat but are strictly forbidden to use or carry a whip which is weighed down at the end at any time, or to carry or use one which is more than 75 centimetres in length in the arena and schooling areas when riding over poles or any obstacle. No substitute for a whip may be carried.
2. Salute
  - 2.1. In all Competitions that take place in an arena under the jurisdiction of a Ground Jury, each Athlete must salute the President of the Ground Jury as a matter of courtesy, unless the President of the Ground Jury gives other instructions. The Ground Jury may refuse to start an Athlete who has not saluted. The Ground Jury may also fine the Athlete (see JRs Art. 240.2.7). For special reasons the Ground Jury, in consultation with the OC, may decide whether or not Athletes are required to salute prior to the commencement of each Competition. The OC in agreement with the President of the Ground Jury must instruct the Athletes to salute Heads of State when present, and may do so if there is a special guest occupying the official box.
  - 2.2. Athletes should salute during a march past parade, presentation of prizes and during the playing of anthems.
  - 2.3. For special reasons the Ground Jury may decide that the salute is not necessary.
  - 2.4. Athletes may not remove their Headgear when saluting. Raising the whip or lowering the head is considered an appropriate salute.
3. Advertising on Athletes and Horses (See GRs Art. 135)
  - 3.1. At all Events, except Regional and Olympic Games under the patronage of the IOC (see Olympic Regulations for Equestrian Events at Olympic Games), Athletes may wear clothing and use equipment which identify the manufacturer, the Athlete's sponsor(s), the Athlete's team sponsor(s), the NF's sponsor(s), the Athlete's nation, and/or the Athlete himself, but only under the specific conditions set forth below:
    - 3.1.1. Identification of a Non-Sponsor Manufacturer
      - 3.1.1.1. While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies names or logos identifying a non-sponsoring manufacturer of the clothing and equipment may appear only once per item of clothing and equipment and solely on a surface area not exceeding three square centimetres (3 cm<sup>2</sup>) for clothing and equipment.
    - 3.1.2. Identification of Sponsors
      - 3.1.2.1. While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies the name and/or logo of the Athlete's sponsor(s), their team sponsor(s) and/or their NF's sponsor(s) may appear on a surface area not exceeding:
        - i) eighty square centimetres (80cm<sup>2</sup>) on each of the two sides of jackets or top garments at the height of breast pockets;
        - ii) sixteen square centimetres (16 cm<sup>2</sup>) on both sides of the shirt collar or centrally in the middle part of the collar of ladies' blouses;
        - iii) Civilians are allowed to wear the logo of their sponsor vertically in the middle part of their Headgear. Said logo must not be longer than 25 centimetres and wider than five centimetres.
        - iv) eighty square centimetres (80 cm<sup>2</sup>) (maximum 20 centimetres long, maximum four centimetres wide) only once lengthwise on the left leg of the riding breeches.
        - v) two hundred square centimetres (200 cm<sup>2</sup>) on each side of the saddle cloth;
        - vi) seventy-five square centimetres (75 cm<sup>2</sup>) for the logo on ear hoods.
      - 3.1.2.2. The OC may display the name and/or logo of a Competition and/or Event sponsor(s) on members of the OC crew present in the competition area, as well as on stable rugs when they are in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies at all FEI Events. The size of name and/or logo on Athlete's number shall not exceed 100 cm<sup>2</sup>.
    - 3.1.3. Athlete's National Identification
      - 3.1.3.1. While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies the name or logo of the Athlete's nation, its national symbol and/or its national flag, and/or the Athlete's NF logo or name may appear on a surface area not exceeding:

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- (i) a reasonable size on each of the two sides of jackets or top garments, at the height of breast pockets, and on the collar;
- (ii) either two hundred square centimetres (200 cm<sup>2</sup>) on one arm of jackets or top garment or one hundred square centimetres (100 cm<sup>2</sup>) on each arm of jackets or top garments.
- (iii) vertically in the middle part of the Headgear (see specifications JRs Art. 256.3.1.2.1.iii)
- (iv) eighty square centimetres (80 cm<sup>2</sup>) (maximum 20 centimetres long, maximum four centimetres wide) only once lengthwise on the left leg of the riding breeches.
- (v) 200 cm<sup>2</sup> on each side of the saddle cloth
- (vi) seventy-five square centimetres (75 cm<sup>2</sup>) for the logo on ear hoods.

In any case, the Athlete's national identification may be combined in the same surface area with the name and/or logo of the Athlete's sponsor(s), their team sponsor(s) and/or the NF's sponsor(s) as long as their presence and visibility are in compliance with the surface areas mentioned in Art. 3.1.2.1 and 3.1.3.1.

In addition to the above, the Athlete's national flag or the official three letter IOC abbreviation for the nation, may appear on the back of the Athlete's jacket, centred between the shoulders. The top of the flag, respectively the three letter abbreviation, must be placed 4 cm below the collar. The flag may not be more than 25 cm wide, with a height in proportion to the width; the three letter IOC abbreviation must appear in standard IOC typeface and not exceed a height of 8 cm.

### 3.1.4. Athlete's Name

- 3.1.4.1. While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies the Athlete's name may appear on a surface area not exceeding 80 cm<sup>2</sup> (maximum 20 centimetres long, maximum four centimetres wide) only once lengthwise on the left leg of the riding breeches;
- 3.2. Unless otherwise specified in this article, no advertisement or publicity is permitted on any Athlete, Official, Horse, or riding equipment while present in any Competition area or during the performance. However, Athletes inspecting the course may wear the logo of their sponsor, their team sponsor(s), and/or of their NF's sponsor(s) and/or their nationality within a frame not exceeding 400 cm<sup>2</sup> (on the front and back of their top garments and within a frame not exceeding 50 cm<sup>2</sup> on head gear.
- 3.3. The Chief Steward is responsible for ensuring that the above provisions are respected by Athletes before entering the arena. Athletes not complying with the above will not be permitted to enter the arena during competition. An official clothing approved by an NF not complying with the requirements of this article will not be authorised by the FEI.
- 3.4. Advertising may appear on obstacles, and on the sides of the arena provided any applicable broadcast, internet, or similar law or agreement permits such advertising. Specifications for sponsored obstacles are covered under JRs Art. 208.3.
- 3.5. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the FEI, for the purpose of this article, the Competition area shall include all areas where the Athlete is being judged or their Horse is undergoing a Horse inspection. It shall not include practice arenas.

## ARTICLE 257 SADDLERY

- 1. In the Competition arena
  - 1.1. Blinkers and fly masks that cover the Horse's eyes are forbidden.
  - 1.2. Leather, sheepskin or similar material may be used on each cheek piece of the bridle providing the material does not exceed three centimetres in diameter measured from the Horse's cheek.
  - 1.3. Only unrestricted running martingales are allowed; no more than one martingale stopper per rein may be used. Reins may not be configured in such a way as to cause a running martingale to function as a standing martingale.
  - 1.4. There are no restrictions on bits or nosebands. However, the Ground Jury has the right, based on veterinary advice, to forbid the use of a bit or noseband that may cause injury to the Horse.

Reins must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle. A maximum of two pairs of reins may be used. If two pairs of reins are used, one pair must be attached to the bit or directly to the bridle. Gags and hackamores are allowed.
  - 1.5. Draw reins (running reins) are forbidden in the Competition arena except during prize giving ceremonies and march-past parades.
  - 1.6. Failure to comply with any of the provisions listed in Art. 257.1.1 – 257.1.5 will incur elimination (see JRs Art. 241.3.21).
- 2. Anywhere within the grounds of the Event (restricted area) under control of the OC, the following provisions apply:
  - 2.1. In the interests of safety, the stirrup iron and the stirrup leather (this also applies to safety stirrups) must hang freely from the bar of the saddle and the outside of the flap. The Athlete must not directly or indirectly tie any part of their body to the saddlery.
  - 2.2. The total maximum weight of equipment allowed to be placed on a Horse's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings, etc), may not exceed 500 grams (shoe or substitute for a shoe excluded) under any circumstances, including when the equipment is wet.
  - 2.3. For all international Jumping Competitions for Young Horses (five, six, seven and eight year old Horses):

The following criteria must be respected in relation to hind boots worn at international Young Horses Competitions:

Hind boots that have a rounded protective element on the inside only are the only type of hind boot allowed. The boot must have a maximum interior length of 16 centimetres; the width of the fastener must be at least five centimetres. Hind boots

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with additional protection for the pastern that extends below the rounded shell on the inside of the boot are allowed providing the protection is made of soft pliable material. The pastern protection that extends below the rounded shell on the inside is not taken into account when measuring the length of the boot (refer to FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual on the FEI website for photographs).

Boots must be designed in such a way that both sides can be bent to fit around the Horse's leg without effort. The rounded protective element of the boot must be placed around the inside of the fetlock.

The inside of the boot must be non-abrasive and smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points, i.e. there may be no pads or blocks under the lining, on the inside of the boot; for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the boot, is permitted. Sheepskin linings are allowed.

Only non-elastic Velcro-type fasteners are permitted; no hooks, buckles, clips or other methods of attaching the fasteners may be used. The inside surface of the fastener that is in direct or indirect contact with the horse's skin must be non-abrasive. The fastener must be one-directional, that is, the strap must be attached directly from one side of the boot to the fastening component on the other side of the boot but must not wrap around the entire boot. The fastener may be secured with another Velcro-type strap extending vertically over the fastener where it is attached to the fastening component (for examples, refer to the FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual Annexes).

No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the boot itself. The use of Vet Wrap or similar lightweight bandaging material under hind boots is permitted; when possible it should be applied in the presence of the Steward. A member of the Stewarding team has the right at any time to require the VetWrap/bandaging material to be removed and re-applied in their presence.

Fetlock rings may be used for protective purposes providing they are properly adjusted and loose, and providing the total weight of equipment on the horse's leg does not exceed 500 grams under any circumstances, including when the equipment is wet (see JRs 257.2.3). Pastern bands may be used around the pastern providing they are not overtightened.

2.4 At all international Jumping Events and at all FEI World Jumping Challenge Events, only hind boots meeting the following descriptions may be used:

2.4.1 Boots as described in Art. 257.2.4.




2.4.2 Boots that have a rounded protective element on the inside only, and boots with a rounded protective element on the inside and outside, that is, double-shell boots that wrap around the back of the fetlock, are permitted providing they meet the following criteria:

All boots must be designed in such a way that both sides can be bent to fit around the Horse's leg without effort. For double-shell boots specifically, the boots must be pre-moulded to the shape of a horse's fetlock, i.e. the boot must be pre-moulded in a "U" shape, in such a way that the boot naturally wraps around the fetlock. Double shell boots that require the fastener(s) to be attached to permit the boot to wrap around the fetlock are not permitted. The boot must have a maximum length of 20 centimetres at its longest point. Hind boots with additional protection for the pastern that extends below the rounded shell on the inside of the boot or on both sides of the boot are allowed providing the protection is made of soft pliable material. The pastern protection that extends below the rounded shell on the inside is not taken into account when measuring the length of the boot (refer to the FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual Annexes for instructions on how to measure the length of the boot correctly).

The rounded protective part of the boot must be placed around the fetlock (for boots with a protective element on one side only, the protective element must be placed around the inside of the fetlock).

The inside of the boot must be non-abrasive and smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points on the inside of the boot; for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the boot, is permitted. Sheepskin linings are allowed.

The boot may have no more than two fasteners. Only the following types of fasteners are permitted:

<p>Velcro-type fasteners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Each strap must:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Have a Velcro or Velcro-type fastening system</li> <li>o Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm if there are two straps or</li> <li>o Have a minimum width of 5 cm if there is only one strap</li> </ul> </li> <li>- For boots with a protective element only on the inside of the fetlock, straps may be elastic or non-elastic</li> <li>- For double-shell boots, the straps must be elastic</li> </ul>	
<p>Stud-type fasteners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Each strap must:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Be made of elastic</li> <li>o Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm</li> <li>o Have holes that fit over a stud on the boot</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p>Hook-type fasteners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Each strap must:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Be made of elastic</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm</li><li>○ Have a hook at the end that fits into an "eyelet" on the boot</li></ul>	
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The inside surface of the fastener that is in direct or indirect contact with the horse's skin must be non-abrasive. All fasteners must be one-directional, that is, the strap must be attached directly from one side of the boot to the fastening component on the other side of the boot but must not wrap around the entire boot. Velcro-type fasteners may be secured with another Velcro-type strap extending vertically over the fastener where it is attached to the fastening component (for examples, refer to FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual Annexes). No mechanism that allows the fastener to double back on itself or that allows leverage of any kind to be applied to the fastener is permitted.

No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the boot itself. The use of Vet Wrap or similar lightweight bandaging material under hind boots is permitted; when possible it should be applied in the presence of the Steward. A member of the Stewarding team has the right at any time to require the VetWrap/bandaging material to be removed and re-applied in their presence.

Fetlock rings may be used for protective purposes providing they are properly adjusted and loose, and providing the total weight of equipment on the horse's leg does not exceed 500 grams under any circumstances, including when the equipment is wet (see JRs 257.2.3). Pastern bands may be used around the pastern providing they are not overtightened.

- 2.5. Plastic shields that cover the horse's eyes (i.e. glasses or sunglasses for horses) are forbidden at any time when mounted or when exercising the Horse, including when lunging. They may be used in the stable area and grazing areas.
- 2.6. The use of a tongue-strap is forbidden. For the use of tongue guards, see VRs Art. 1046.5.
- 2.7. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of Art. 257.2.1 – 257.2.8 in the Competition arena will incur Elimination (see JRs Art. 241.3.21).
3. Advertising on Saddlery and Equipment

The requirements set forth in JRs Art. 256.3 apply with regard to restrictions on advertising on saddlery and equipment.

## **ARTICLE 258      ACCIDENTS**

1. In the event of an accident preventing either the Athlete or a Horse from finishing, both incur Elimination. If, despite an accident, the Athlete completes the round but does not leave the arena mounted, the Athlete does not incur Elimination.
2. If the Ground Jury finds that either Athlete or Horse, after an accident, is not fit to compete they must impose Elimination.

## CHAPTER XI OFFICIALS

### ARTICLE 259 OFFICIALS

All officials officiating at CIMs, CSIs, CSIOs, Championships and Games must abide by the FEI Code of Conduct for Officials (see GRs Appendix H) and carry out their duties in accordance with the job description for their respective function as published on the FEI website.

#### 1. Ground Jury

Events	Number of Judges <sup>1</sup>	President Ground Jury	Foreign Judge	Members	Additional Members	President of Competition	Water Jump Judge
	Minimum	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualification
Olympic Games / Youth Olympic Games (YOG) / World Championship	President (**)+ 4 Members (**)	Level 4 <b>Compulsory from foreign nation</b>	Not required. (PGJ must be foreign and acts as FJ)	Min. three Level 4; one Level 3	n/a	Level 4	Level 3 (water jump not applicable for YOG)
Pan-Am + other Senior Continental Games / Senior Continental Championships / World Cup Final / Nations Cup Final	President (**)+ 4 Members (**)	Level 4 <b>Compulsory from foreign nation</b>	Not required. (PGJ must be foreign and acts as FJ)	Min. one Level 4; three Level 3	Level 3	Level 3	Level 3
Regional Games / Other FEI Championships	President (**)+4 Members	Level 3 <b>Compulsory from foreign nation</b>	Not required	Min. three Level 3; one Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 2
Regional Championships	President (***) 4 Members (***)	Level 3 <b>Compulsory from foreign nation</b>	Not required (PGJ must be foreign and acts as FJ)	Min. three Level 3; one Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 2
CSIO5*	President + Foreign Judge (**)+ 3 Members (*)	Level 4	Level 3	Three Level 3	Level 2	Level 3	Level 3
CSIO3* – CSIO4*	President + Foreign Judge (**)+ 3 Members (*)	Level 3 <b>Preferably from host nation</b>	Level 3	Min. two Level 3; one Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 2
CSIO1* – CSIO2* CSIO-Y/J/P/Ch	President + Foreign Judge (**)+ 3 Members (*)	Level 3 <b>Preferably from host nation</b>	Level 3	Min. one Level 3; one Level 2; one Level 1	Level 1	Level 2	Level 2
CS15*	President + Foreign Judge (**)+ 2 Members (*)	Level 3 <b>Preferably from host nation</b>	Level 3	Min. one Level 3; one Level 1	Level 1	Level 3	Level 2
CS13* – CS14* CS11*-W – CS14*-W	President + Foreign Judge (**)+ 2 Members (*)	Level 3 <b>Preferably from host nation</b>	Level 3	Min. one Level 3; one Level 1	Level 1	Level 2	Level 2
CS12* / CSIYH2* CSIU25 Cat. A & B CSIY/J/Ch/V/Am Cat. A CSIP	President + Foreign Judge + 2 Members (*)	Level 3 <b>Preferably from host nation</b>	Level 3	Min. one Level 2; one Level 1	Level 1	Level 2	Level 2
CS11* / CSIYH1* CSIY/J/Ch/V/Am Cat. B	President + 3 Members (*)	Level 3 <b>Preferably from host nation</b>	Appointment of Foreign Judge recommended but not compulsory, Level 3	Min. two National <sup>2</sup> or Level 1 if FJ appointed; Min. three National or Level 1 if FJ not appointed	National <sup>2</sup> or Level 1	National <sup>2</sup> or Level 1	National <sup>2</sup> or Level 1
Events that are part of Tours (any star level)	As per the star level of the Event	As per the star level of the Event	Level 3 Appointed by FEI (**)	As per the star level of the Event	As per the star level of the Event	As per the star level of the Event	As per the star level of the Event

<sup>1</sup> One additional Judge minimum Level 3 to be appointed by the FEI for Events at which limb sensitivity testing is carried out. At all Events, including Games and Championships, one Ground Jury Member will be assigned on a rotating basis to act as liaising-Judge for the boot and bandage control; this Judge should preferably be minimum Level 2.

<sup>2</sup> Effective as of 1 July 2022: National Judges may only officiate at CS11\*/CSIYH1\* and CSIY/J/Ch/P/V/Am Cat. B Events that are not combined with higher level events. For the avoidance of doubt all FEI World Cup™ Events are considered higher level Events, including CS11\*-W and CS12\*-W. National Judges may not officiate outside their home country at FEI Events.

(\*) Add one Judge for the water jump (if there is one) or more if there is a large number of Competitions per day.

(\*\*) Appointed by FEI.

(\*\*\*) Appointed by the OC with the approval of the FEI Regional Group or Continental Association, if applicable, and the FEI.

Each Competition is to be judged by a group of three Judges' box and one additional Judge for the water jump, if there

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is one. For CSI1\*/CSIYH1\*/CSIY-J-Ch-V-Am Cat. B Events, at which National Judges may officiate as Ground Jury members, for all Competitions at least one of the three Judges in the Judge's box must be an FEI Judge.

**IMPORTANT: The number of judges mentioned is a minimum and must be adapted to the number of Competitions per day and the number of arenas functioning at the same time.**

### 1.1 Secretary to the Ground Jury

At all CIMS, CSIs, CSIOs, Championships and Games the OC must provide a secretary to the Ground Jury for all Competitions taking place at the Event. The function of secretary is a voluntary position and as such the provisions of JRs Art. 200.6.2 relating to expenses for officials do not apply.

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1.2. Promotion of Judges: refer to the FEI Education System for Judges published on the FEI website.

2. Control of Schedule and Foreign Judge's Report to FEI

Events	Control of Schedule by	Report to FEI within 14 days of the Event
Olympic Games World Championship	FEI	President of Ground Jury
Continental and Regional Games Senior Continental Championships FEI World Cup™ Final FEI Nations Cup™ Final Other FEI Championships Regional Championships	FEI	President of Ground Jury
CSIO1* to 5*	FEI	Foreign Judge
CSI3* to 5*	FEI	Foreign Judge
CSI2* / CSIYH2*	FEI	Foreign Judge
CSIY/J/Ch/V/Am Cat. A / CSIU25 A+B / CSIP	FEI	Foreign Judge
CSI1*/CSIY/J/Ch/V/Am Cat. B / CSIYH1*	FEI	Foreign Judge or President of Ground Jury

3. Veterinary Commission and Veterinary Delegate

3.1. The composition of the Veterinary Commission, which is compulsory for Olympic, Continental and Regional Games and Youth Olympic Games, Championships, the FEI World Cup™ Final and CSIOs for Seniors and the appointment of the President and members must be in accordance with the VRs.

3.2. At CSIOs for Categories other than Seniors and at CSIs a Veterinarian to be regarded as the Veterinary Delegate appointed by the OC, is required in accordance with the VRs.

4. Course Designer and Technical Delegate

4.1. Course Designer

4.1.1. In Regional Games and Regional Championships, the Course Designer must be selected from the FEI list of Level 3 Course Designers at least and appointed by the relevant NF/OC with the agreement of the FEI.

4.1.2. The Course Designer for the Olympic Games, the Youth Olympic Games, Continental Games, the World Championship, the Continental Championship for Seniors, the FEI Nations Cup™ Final and the FEI World Cup™ Final must be a Level 4 Course Designer and is appointed by the OC with the agreement of the FEI.

4.1.3. The Course Designer for Continental Championships for Veterans, Young Riders, Juniors, Children and Pony Riders is appointed by the OC and must be a Level 3 Course Designer at least.

4.1.4. In CSIO3\*/4\*/5\* (excluding the FEI Nations Cup™ Final), CSI3\*/4\*/5\* and CSI1\*-W to CSI5\*-W (excluding the FEI World Cup™ Final), the Course Designer is appointed by the OC and must be selected from the FEI list of Level 3 Course Designers at least.

4.1.5. The Course Designer for CSIO1\*, CSIO2\* Events at which the Nations Cup Competition is built to the dimensions set forth in JRs Art. 264.3 for 1\*, respectively 2\* Events and CSI1\*/2\* is appointed by the OC and must be selected from the FEI list of Level 2 Course Designers at least. The Course Designer for CSIO1\* or CSIO2\* Events at which the Nations Cup Competition is built to the dimensions set forth in JRs Art. 264.3 for 3\* Events or higher must be selected from the list of Level 3 Course Designers at least.

4.1.6. A Course Designer must be especially mindful of the Conflict of Interest rule set forth in paragraph 6 below and, in particular, may not act as Course Designer at the same Event where one or more of their immediate relatives are competing.

4.1.7. OCs of Events with Competitions taking place in more than one arena and/or OCs of multiple Events held concurrently at the same venue may appoint more than one Course Designer. However, only one Course Designer may be appointed as the official Course Designer for each Category of Event, e.g. CSI5\*, CSI3\*. Only the Course Designer who will be responsible for building the Grand Prix or the Competition with the highest prize money if there is no Grand Prix (and the Nations Cup for CSIOs) at the respective Category of Event may be named in the Schedule as the official Course Designer for that particular Event. Additional Course Designer(s) at such Event(s) may not build courses for Competitions of a higher star level than their qualification allows.

4.1.8. Promotion of Course Designers

Refer to the Education System for FEI Course Designers Jumping published on the FEI website.

4.2. Technical Delegate

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- 4.2.1. For Regional Games, Regional Championships, Continental Championships for Veterans, Young Riders, Juniors, Children and Pony Riders, a Foreign Technical Delegate, selected from the FEI list of Level 3 Course Designers at least and appointed by the FEI Jumping Director in consultation with the Jumping Committee, is compulsory.
- 4.2.2. The Foreign Technical Delegate for the Olympic Games, the Youth Olympic Games, Continental Games, World Championship, Continental Championship for Seniors, the FEI Nations Cup™ Final and FEI World Cup™ Final must be or have been a Level 4 Course Designer and must be appointed by the FEI Jumping Director in consultation with the Jumping Committee. At the discretion of the FEI, a second Technical Delegate may be appointed for the Olympic and Pan-American Games and the World and Continental Championships for Seniors to coordinate with the Organising Committee on the overall organisation of the Event. The second Technical Delegate is not required to have experience in course designing.
- 4.2.3. A Technical Delegate (Foreign or from the host NF), preferably selected from the FEI list of Judges and Course Designers, may be appointed by the OC of CSIOs and CSIs.

### 5. Stewards

The schooling area(s) and warming-up area(s) must always be supervised. One steward at least must always be present whenever the area(s) are in use, to ensure that the rules are observed.

#### 5.1. Chief Steward

A Chief Steward must be appointed for every international Event and must be selected from the FEI list of stewards. For Olympic, Youth Olympic, Continental and Regional Games, World and Senior Continental Championships, FEI Nations Cup™ Final and FEI World Cup™ Final, the Chief Steward must be appointed by the FEI Jumping Director in consultation with the Jumping Committee. For the following levels of Events, the Chief Steward must have at least the status as indicated below:

(i) All CSIOs, all CSIs, FEI Championships for Categories other than Seniors, Regional Games and Regional Championships: Level 3 Steward.

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#### 5.2. Foreign Steward

A Foreign Steward will be appointed by the FEI for all 5\* Events and for all Events of Tours (FEI Jumping Events organised by the same OC at the same venue over at least two consecutive weeks), and for Events taking place consecutively at the same venue during the same week and/or on overlapping weeks, regardless of the star level; the Foreign Steward appointment is in addition to the appointment of the Chief Steward and the Assistant Stewards. All Foreign Stewards appointed to these events must hold the status of Level 3 Steward at least.

#### 5.3. Assistant Stewards

A minimum of four Assistant Stewards must be appointed for each Event. Additional Assistant Stewards may need to be appointed, depending on the number of Events running concurrently at the same venue and/or the number of Competitions per day and/or the number of arenas operating at the same time and the number of horses entered for the Event and the size and layout of the venue. All Assistant Stewards appointed to international Events must have the minimum status required for the level of the Event as indicated below:

(i) All CSI1\*/CSIO1\* up to CSI3\*/CSIO3\*: Level 1 Steward at least.

(ii) All CSI4\*/CSIO4\* and CSI5\*/CSIO5\*, Olympic, Continental, Regional and Youth Olympic Games, Continental, Regional and World Championships, FEI World Cup™ and FEI Nations Cup™ Finals: Level 2 Steward at least.

### 6. Conflict of Interest

A substantial appearance of a conflict of interest exists whenever others may reasonably infer from the given circumstances that a conflict exists. A conflict of interest is defined as any personal, professional or financial relationship, including, but not limited to, relationships of family members that could influence or be perceived to influence objectivity when representing or conducting business or other dealings for, or on behalf of, the FEI.

Conflicts must be avoided whenever practicable. However, there may be instances where the FEI must balance conflicts of interest against proven expertise in order to achieve the optimal sporting result.



## CHAPTER XII COMPETITIONS

### ARTICLE 260 GENERAL

1. There are many different Jumping Competitions for both individuals and teams. The following provisions cover the types of Competitions, which are mostly used at international Events.
2. OCs may propose new types of Jumping Competitions to encourage variety in the sport. However, any Competition covered by this Chapter must be run strictly according to these JRs.

### ARTICLE 261 NORMAL COMPETITIONS AND GRAND PRIX COMPETITIONS

1. Normal and Grand Prix Competitions (the latter must be explicitly designated in the Schedule) are those in which performance over obstacles is the principle factor although speed may be introduced to separate equality for first place by a first jump-off or by a maximum of two jump-offs.
2. These Competitions are judged under Table A against or not against the clock, but always with a time allowed.
3. The course is built primarily to test the ability of the Horse over the obstacles. The number of obstacles, their type, their height and spread, within the set forth limits, are the responsibility of OCs.

#### 4. Qualification for Grand Prix

- 4.1. If qualification conditions for Athlete/Horse are scheduled for the Grand Prix at a CSIO, it is compulsory that the formula given below is referred to.

The following are automatically qualified for the Grand Prix at CSIOs, if present as official team members or individual:

- 4.1.1. The individual Jumping medal winners (Athlete/Horse combinations) of the last Olympic and Pan American Games, of the last World and Continental\* Championships (\*provided the competitions at the Continental Championship were conducted in accordance with the competition format and at the maximum height of obstacles established in Articles 323 through 327 of the Rules for Jumping Championships and Games) and the first placed Athlete/Horse combination in the last FEI World Cup™ Jumping Final.

- 4.1.2. Eligible to participate in Grand Prix Competitions at 5\* CSIO Events are the winners (Athlete/Horse combination) of the Grand Prix at any 5\* CSIO Event during the previous 12 months.

- 4.2. If qualification conditions for Athletes are scheduled for the Grand Prix at a CSI Event, it is compulsory that the formula given below is referred to. This does not apply to CSI events that are part of a series approved by the FEI Board.

The following are automatically qualified for the Grand Prix at CSI Events, if present:

- 4.2.1. The winner (Athlete/Horse combination) of that Event's Grand Prix the previous year, according to the following conditions:

- For the Grand Prix at a CSI3\*/CSI4\*/CSI5\* Event, the winner of that Event's Grand Prix the previous year is eligible to participate, providing the previous year's Event was the same star level or a higher star level;

- 4.2.2. The current National Jumping Champion (Athlete/Horse combination) of the host country;

- 4.2.3. The individual Jumping medal winners of the last Olympic and Pan-American Games, the last World and Continental\* Championships (\*provided the competitions at the Continental Championship were conducted in accordance with the competition format and at the maximum height of obstacles established in Articles 323 through 327 of the Rules for Jumping Championships and Games) and the winner of the last FEI World Cup™ Jumping Final.

- 4.3. If qualification conditions for Athlete/Horse are scheduled for the Grand Prix Competition at a CSIO or a CSI, it is compulsory that all qualifying Competitions are run under Table A against the clock or under Table A with one or two jump-offs or with two rounds (Art. 273) or with winning round (Art. 276) or in normal two phase competitions (Art. 274.1.5.1-Art. 274.1.5.3, both phases Table A). Competitions in groups with winning round (Art. 275) and special two-phase Competitions (Art. 274.2) may not be used as qualifying competitions for the Grand Prix.

- 4.4. All Athletes taking part in a Grand Prix at a CSIO or a CSI must have completed, with their Grand Prix Horse, the initial round of at least one FEI Competition among those listed below\* prior to the Grand Prix. If an Athlete/Horse combination has completed the initial round of one of these Competitions prior to the Grand Prix, and the Athlete is subsequently eliminated or disqualified from the Competition in question, the Athlete may take part in the Grand Prix (if qualified), with the same Horse, as the Horse is deemed to have fulfilled the eligibility requirement of completing the initial round of an FEI Competition prior to the Grand Prix. If the Grand Prix takes place on the first day of the Event, or if it is the only Competition at the Event, regardless on which day it is held, the Organising Committee must schedule a training session to provide Athletes with the opportunity to jump their Horse in the arena prior to the Grand Prix. The same provisions apply to FEI World Cup™ Competitions.

\* FEI Competitions that may count for fulfilling the eligibility requirement for Horses taking part in the Grand Prix:

Art. 261 "Normal Competitions"

Art. 262.4 "Masters Competitions"

Art. 263 Hunting Competition or Speed and Handiness Competition

Art. 264 Nations Cup Competition

Art. 265 Sponsor Team and other Team Competitions

Art. 267 Hit and Hurry Competition

Art. 269 Accumulator Competition

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- Art. 270 Top Score Competition
- Art. 271 Take Your Own Line Competition
- Art. 273 Competition over Two Rounds
- Art. 274.1.5 Normal Two-Phase Competitions (it is sufficient to complete the first phase)
- Art. 274.2.5 Special Two-Phase Competitions (both phases must be completed to fulfil the Horse eligibility requirement)
- Art. 275 Competition in Groups with Winning Round
- Art. 276 Competition with Winning Round
- Art. 277 Derby
- Art. 278 Competition over Combinations

For the avoidance of doubt, the eligibility requirement for Horses taking part in the Grand Prix may not be filled in any of the following Competitions: Art. 262.2 Puissance, Art 262.3 Six Bar, Art. 266 Fault-and-Out, Art. 268 Relay, Art. 272 Knock-Out, and completing only the first phase of Art. 274.2.5 Special Two-Phase.

4.5 In addition to the above paragraph, to be eligible to take part in the Grand Prix and/or the FEI World Cup™ Competition at a CSI5\* or CSI5\*-W Event if there is no qualification system in place, Athletes must have achieved, with the Horse with which they wish to compete in the Grand Prix and/or the FEI World Cup™ Competition, the following result within the 12 months prior to the definite entries for the Event:

four Penalties or less in the initial round of a 1.50 m Competition or higher run under Table A. The above requirement does not apply to the Athlete/Horse combinations pre-qualified for the Grand Prix at CSI Events according to the provisions of paragraph 4.2 above.

- 5. Grand Prix Competitions must be conducted in accordance with one of the following formulas:
  - 5.1. over one round with one or two jump-offs, the first or the second jump-off against the clock, or both against the clock; or
  - 5.2. over two rounds (identical or different) with one eventual jump-off against the clock; or
  - 5.3. over two rounds, with the second round against the clock.
- 6. At CSIO Events the Grand Prix Competition must be judged according to one of the following formulas:
  - 6.1. JRs Art. 238.2.2: one round against the clock with one jump-off against the clock; or
  - 6.2. JRs Art. 273.3.3.1 or 273.3.3.2: two rounds without a jump-off; or
  - 6.3. JRs Art. 273.3.1 or 273.3.4.2: two rounds and one jump-off.

The number of efforts in the first round must be limited to 15 and to nine in the second round.

- 7. For all CSI5\* and CSIO5\* Events the Schedule must indicate a height of obstacles of 1.60 m for the Grand Prix, except for the final Grand Prix of an FEI-approved Series, for which an exception may be allowed to indicate a height of 1.65 m. Refer also to JRs Art. 208.

## ARTICLE 262 POWER AND SKILL COMPETITIONS

- 1. General
  - 1.1. The aim of these Competitions is to demonstrate the ability of the Horse to jump a limited number of large obstacles.
  - 1.2. In the event of equality for first place, there must be successive jump-offs.
  - 1.3. The obstacles of the jump-offs must always be the same shape, the same type and the same colour as in the initial round.
  - 1.4. If, at the end of the third jump-off, there is no single winner, the Ground Jury may stop the Competition. After the fourth jump-off, the Ground Jury must stop the Competition. The Athletes left in the Competition are placed equal.
  - 1.5. If, after the third jump-off, the Athletes do not wish to continue, the Ground Jury must stop the Competition.
  - 1.6. There cannot be a fourth jump-off if Athletes have not had a faultless round in the third jump-off.
  - 1.7. Time is never a deciding factor in the event of equality of Penalties. There is no time allowed and no time limit.
  - 1.8. These Competitions are judged under Table A.
  - 1.9. If it is not possible for Athletes to school in the practice arena, a practice obstacle must be placed in the arena. An optional obstacle is not allowed.
  - 1.10. If the dimensions of the arena and the number of Athletes permit it, the Ground Jury may decide that the Athletes still in the Competition may remain in the arena after the first or second jump-off. In this case, the Ground Jury may decide to allow a practice obstacle.
- 2. Puissance
  - 2.1. The initial round will comprise from four to six single obstacles of which at least one must be a vertical obstacle. The first obstacle must be at least 1.40 m in height, two obstacles from 1.60 m to 1.70 m and one wall or vertical obstacle, which may vary from 1.70 m to 1.80 m in height. All combination obstacles, water jumps, ditches and natural obstacles are forbidden.

It is permissible to use a wall with a sloping face on the take-off side (maximum slope of 30 cm offset at the base).
  - 2.2. A vertical obstacle instead of a wall may be used, in which case, planks with a pole on top or a combination of planks and poles with a pole on top or all poles may be used as a substitute.

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- 2.3. In the event of equality for first place, there must be successive jump-offs over two obstacles, which must be a wall or a vertical obstacle and a spread obstacle (see JRs Art. 246.1).
- 2.4. In the jump-offs, both obstacles must be increased regularly in height and the spread obstacle also in spread. The vertical obstacle or wall may be increased in height only if Athletes equal for first place have not been penalised in the preceding round (see JRs Art. 246.1).
3. Six Bar Competition
  - 3.1. In this Competition, six vertical obstacles are placed in a straight line about 11 metres apart from each other. They must be identically constructed and composed only of poles of the same type. The cups supporting the poles must have a maximum depth of 20 mm. The number of obstacles may be reduced depending on the size of the arena.
  - 3.2. All the obstacles may be kept at the same height, for example 1.20 m, or
    - 3.2.1. at progressive heights, for example 1.10 m, 1.20 m, 1.30 m, 1.40 m, 1.50 m, 1.60 m, or;
    - 3.2.2. the first two at 1.20 m, the next two at 1.30 m and so on.
  - 3.3. In the event of a Refusal or a Run-out, the Athlete must restart the course at the obstacle where the Fault was made.
  - 3.4. The first jump-off must take place over the six obstacles which must be raised unless the Athletes who are equal for first place have been penalised in the first round. After the first jump-off, the number of obstacles may be reduced to four but the distance between them must be kept at about 11 metres as required initially (the lower obstacles should be withdrawn).
4. Masters
  - 4.1. This is a Competition with an initial round and a maximum of four jump-offs. In the initial round, a course of six obstacles (including one double) is built at a maximum height of 1.50 m, maximum spread 1.40 – 1.70 m. In each jump-off, when the Athlete enters the arena, the Athlete selects one obstacle, respectively one element if part of the combination, to be raised. The first fault eliminates the Athlete. In this case, the obstacle, respectively the element of the combination, that has been raised is lowered to its height prior to being raised by the Athlete. The obstacles may only be raised a second time in the same jump-off providing all of the obstacles, including both elements of the combination, have already been raised and have not been lowered to their initial height for that jump-off.
  - 4.2. In case of all Athletes being eliminated in any one of the first three jump-offs, the Athletes eliminated in the last jump-off held will take part in another jump-off against the clock, without altering the height of the obstacles, to decide the classification. Athletes eliminated in any given jump-off are placed equal in that jump-off, and are considered to be placed ahead of Athletes eliminated in the previous jump-off and/or the initial round.

The maximum height and spread in the 4<sup>th</sup> and final jump-off are: Height: 1.70m maximum – Spread: 2m maximum; Triple bar : 2.20m maximum.

### **ARTICLE 263 HUNTING COMPETITION OR SPEED AND HANDINESS COMPETITION**

1. The aim of these Competitions is to demonstrate the Horse's obedience, handiness and speed.
2. These Competitions are judged under Table C (see JRs Art. 239).
3. Courses must be twisting, with obstacles very varied (alternative obstacles allowed, giving the Athlete the opportunity to shorten their track, but by taking a more difficult obstacle).

Competitions over certain natural obstacles such as banks, slopes, ditches, etc. are called Hunting Competitions and must be so named in the Schedule. All other Competitions (of this type) are called Speed and Handiness Competitions.
4. No fixed track to be followed is set forth on the plan. The plan must only be marked with a series of arrows showing the direction in which each obstacle must be jumped.
5. Compulsory turning points are included only if absolutely necessary.

### **ARTICLE 264 NATIONS CUP**

1. Organisation

The Nations Cup (also referred as "NC") is the official international team Competition. Its object is to compare the merit of Athletes and Horses from different NFs under the following conditions:

  - 1.1. A Nations Cup may only be organised on the occasion of a CSIO. In principle, the European CSIO season is reserved for outdoor Events only, unless otherwise agreed by the Chair of the Jumping Committee together with the FEI Secretary General, in exceptional circumstances.
  - 1.2. At least three NFs must take part in this Competition for it to be recognised as a Nations Cup.
  - 1.3. If, for any reason, this Competition is organised under another name, the words "Nations Cup" must be added as a subtitle.
  - 1.4. It is the only Competition in which official teams represent NFs and to preserve its special character, there must be no individual placing.
  - 1.5. The total prize money must be at least equal to 50% of the amount provided for the Grand Prix Competition or for the Competition with the highest prize money unless the FEI Secretary General gives approval for a modification to this formula.

Prize money must be awarded to all teams participating in the second round.

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- 1.6. The Competition takes place over two rounds, over the same course during the course of the same day.
- 1.7. The Nations Cup is judged under Table A, both rounds against the clock.

### 2. Different Categories of Nations Cup Competitions

According to the total amount of prize money for the Event, a 5\*, 4\*, 3\*, 2\* or 1\* CSIO can be held.

### 3. Obstacles and other technical requirements

- 3.1. The number and dimensions of the obstacles and the length of the course must be within the following limits:\*

	5* NC	4* NC	3* NC	2* NC	1* NC
<b>Number of obstacles</b>	12	12	12	12	12
<b>Min./max. height (metres)</b>	1.45/1.60	1.40/1.55	1.35/1.50	1.20/1.40	1.10/1.25
<b>At least 2 vertical obstacles with a height of (metres)</b>	1.60	1.55	1.50	1.40	1.25
<b>At least six other obstacles with a height of (metres)</b>	1.50	1.45	1.40	1.30	1.15
<b>At least 2 spread obstacles with a minimum height / spread of (metres)</b>	1.50/1.70	1.50/1.60	1.45/1.55	1.35/1.45	1.20/1.35
<b>Max. spread (metres)</b>	2.00	1.80	1.70	1.60	1.45
<b>Max. spread of triple bar (metres)</b>	2.20	2.10	2.00	1.90	1.70
<b>Min./max. spread of water jump (metres) (refer to JRs Art. 211.1)</b>	3.80/4.00	3.70/3.90	3.50/3.70	3.20/3.50	2.70/3.00
<b>Min./max. length of the course (metres)</b>	450/650	450/650	450/650	450/650	450/650
<b>Speed outdoor (m/min.)</b>	400	400	375	375	350
<b>Speed indoor (m/min.)</b>	350	350	350	350	350

\* NB: Nations Cup Competitions at CSIO3\*/4\*/5\* Events on the list of qualifying Events for the Olympic Games, World and/or Continental Championship must also comply with the mandatory requirements established in JRs Annex VIII, Art. 4. For Nations Cup Competitions at selected CSIO3\* and CSIO4\* Events, the mandatory requirements as per Annex VIII, Art. 4 that the course must include two vertical obstacles of 1.60 m and two spread obstacles with a minimum height/spread of 1.50/1.60 m, take precedence over the requirement above to include two verticals at 1.55 m for 4\* Nations Cups, respectively two verticals of 150 m for 3\* Nations Cups, and the requirement above to include at least two spread obstacles with a minimum height/spread of 1.45/1.55 m for 3\* Nations Cups.

- 3.2. The course must include a water jump (optional in indoor arenas, where the spread may be less than indicated above). Refer to JRs Art. 211.1 and Annex VII for details relating to the construction of the water jump. Only in very exceptional circumstances and with the express permission of the FEI Secretary General it may be omitted. The measurements for the water jump given above include the take-off element.
- 3.3. No combination obstacle may require more than three jumping efforts, except in the case of permanent obstacles, banks, mounds or slopes at outdoor Events.
- 3.4. The course must include either one double and one treble combination or two doubles, or three doubles.
- 3.5. The length of the course in indoor arenas may be less than indicated above.
- 3.6. If the Ground Jury decides before the first or the second round that the course has been rendered impracticable as a result of unforeseen circumstances, it may direct that the dimensions of some obstacles be reduced or that they be moved slightly and/or that the required speed is reduced. In consultation with the Course Designer, the Ground Jury may also direct that the dimensions of some obstacles be increased for the second round, if it is deemed that the course of the first round was too easy.
4. Athletes
  - 4.1. A full Nations Cup team comprises four Athletes each riding the same Horse throughout the Competition. If an NF invited with a team cannot provide a team of four Athletes it may enter a team of three Athletes (see JRs Art. 249.1). All members of each team must take part in the first round, except as stated in paragraph 4.2 below and in paragraph 8.3 relating to a fall prior to crossing the start line.
  - 4.2. If a team, comprising four Athletes, cannot improve its placing in the first or second round after its third Athlete has completed their course, the fourth Athlete may be withdrawn.
5. Participation
 

Participation in Nations Cup Competitions is subject to the following conditions:

  - 5.1. The Athletes and Horses are chosen from the official team, declared by the Chef d'Equipe before the first Competition. The Chef d'Equipe will, on the day preceding the Nations Cup, declare the four Athletes and Horses, including their starting order within the team;

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- 5.2. When a team can only provide three Athletes and three Horses, its Chef d'Equipe must start their three Athletes and Horses;
- 5.3. Except in circumstances beyond control recognised as such by the Ground Jury, participation in this Competition is compulsory for all NFs officially represented by a team of at least three Athletes. A team that abstains or withdraws and thus fails to participate will be deprived of all prize money won during the whole Event. In addition, they will lose all right to living expenses;
- 5.4. In the event of an accident or illness to an Athlete and/or Horse, between the submission of the declaration and one hour before the start of the Competition, the Athlete and/or Horse may on production of a certificate from an officially recognised medical doctor and/or with the permission of the Veterinary Commission and after approval by the Ground Jury be replaced by another Athlete and/or Horse entered with the definite entries for the official team (see JRs Art. 253). In the event of substitution, the starting order remains unchanged.

If all NFs are permitted to enter individuals in addition to team members, substitution of an individual Athlete onto a team is permitted in the case of illness or accident where the maximum number of team members allowed to participate is four (see JRs Art. 253).

### 6. Order of starting

- 6.1. The starting order of the teams in the first round is determined by a draw in the presence of the Ground Jury and the Chefs d'Equipe. The draw will take place at a time fixed by the OC in agreement with the Ground Jury.
- 6.2. All the number ones start first in succession, then all the number twos and so on. The Chefs d'Equipe of teams comprising only three Athletes may choose in which of the three positions out of four they will start their Athletes.
- 6.3. The starting order of the teams in the second round will be in the reverse order of the total Penalties in the first round of the best three Athletes in each team. In case of equality of Penalties the teams will start in reverse order of the combined Penalties and times of their best three Athletes in the first round.
- 6.4. The Athletes in each team start in the same order as in the first round.

### 7. Number of teams and Athletes in the second round

At the discretion of the OC, the best six (minimum) to eight (maximum) teams after the first round take part in the second round with four Athletes per team, except as otherwise provided in paragraphs 4.2 and 5.2 above. If there are fewer than six teams participating in the first round, all teams, if not eliminated in the first round, may take part in the second round with four Athletes per team, respectively with three athletes if as provided in paragraphs 4.2 or 5.2 above.

Those teams equal on Penalties for sixth, seventh or eighth place (depending on the number of teams to take part in the second round) will be separated by the total times of the three best Athletes of each team in the first round (refer to paragraph 9.1 below).

The OC must indicate in the Schedule of the Event whether the home team will return for the second round as an extra team, if it is not qualified among the six to eight teams eligible to take part. The home team will only be permitted to return for the second round, if there is a difference of not more than eight Penalties between the home team and the last qualified team for the second round.

### 8. Elimination and retirement

- 8.1. If two or more Athletes of a team, participating with four Athletes in the first or second round, are eliminated or retire, the whole team is eliminated.
- 8.2. If one Athlete of a team, participating with three Athletes in the first or second round, is eliminated or retires, the whole team is eliminated.
- 8.3. Refer to JRs Art. 264.1.5 for details relating to prize money for teams eliminated in the second round.
- 8.4. If a team is qualified to take part in the second round, an Athlete eliminated or retired in the first round may start in the second round. In the event that a team qualified for the second round has an Athlete who did not take part in the first round due to a fall of the Athlete and/or Horse prior to crossing the start line, the combination is not eliminated from the first round and is listed in the results as "did not start". In such a case the Athlete must be checked by the Event's medical service (or by a medical doctor if the medical service is not available), respectively the Horse must be cleared by the Veterinary Delegate before they may be permitted to start in the second round (see JRs Art. 224.4.1). The Ground Jury reserves the right to exclude an Athlete who has fallen from participating further in the Competition and/or the Event in accordance with Article 140.2 of the FEI General Regulations. Refer to JRs Art. 264.1.5 for details relating to prize money for teams eliminated in the second round.

In case of a fall in the practice arena, the Ground Jury will give the Athlete in question a new starting position if considered necessary.

- 8.5. A team, which is qualified to take part in the second round, may only withdraw from the second round with permission of the Ground Jury. In this case the team will not receive prize money and will be placed according to its Score in the first round (see paragraph 9.1 below). It will not be replaced by another team.

### 9. Placing and classification

- 9.1. Classification of the teams not taking part in the second round is based on the total Penalties of the three best Athletes of each team in the first round. Teams with equality of Penalties are placed according to the combined Penalties and times of their best three athletes.
- 9.2. Placing of teams after the second round is decided as follows:

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The total Penalties of the best three Athletes per team in the first round are added to the total Penalties of the best three Athletes per team in the second round.

- 9.2.1. In case of equality of Penalties for the first place, there will be a jump-off in which one Athlete per team will participate. The Chef d'Equipe determines which member of their team will participate in the jump-off. Any one of the four team members, respectively three team members if applicable, may take part in the jump-off.

The jump-off takes place against the clock over a minimum of six obstacles.

In case of equality of Penalties and time after the jump-off, the teams concerned will be placed equal first.

- 9.2.2. Teams with equality of total Penalties for other places are placed according to the total Penalties of their best three Athletes in both rounds and the combined times of their best three Athletes in the second round. In case of equality of total Penalties and combined times in the second round, the teams concerned will be separated by the combined times of their three best Athletes in the first round.

### 10. Nations Cup at other Events

- 10.1. If a Nations Cup is organised at other Events, such as CSIOY, CSIOJ, CSIOCh or CSIOP, the provisions mentioned under paragraphs 1-9 above apply where indicated otherwise below.

For the dimensions of the obstacles and other specifications for the course, those established in the relevant FEI Rules and Regulations are applicable. Refer to JRs Annex IX, Annex XI and Annex XII.

- 10.2. The Nations Cup at CSIOCh and CSIOP Events is judged under Table A not against the clock with a time allowed in both rounds. (For CSIOY and CSIOJ as per paragraph 1.7 above.)

- 10.3. For all CSIOY and CSIOJ, the classification of teams not taking part in the second round is according to paragraph 9.1 above. The placing of teams after the second round is according to paragraph 9.2 (first sentence) above. For all CSIOCh and CSIOP the classification of teams not taking part in the second round is based on the total Penalties of the three best Athletes of each team in the first round. Teams with equality of Penalties are placed equal. The starting order of teams in the second round will be in the reverse order of the total Penalties in the first round of the best three Athletes in each team. In case of equality of Penalties the teams will retain the same starting order as in the first round. Placing of teams after the second round is according to paragraph 9.2 (first sentence) above.

However, for all CSIOY, CSIOJ, CSIOCh and CSIOP, in case of equality of Penalties for the first place, there will be a jump-off in which all team Athletes may take part. The jump-off takes place against the clock over a minimum of six obstacles.

- 10.3.1. The Score in this jump-off is obtained by adding the Penalties incurred by the three best Athletes in each team, but in the event of further equality of Penalties, the times of these three Athletes in the jump-off added together will decide the winning team.

- 10.3.2. For CSIOY and CSIOJ teams with equality of total Penalties for other places are placed as per paragraph 9.2.2 above. For CSIOCh and CSIOP teams with equality of total Penalties for other places are placed equal.

## ARTICLE 265 SPONSOR TEAM AND OTHER TEAM COMPETITIONS

### 1. Sponsor Team Competitions

A Sponsor Team Competition must consist of three or four Athletes and be run according to the provisions set forth in the Schedule. Sponsor Team Competitions may not be arranged at CSIOs or CSI-W Events or Championships. Sponsor Team Competitions may never be called Nations Cup Competition or be run according to any Nations Cup formula.

Sponsor Team Competitions can be arranged either as separate Competitions or within a Competition also with an individual classification. Team Athletes participating in this type of Competition must be listed in the starting list for this Competition only by name and team rather than by name and NF. In order to take part in FEI Events Sponsor Teams must be registered with the FEI in accordance with the following provisions:

Corporations or organisations with the exception of political or religious organisations may sponsor a team consisting of minimum three Athletes to participate in special Sponsor Team Competitions or in Competitions with an individual classification. Each member of a sponsored team must have a written commercial agreement with the corporation or organisation under whose name said team competes.

The details according to which the Sponsor Team Competition is to be run will be provided in the Schedule.

Team Athletes participating in this type of Competition must be listed for the Sponsor Team Competition only by name and team, any reference to their NF being omitted.

Sponsor Teams are allowed to participate in any international Competition only if they are registered with the FEI and have paid the annual registration fee, which, for a team including up to four Athletes is ten thousand Swiss Francs (CHF 10,000).

For each additional Athlete per team a fee of one thousand Swiss Francs (CHF 1000) per year is payable. In the above amount protection of Sponsored Team jacket is included.

### 2. Other Team Competitions

Other Competitions for teams may be organised, according to the conditions in the Schedule. However, they may never be called Nations Cup Competition or Sponsor Team Competition. There can be no reference to representation of a nation.

## ARTICLE 266 FAULT-AND-OUT COMPETITION

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1. This Competition takes place against the clock over medium sized obstacles each with its own number. Combination obstacles are not allowed. The round finishes at the first Fault committed of whatever nature (obstacle knocked down, any Disobedience, fall, etc.).

When an obstacle is knocked down or when the fixed time is reached, the bell is rung. The Athlete must then jump the next obstacle and the clock is stopped at the moment when the Horse's forefeet touch the ground, but no points are given for the obstacle jumped after the bell has rung.
2. In this Competition bonus points are awarded: two points for an obstacle jumped correctly and one point for an obstacle knocked down.
3. When the Fault, which ends the round, is other than a knock down, such as a Disobedience or when the Athlete does not jump the obstacle over which the clock must be stopped, the bell is rung. The Athlete is then placed last of those who have obtained the same number of points. The penalty relating to a fall is elimination (see JRs Art. 241.3.25).
4. The winner of the Competition is the Athlete who obtains the greatest number of points. In the event of equality, the Athletes' times are taken into consideration and the Athlete with the fastest time will be declared the winner.
5. A Fault-and-Out Competition may be organised in two ways:
  - 5.1. Over a set number of obstacles:

When the Competition takes place over a maximum number of obstacles and the Athlete has jumped the last obstacle, the clock is stopped at the moment when the Athlete crosses the finishing line.

In the event of equality of points and time for first place only, there must be a Fault-and-Out jump-off over a limited number of obstacles.
  - 5.2. With a fixed time of 60 to 90 seconds (45 in indoor arenas):

The Athlete takes the greatest number of obstacles in the fixed time and restarts the course if the fixed time has not yet been reached.

If the fixed time is reached at the moment when the Horse is already taking off this obstacle counts whether it is knocked down or not. Time is taken at the following obstacle, at the moment when the Horse's forefeet touch the ground on landing. If there is an equality of Penalties and time, Athletes are placed equal.

### **ARTICLE 267 HIT-AND-HURRY COMPETITION**

1. In this Competition, instead of being eliminated at the first Fault, the Athlete gets two points for an obstacle correctly jumped and one point for an obstacle knocked down. Combination obstacles are not allowed.
2. This Competition takes place with a fixed time of 60 to 90 seconds (45 seconds indoors). Disobediences are penalised by the time lost by the Athlete, but two Disobediences or a fall incurs elimination of the Athlete.
3. The winner of the Competition will be the Athlete who at the end of the fixed time has acquired the greatest number of points in the fastest time.
4. When the fixed time is reached, the bell is rung. The Athlete must then jump the next obstacle and the clock is stopped at the moment when the Horse's forefeet reach the ground, but the Athlete is given no points for the obstacle jumped after the bell has rung.
5. If the fixed time is reached at the moment when the Horse is already taking off, this obstacle, whether it is knocked down or not, counts. The Athlete's time is taken at the next obstacle as in paragraph 4.

If an Athlete has a Disobedience and displaces or knocks down an obstacle, the fixed time must be decreased by six seconds and the bell must be rung accordingly.
6. When the Athlete does not jump at the first attempt the obstacle at which the clock should be stopped, the round is ended. The Athlete is then placed last of those who have obtained the same number of points.

### **ARTICLE 268 RELAY COMPETITIONS**

1. General
  - 1.1. These Competitions are for teams of two or three Athletes. The team members enter the arena together.
  - 1.2. The course shown on the plan must be completed consecutively according to the number of team members.
  - 1.3. The Athlete going through the starting line must jump the first obstacle and the Athlete jumping the last obstacle must also cross the finishing line in order to stop the clock. If an Athlete crosses the finishing line after another Athlete has jumped the penultimate obstacle, the team is eliminated.
  - 1.4. The time of the round is taken from the moment when the first Athlete crosses the starting line until the last member of the team passes the finishing line.
  - 1.5. The time allowed is based on the speed for the Competition and the length of the course multiplied by the number of team members.
  - 1.6. If, during the round, Disobediences with knock down are committed, the time corrections must be added to the time taken to complete the round (see JRs Art. 232).

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- 1.7. The Elimination of a team member incurs the Elimination of the whole team.
- 1.8. The second Disobedience by any team member or a fall by an Athlete/Horse eliminates the whole team.
- 1.9. The team is eliminated if, in changing over, the Athlete takes off to jump an obstacle before the forefeet of the Horse of their team member have reached the ground.
2. Relay Competitions are run as follows:
  - 2.1. Normal Relays
    - 2.1.1. In these Competitions the first Athlete jumps their round and having taken the last obstacle the next Athlete starts their round and so on.
    - 2.1.2. As soon as the Horses' forefeet of their team member jumping the last obstacle have reached the ground, the next Athlete may jump their first obstacle.
    - 2.1.3. These Competitions are run under Table C.
  - 2.2. Fault-and-Out Relays

Fault-and-Out Relays take place according to the provisions set forth for the Fault-and-Out Competition under JRs Art. 266 either over a maximum number of obstacles to be jumped by the whole team or with a fixed total time during which the whole team must jump the greatest number of obstacles.

    - 2.2.1. Over a maximum number of obstacles
      - 2.2.1.1. The change-over, indicated by a sound of the bell, is compulsory when each Athlete has completed their round or when an Athlete commits a Fault, except at the last obstacle. Their team member must then take over respectively at the first obstacle or at the next obstacle where a knockdown has occurred or at the obstacle where Disobedience has been committed.
      - 2.2.1.2. If the last team member has completed their round with no Penalty or if the Athlete knocks down the last obstacle of the course, their round ends at the finishing line and the clock must be stopped at this moment.
      - 2.2.1.3. When the last Athlete knocks down an obstacle of the course, other than the last one, the bell is rung and the Athlete must then jump the next obstacle to allow their time to be recorded. When this Athlete, for any other reason, does not jump the obstacle at which the clock must be stopped, the whole team is placed last of those who have obtained the same number of points and have their time recorded.
      - 2.2.1.4. In this Competition bonus points are awarded: two points for an obstacle jumped correctly and one point for an obstacle knocked down. One point is deducted for the first Disobedience, two points for the following Disobedience committed by each of the second or the third team member depending on the number of Athletes in the team. One point is deducted for each commenced second exceeding the time allowed.
      - 2.2.1.5. The classification is reached according to the highest number of points obtained by the team and the fastest time.
    - 2.2.2. With a fixed total time
      - 2.2.2.1. In this case, the above provisions under paragraphs 2.2.1.1, 2.2.1.3, 2.2.1.4. and 2.2.1.5. must be applied.
      - 2.2.2.2. Each team has 45 (minimum) to 90 (maximum) seconds multiplied by the number of team members.
      - 2.2.2.3. The team takes the greatest number of obstacles in the fixed time and the first team member restarts the course if the fixed time has not yet been reached.
      - 2.2.2.4. If the last Athlete knocks down the last obstacle of their round, they must jump the first obstacle of the course to allow the time to be recorded.
      - 2.2.2.5. If, during the round a Disobedience with a knock down is committed, the six seconds time correction is deducted from the fixed time.
  - 2.3. Fault-and-Out Successive Relays

These Competitions take place according to the same rules as for the Fault-and-Out Relays over a maximum number of obstacles. However, the Athletes take over from each other after each Fault until the course has been completed by as many times as the number of members in each team.
  - 2.4. Fault-and-Out Optional Relays
    - 2.4.1. In these Competitions the Athletes may take over as they like in the Competition but a change-over is compulsory, indicated by a sound of the bell, when each Athlete has completed their course or at the point where a Fault is committed.
    - 2.4.2. Optional relays are run under Table C.



## **ARTICLE 269 ACCUMULATOR COMPETITION**

1. This Competition takes place over six, eight or ten obstacles with an increasing difficulty. Combination obstacles are not allowed. The increasing difficulty is not solely due to the height and spread of the obstacles, but also to the difficulty of the track.
2. Bonus points are awarded as follows: one point for obstacle number one not knocked down, two points for number two, three points for number three, etc. with a total of 21, 36 or 55 points. No point is awarded for an obstacle knocked down. Faults other than knock-downs are penalised as for Table A.
3. This Competition may take place either with the first round against the clock without a jump-off, or against the clock or not against the clock with a jump-off in case of equality of points for first place following the initial round. In case of a jump-off there will be a minimum of six obstacles, which may be increased in height and/or spread. The obstacles in the jump-off must be jumped in the same order as in the first round and retain their respective points allotted in the first round.
4. If the Competition takes place not against the clock with a jump-off, Athletes not qualified for the jump-off are placed according to their points obtained in the first round, disregarding the time. If the Competition takes place with the first round against the clock and a jump-off, Athletes not qualified for the jump-off are placed according to Penalties and time obtained in the first round.
5. For the last obstacle of the course, an alternative obstacle may be provided, of which one element may be designated the Joker. The Joker must be more difficult than the alternative obstacle and carry double points. If the Joker is knocked down, these points must be deducted from the total points obtained so far by the Athlete. At the discretion of the Course Designer, two Jokers may be included instead of one as alternatives to the last obstacle jumped. In this case, the first Joker will carry 150% of the points of the last obstacle on the course; the second Joker must be more difficult than the first Joker and will carry 200% of the points of the last obstacle on the course. The Athlete may jump one of the two Jokers as an alternative to the last obstacle. If the Joker is correctly jumped, the Athlete earns 150%, respectively 200%, of the points of the last obstacle on the course. If the Joker is knocked down (JRs Art. 217.1), 150%, respectively 200%, of the points of the last obstacle of the course must be deducted from the total points obtained so far by the Athlete.

## **ARTICLE 270 TOP SCORE COMPETITION**

1. In this Competition, a certain number of obstacles are set up in the arena. Each obstacle carries from ten to 120 points according to its difficulty. Combination obstacles are not allowed.
2. The obstacles must be built so that they can be jumped in both directions.
3. The points allocated to the obstacles may be repeated at the discretion of the Course Designer. If it is not possible to place 12 obstacles in the arena, it is up to them to delete the obstacles they wish.
4. The Athlete is credited with the number of points carried by each obstacle that they jump correctly. No points are awarded for an obstacle that is knocked down.
5. A fixed time of 45 seconds (minimum) to 90 seconds (maximum) is allocated in this Competition. During this time, the Athlete may jump any of the obstacles they wish in any order and in any direction. The Athlete may cross the starting line in either direction. (The starting line must be provided with four flags - there must be a red and a white flag at each end of the line.) During their round, the Athlete is permitted to cross the starting and finishing lines in either direction, as often as they wish.
6. The bell is rung to declare the end of the fixed time during which points may be obtained. The Athlete must then cross the finishing line in one direction or the other in order for their time to be recorded; if they do not cross the finish line they are eliminated. The finishing line must be provided with four flags - there must be a red and a white flag at each end of the line.
7. If the fixed time is reached at the moment when the Horse is already taking off at an obstacle, this obstacle is included in the Athlete's Score if it is jumped correctly.
8. Any obstacle knocked down during a round will not be rebuilt; if it is jumped again, no points will be credited to the Athlete. The same applies for knocking down an obstacle as a result of a Disobedience or for displacing a lower part of an obstacle, which is positioned in the same vertical plane as the highest part. In the case of a Disobedience without a knock-down, the Athlete may jump that obstacle or continue to another obstacle.
9. Each obstacle may be jumped twice. The act, voluntarily or not, of jumping an obstacle for the third time or of passing between the flags of an obstacle already knocked down does not incur Elimination. However, the Athlete does not score the points allotted to this obstacle.
10. All Disobediences are penalised by the time lost by the Athlete. A fall of Horse or Athlete is penalised by Elimination (see JRs Art. 241.3.25).
11. The Athlete who has obtained the highest number of points will be declared the winner. In the event of equality of points, the fastest time taken between the start of the fixed time and the crossing of the finishing line after the bell has been rung will decide. In the event of equality of points and time for first place, there will be a jump-off according to the same formula with a fixed time of 40 seconds, provided that this is mentioned in the Schedule (see JRs Art. 245.6). If not mentioned, the Athletes with equal points and time will share the prize.
12. Joker:

An obstacle may be provided as part of the course, duly marked by flags and called "Joker". The Joker may be jumped twice; 200 points are awarded each time this obstacle is jumped correctly, but if it is knocked down, 200 points must be deducted from the total points obtained so far by the Athlete.

## **ARTICLE 271 TAKE-YOUR-OWN-LINE COMPETITION**

1. In this Competition the obstacles may be jumped only once in the order chosen by the Athlete. Any Athlete who does not jump all the obstacles is eliminated. Combination obstacles are not allowed.
2. Athletes may cross the starting line and finishing line in either direction. The lines must be provided with four flags; a red and a white flag at each end of these lines.  
Obstacles may be jumped in either direction, unless otherwise directed on the course plan.
3. This Competition takes place without a laid down speed, under Table C.
4. If the Athlete has not completed their course within 120 seconds after the time of their round has started, they will be eliminated.
5. All Disobediences are penalised by the time lost by the Athlete. For the penalty relating to falls, see Art. 241.3.25.
6. If there is a Refusal or Run-out with a knock-down or displacement of the obstacle, the Athlete may only restart their round when the obstacle knocked down or displaced has been replaced and when the Ground Jury gives them the signal to start.  
The Athlete may then jump the obstacle of their choice. In this case six seconds for time correction (see JRs Art. 232) will be added to the time of the round.

## **ARTICLE 272 KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION**

1. This Competition takes place by pairs of Athletes against each other. The Athletes must have qualified as a result of a separate Competition in the programme or of a preliminary qualifying round, either judged under Table A against the clock, or under Table C.
2. The two Athletes will compete against each other simultaneously over two identical courses. Combination obstacles are not allowed.  
If one Athlete enters the other Athlete's course and as a result interferes with that Athlete, the Athlete responsible for the interference will be eliminated.
3. The winners of each eliminating round are qualified to compete in groups of two in the next eliminating round and so on until the two finalists meet each other to decide the winner of the Competition.
4. In this Competition, each Athlete may only ride one Horse in the eliminating rounds, chosen from their Horses, which have qualified in the preliminary qualifying round or the qualifying Competition. If an Athlete finds that their opponent has withdrawn from any round, the Athlete remaining in the Competition gets the benefit of a walkover and will start in the next round.
5. If there are Athletes placed equal for the last place in the qualifying Competition or in the preliminary qualifying round, there must be a jump-off against the clock.
6. The eliminating rounds, in which two Athletes take part, are run without time if judged under Table A. Each Fault made of whatever nature (knock down, Refusal, run out) is penalized by one point. Notwithstanding the above, in the case of a Refusal with or without a knock-down the Athlete will continue their round without jumping that obstacle or waiting until it has been rebuilt. If the round is judged under table A the Athlete is penalized by one point. An Athlete passing an obstacle without attempting to jump it will be eliminated. If the Competition is run under table C, three seconds will be added to their time in this case.  
Any infringement of the provisions of JRs Art. 241 incurs Elimination from the Competition.
7. If the Competition is run under table C, each Fault is penalised by three seconds.
8. The Athlete who gets the least number of points and who in the event of equality of points has passed the finishing line first will be qualified for the next round and so on until the two finalists meet to decide the winner. Athletes defeated in the corresponding rounds are placed equal.
9. A member of the Ground Jury must be stationed at the starting line to give the starting signal and another at the finishing line to decide which Athlete crosses this line first.
10. If, at the end of the eliminating round, there is a dead heat between two Athletes, the round must be started again.
11. If the Competition is run under table C, there must be an independent time-keeping installation for each Athlete.
12. The starting order in the eliminating rounds will be decided according to the table printed in JRs Annex III (16 or eight - according to the conditions of the Schedule).

## **ARTICLE 273 COMPETITION OVER TWO ROUNDS**

1. This Competition comprises, with the same speed, two courses, identical or different, either in track or in number of obstacles or in the dimensions of the obstacles. Each Athlete must participate with the same Horse. Athletes, who have been eliminated or who have retired during the first round, may not take part in the second round and may not be placed.
2. All the Athletes have to take part in the first round. The following go forward to the second round according to the conditions of the Schedule:
  - 2.1. either all Athletes; or

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- 2.2. a limited number of Athletes (either a percentage or a set number of Athletes, in any case at least 25%) return for the second round in accordance with their placing in the first round (Penalties and time or Penalties only, according to the conditions of the Schedule); the exact percentage or number of Athletes to return for the second round is to be mentioned in the Schedule.
- 2.2.1. If the first round is not against the clock, all Athletes tied on Penalties for first place, plus any Athletes tied on Penalties for the last qualification place, return for the second round even if this is not mentioned in the Schedule.
- 2.2.2. If the first round is against the clock, the OC may select either of the following options (the OC must indicate in the Schedule which option will be used):
- (i) at least 25% or a set number of Athletes, the exact percentage or number to be mentioned in the Schedule, return for the second round based on their Penalties and time in the first round; or,
- (ii) at least 25% or a set number of Athletes, the exact percentage or number to be mentioned in the Schedule, return for the second round, based on their penalties and time in the first round; in any case all Athletes without penalties in the first round, return for the second round.
3. The manner of judging this Competition must be specified in the Schedule in accordance with one of the following formulas:

First Round		Second Round		Jump-Off
<u>Table A</u>	<u>Table A</u>	<u>Starting order</u>		<u>Starting order</u>
3.1. Against the clock	Not against the clock	Reverse order of penalties and time in the 1 <sup>st</sup> round; Athletes retain their drawn order in case of equality of penalties and time		Same as 2 <sup>nd</sup> round
3.2. Not against the clock	Not against the clock	Reverse order of penalties in the 1 <sup>st</sup> round; Athletes retain their drawn order in case of equality of penalties		Same as 2 <sup>nd</sup> round
3.3.1. Against the clock	Against the clock	Reverse order of penalties and time in the 1 <sup>st</sup> round; Athletes retain their drawn order in case of equality of penalties and time		No jump-off
3.3.2. Not against the clock	Against the clock	Reverse order of penalties in the 1 <sup>st</sup> round; Athletes retain their drawn order in case of equality of penalties		No jump-off
3.4.1. Against the clock	Against the clock	Reverse order of penalties and time in the 1 <sup>st</sup> round; Athletes retain their drawn order in case of equality of penalties and time		Same as 2 <sup>nd</sup> round
3.4.2. Not against the clock	Against the clock	Reverse order of penalties in the 1 <sup>st</sup> round; Athletes retain their drawn order in case of equality of penalties		Same as 2 <sup>nd</sup> round

4. Classification
- 4.1. The classification will be established according to the Penalties and time in the jump-off. Classification of Athletes not qualified for the jump-off will be according to aggregate Penalties over both rounds and the time incurred in the first round.
- 4.2. The classification will be established according to the Penalties and time in the jump-off. Classification of Athletes not qualified for the jump-off will be according to aggregate Penalties over both rounds.
- 4.3. The classification will be established according to aggregate Penalties over both rounds and the time incurred in the second round. Classification of Athletes not qualified for the second round will be according to the Penalties incurred in the first round (if the first round is not against the clock) or according to Penalties and time in the first round (if the first round is against the clock).
- 4.4. The classification will be established according to the Penalties and time in the jump-off. Classification of Athletes not qualified for the jump-off will be according to aggregate Penalties over both rounds and the time incurred in the second round. Classification of Athletes not qualified for the second round will be according to Penalties and time in the first round (if the first round is against the clock) or according to Penalties in the first round (if the first round is not against the clock).

## ARTICLE 274 COMPETITION IN TWO PHASES

1. Normal Competition in Two-Phases
- 1.1 Competition comprises two phases run without interruption, each at an identical or different speed, the finishing line for the first phase being identical with the starting line for the second phase.
- 1.2 The first phase is a course of seven to nine obstacles with or without combinations. The second phase takes place over four to six obstacles, which may include one combination.
- 1.3 Athletes penalised in the first phase are halted by ringing the bell after they have jumped the last obstacle or when the time allowed for the first phase has been exceeded, after crossing the finishing line of the first phase. They must stop after crossing the first finishing line.
- 1.4 Athletes not penalised in the first phase continue the course, which finishes, after crossing the second finishing line.
- 1.5 The manner of judging this Competition must be specified in the Schedule in accordance with one of the following formulas:

First phase	Second phase	Placing
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1.5.1. Table A Not against the clock	Table A Not against the clock	According to the penalties in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase. Athletes who do not qualify for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase are placed according to the penalties in the 1 <sup>st</sup> Phase.
1.5.2. Table A Not against the clock	Table A Against the clock	According to the penalties and time in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase. Athletes who do not qualify for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase are placed according to the penalties in the 1 <sup>st</sup> Phase.
1.5.3. Table A Against the clock	Table A Against the clock	According to the penalties and time in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase. Athletes who do not qualify for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase are placed according to the penalties and time in the 1 <sup>st</sup> Phase.
1.5.4. Table A Not against the clock	Table C	According to the total time (Table C) of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase. Athletes who do not qualify for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase are placed according to the penalties in the 1 <sup>st</sup> Phase.
1.5.5. Table A Against the clock	Table C	According to the total time (Table C) of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase. Athletes who do not qualify for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase are placed according to the penalties and time in the 1 <sup>st</sup> Phase.

- 1.6 Athletes stopped after the first phase may only be placed after Athletes who have taken part in both phases. Athletes who are eliminated or who retire in the second phase will be placed equal last after all Athletes who completed the second phase.
- 1.7 In the event of equality for first place, the tied Athletes will be placed equal first.
- 1.8 In order to fulfil the eligibility requirement for Horses taking part in the Grand Prix (see JRs Art. 261.4.4), it is sufficient to complete the first phase of Competitions conducted according to any of the formulas listed in Art. 274.1.5.1 – 274.1.5.5.

2. Special Two-Phase Competition

- 2.1 This Competition comprises two phases run without interruption, each at an identical or different speed, the finishing line for the first phase being identical with the starting line for the second phase.
- 2.2 The first phase is a course of five to seven obstacles with or without combinations. The total number of obstacles in both phases is a minimum of 11 and maximum of 13 obstacles. The second phase may include one combination.
- 2.3 Athletes completing the first phase may continue in the second phase.
- 2.4 The second phase finishes after crossing its finishing line.
- 2.5 This Competition must be judged in accordance with the following formula:

First phase	Second phase	Placing
Table A not against the clock Minimum 5 - Maximum 7 obstacles	Table A Against the clock Remaining obstacles (Total of minimum 11 and maximum 13 obstacles in both phases)	According to the aggregate penalties in both phases (faults on obstacles and penalties for exceeding the time allowed in both phases) and, if necessary, according to the time of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> phase.

- 2.6 Athletes who are eliminated or retire from either the first or second phase will not be placed.
- 2.7 In the event of equality for first place, the tied Athletes will be placed equal first.
- 2.8 In order to fulfil the eligibility requirement for Horses taking part in the Grand Prix (see JRs Art. 261.4.4), both phases of Competitions conducted according to Art. 274.2.5 must be completed.

## ARTICLE 275 COMPETITION IN GROUPS WITH WINNING ROUND

1. In this Competition the Athletes are divided into groups. They can either be divided by draw, according to the results of a qualifying Competition or according to a recent Jumping Ranking, to be specified in the Schedule.
2. The way, in which the Athletes are divided among the groups, and how the starting order within the groups is determined, must be specified in the Schedule.
3. First all Athletes in the first group start, then all Athletes in the second group and so on.
4. The best Athlete of each group qualifies for the winning round.
5. The OC may stipulate in the Schedule that a limited number of Athletes, who have not obtained the best result in their group, but who are the next best of all Athletes, also qualify for the winning round.
6. All Athletes in the winning round start with zero Penalties.
7. Athletes in the winning round will retain their starting order of the first round or, if so stipulated in the Schedule, they will start in reverse order of the results (Penalties and time) in the first round.
8. The first round and the winning round are judged under Table A against the clock.
9. This Competition may not be used for the Grand Prix or for the Competition with the highest prize money or as a qualifying Competition for another Competition.

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10. All Athletes participating in the winning round must receive prize money.
11. If an Athlete qualified for the winning round does not start in this round, they will not be replaced.

### **ARTICLE 276      COMPETITION WITH WINNING ROUND**

1. Competition with two rounds and winning round
  - 1.1. In this Competition the best 16 Athletes of the first round qualify for the second round, in which they start in reverse order of the results (Penalties and time) of the first round.
  - 1.2. The best eight Athletes according to the total Penalties and time of both rounds or of the second round only, participate in the winning round.
  - 1.3. The course of the second round may be different from that of the first round.
  - 1.4. The course of the winning round must be a shortened course over obstacles of the first and/or second round.
  - 1.5. The starting order in the winning round is in reverse order of total Penalties and time over both rounds or of the second round only, according to the conditions of the Schedule.
  - 1.6. In the winning round all Athletes start with zero Penalties.
  - 1.7. All three rounds are judged under Table A against the clock. For exceeding the time allowed in the winning round Athletes are penalised with one Penalty point for every second commenced.
  - 1.8. This Competition may not be used for the Grand Prix or for the Competition with the highest prize money.
  - 1.9. If an Athlete qualified for the winning round does not start in this round, they will not be replaced.
  - 1.10. Refer to JRs Art. 247.1 and 247.2 for details on classification of Athletes who withdraw from the winning round or who are eliminated or who retire in the winning round.
2. Competition with one round and winning round (winning round: Athletes start with zero Penalties)
  - 2.1. In this Competition at least 25% and a minimum of ten Athletes of the first round qualify for the winning round, in which they start in reverse order of the results (Penalties and time) of the first round. The following Athletes qualify for the winning round according to the conditions of the Schedule:
    - (i) at least 25% or a set number of Athletes, in any case a minimum of ten Athletes, qualify for the winning round based on their Penalties and time in the first round; or,
    - (ii) at least 25% or a set number of Athletes, in any case a minimum of ten Athletes, qualify for the winning round, based on their penalties and time in the first round, and in any case all Athletes without penalties in the first round, qualify for the winning round.

The exact percentage or number of Athletes to return for the winning round must be indicated in the Schedule.
  - 2.2. In the winning round all Athletes start with zero Penalties
  - 2.3. Both rounds are judged under Table A against the clock. For exceeding the time allowed in the winning round Athletes are penalised with one Penalty point for every four seconds commenced.
  - 2.4. This Competition may not be used for the Grand Prix or for the Competition with the highest prize money.
  - 2.5. If an Athlete qualified for the winning round does not start in this round, they will not be replaced.
  - 2.6. Refer to JRs Art. 247.1 and 247.2 for details on classification of Athletes who withdraw from the winning round or who are eliminated or who retire in the winning round.

### **ARTICLE 277      DERBY**

1. A Derby Competition takes place over a distance of at least 1000 m and not more than 1300 m over a course comprising at least 50% of the efforts over natural obstacles and must be run in one round only and with one jump-off if so stipulated in the Schedule.
2. It may be judged under Table A or Table C. If judged under table C there is no time allowed just a time limit. The time limit may be increased at the discretion of the Ground Jury if the length of the course exceeds the requirements for establishing the time limit as set forth in JRs Art. 239.3.
3. Even if this Competition carries the best prize money of the show, each Athlete is allowed to ride a maximum of three Horses according to the conditions of the Schedule.

### **ARTICLE 278      COMPETITION OVER COMBINATIONS**

1. The course must consist of six obstacles; a single obstacle as first obstacle and five combinations. At least one obstacle must be a treble combination.
2. The Competition may be judged under Table A or Table C.
3. If there is a jump-off, according to the conditions of the Schedule, the jump-off course must comprise six obstacles. It must include a double, a treble and four single obstacles, or three doubles and three singles. To achieve this, some elements of the combination obstacles for the first round must be removed.

4. The provisions of JRs Art. 204.5 do not apply to this Competition. However, the length of the course may not exceed 600 m.

## **ARTICLE 279      EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS WITH BORROWED HORSES**

International Events or Competitions may be organised with Horses borrowed by the host NF with the approval of the FEI Secretary General.

In such cases, the following conditions apply:

1. The OC will make available the necessary number of Horses (maximum three per Athlete).
2. At least 24 hours before the start of the first Competition a fair draw of the borrowed Horses for each team or individual Athletes has to take place. Unless otherwise stated in the Schedule and approved by the FEI Secretary General the Horses for the host NF will be drawn first.
3. The draw must take place in front of the Chefs d'Equipe or a representative of each team, the Athletes, the President or a Member of the Ground Jury and the President of the Veterinary Commission or the Veterinary Delegate. The Horses must be present and properly identified and must wear the bridle normally used. This same bridle must be used throughout the whole Event unless the permission to change is given by the owner.
4. The OC should provide a reasonable number of reserve Horses to be used in case any Horse is found incapacitated by the Veterinary Delegate or in case of apparent complete incompatibility between one of the Athletes and their Horse, as stated by the Ground Jury.
5. The Schedule must establish clearly the conditions under which the Horses are borrowed and drawn and the Competitions are run. If alterations to the conditions under paragraphs 1 to 4 are foreseen, they have to be approved by the FEI Secretary General.
6. FEI passports shall not be required, provided that only national Horses take part, which can be positively identified with a document accepted by the FEI.

## **CHAPTER XIII VETERINARY INSPECTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS, MEDICATION CONTROL AND PASSPORTS OF HORSES**

### **ARTICLE 280 VETERINARY EXAMINATIONS, HORSE INSPECTIONS AND PASSPORT CONTROL**

The Horse Inspections, Veterinary Examinations and Passport Control must be conducted in accordance with the VRs Art. 1001, 1030 and 1032 and as set forth below. Refer also to VRs Art. 1034 to 1042 for details on Horse Inspections.

#### **1. Examination on arrival and Passport Control**

The Examination and Passport Control must be conducted in accordance with VRs Art. 1030 – 1032.

For any significant passport irregularities see VRs Art. 1033.

NB: When verifying the details in the passport, the age of the Horse must be checked, if the Event or any Competition is limited to Horses of a specific age.

#### **2. Horse Inspection**

2.1. This must be carried out not later than the afternoon of the day preceding the first Competition. Chefs d'Equipe and/or Persons Responsible should arrange a specific time for their Horses to be inspected within the time specified in the programme. This should be available and ready at the Secretary's Office at least two days before the first Competition, to avoid unnecessary delay for all concerned.

2.1.1. Where circumstances warrant, the Ground Jury, in consultation with the Veterinary Delegate, may at its discretion allow another Horse Inspection to be held at a later time for Horses that could not be present at the first Horse Inspection due to exceptional, unforeseen circumstances.

2.2. At FEI World Cup™ Finals, World Championships and Continental Championships for all Categories and Olympic Games, a second Horse Inspection will be scheduled prior to the start of the Individual Final Competition.

2.3. Each Horse must be presented in either a snaffle or double bridle. Any other harness or equipment, i.e. rugs, bandages, etc. must be removed. No exception to this can be allowed.

2.4. No Horse may be presented with its identity concealed in any manner by the application of paint or dye.

2.5. Chefs d'Equipe must be present with their team Horses in addition to their grooms and/or their Athletes.

2.6. Persons Responsible (Athletes) must be present with individual Horses, in addition to their grooms.

2.7. At FEI World Cup™ Finals, FEI Nations Cup™ Finals, Championships and Games, Athletes must present their own Horse(s) at the Horse inspection. The President of the Ground Jury may relax this rule for an Athlete if requested to do so by the Chef d'Equipe or the Athlete.

2.8. It is emphasised that this is not a detailed veterinary examination (see also VRs Art. 1038) and it should be completed as quickly as possible.

#### **3. Ground Jury and Veterinary Commission Liaison**

3.1. Selection of Horses to be sampled for EADCM testing (see VRs Art. 1068 – 1069)

3.2. At FEI World Cup™ Finals, FEI Nations Cup™ Finals, World and Senior Continental Championships and Olympic Games, sufficient Horses must normally be sampled to ensure that the following samples are available for analysis:

3.2.1. in all Final Competitions for Individuals, the first three placed Horses;

3.2.2. in Final Jumping Competitions for Teams, one Horse from among all the Horses in each of the first three placed teams;

### **ARTICLE 281 MEDICATION CONTROL OF HORSES**

The Medication Control of Horses must be conducted in accordance with the GRs and the VRs, the Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations and any other applicable FEI Rules or Regulations.

### **ARTICLE 282 PASSPORTS AND IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS OF HORSES**

1. Passport requirements for Horses (see GRs Art. 137 and VRs Art. 1001, 1032, and 1033).

2. Each Horse keeps the same identification number provided by the OC on arrival, throughout the Event.

It is compulsory that the Horse always wears this number whenever it leaves the stables, so that it may be identified by all officials including the Stewards. Failure to display this identification number clearly will first incur a warning and, in the case of repeated offences, a fine imposed on the Athlete by the Ground Jury (see JRs Art. 240.2.8).

**ANNEX I FEI BADGES OF HONOUR**

1. FEI Badges of Honour for Jumping will be awarded to those Athletes who have completed the first round of a Nations Cup Competition at a CSIO for Seniors, the team and/or individual Competition at the Olympic Games and the World and Senior Continental team and/or individual Championships for Seniors, without retiring or being eliminated on the following scale:
  - (i) A Gold Badge for completing the first round of 40 Nations Cup Competitions.
  - (ii) A Silver Badge for completing the first round of 20 Nations Cup Competitions.
  - (iii) A Bronze Badge for completing the first round of 10 Nations Cup Competitions.
2. Completing first round of any of the Competitions below counts as five Nations Cup Competitions:
  - (i) the team or individual Final Competition at the Olympic Games.
  - (ii) the team or individual Final Competition at the World Championship.
  - (iii) the team or individual Final Competition at the Continental Championship.
  - (iv) the team or individual Final Competition at the Pan-American Games
  - (v) the team or individual Final Competition at the Asian Games
3. Refer to GRs Art. 132 for details on the privileges awarded to those who have earned an FEI Badge of Honour.



**ANNEX II CALCULATION OF TIME ALLOWED****Speed : 300m/minute**

Tens	m	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
Units											
Hundreds	<b>1</b>	20"	22"	24"	26"	28"	30"	32"	34"	36"	38"
	<b>2</b>	40"	42"	44"	46"	48"	50"	52"	54"	56"	58"
	<b>3</b>	60"	62"	64"	66"	68"	70"	72"	74"	76"	78"
	<b>4</b>	80"	82"	84"	86"	88"	90"	92"	94"	96"	98"
	<b>5</b>	100"	102"	104"	106"	108"	110"	112"	114"	116"	118"
	<b>6</b>	120"	122"	124"	126"	128"	130"	132"	134"	136"	138"
	<b>7</b>	140"	142"	144"	146"	148"	150"	152"	154"	156"	158"
	<b>8</b>	160"	162"	164"	166"	168"	170"	172"	174"	176"	178"
	<b>9</b>	180"	182"	184"	186"	188"	190"	192"	194"	196"	198"

**Speed : 325m/minute**

Tens	m	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
Units											
Hundreds	<b>1</b>	19"	21"	23"	24"	26"	28"	30"	32"	34"	36"
	<b>2</b>	37"	39"	41"	43"	45"	47"	48"	50"	52"	54"
	<b>3</b>	56"	58"	60"	61"	63"	65"	67"	69"	71"	72"
	<b>4</b>	74"	76"	78"	80"	82"	84"	85"	87"	89"	91"
	<b>5</b>	93"	95"	96"	98"	100"	102"	104"	106"	108"	109"
	<b>6</b>	111"	113"	115"	117"	119"	120"	122"	124"	126"	128"
	<b>7</b>	130"	132"	133"	135"	137"	139"	141"	143"	144"	146"
	<b>8</b>	148"	150"	152"	154"	156"	157"	159"	161"	163"	165"
	<b>9</b>	167"	168"	170"	172"	174"	176"	178"	180"	181"	183"

**Speed : 350 m/minute**

Tens	m	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
Units											
Hundreds	<b>1</b>	18"	19"	21"	23"	24"	26"	28"	30"	31"	33"
	<b>2</b>	35"	36"	38"	40"	42"	43"	45"	47"	48"	50"
	<b>3</b>	52"	54"	55"	57"	59"	60"	62"	64"	66"	67"
	<b>4</b>	69"	71"	72"	74"	76"	78"	79"	81"	83"	84"
	<b>5</b>	86"	88"	90"	91"	93"	95"	96"	98"	100"	102"

<b>6</b>	103"	105"	107"	108"	110"	112"	114"	115"	117"	119"
<b>7</b>	120"	122"	124"	126"	127"	129"	131"	132"	134"	136"
<b>8</b>	138"	139"	141"	143"	144"	146"	148"	150"	151"	153"
<b>9</b>	155"	156"	158"	160"	162"	163"	165"	167"	168"	170"

**Speed : 375 m/minute**

Tens	<b>m</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>90</b>
Units											
Hundreds	<b>1</b>	16"	18"	20"	21"	23"	24"	26"	28"	29"	31"
	<b>2</b>	32"	34"	36"	37"	39"	40"	42"	44"	45"	47"
	<b>3</b>	48"	50"	52"	53"	55"	56"	58"	60"	61"	63"
	<b>4</b>	64"	66"	68"	69"	71"	72"	74"	76"	77"	79"
	<b>5</b>	80"	82"	84"	85"	87"	88"	90"	92"	93"	95"
	<b>6</b>	96"	98"	100"	101"	103"	104"	106"	108"	109"	111"
	<b>7</b>	112"	114"	116"	117"	119"	120"	122"	124"	125"	127"
	<b>8</b>	128"	130"	132"	133"	135"	136"	138"	140"	141"	143"
	<b>9</b>	144"	146"	148"	149"	151"	152"	154"	156"	157"	159"

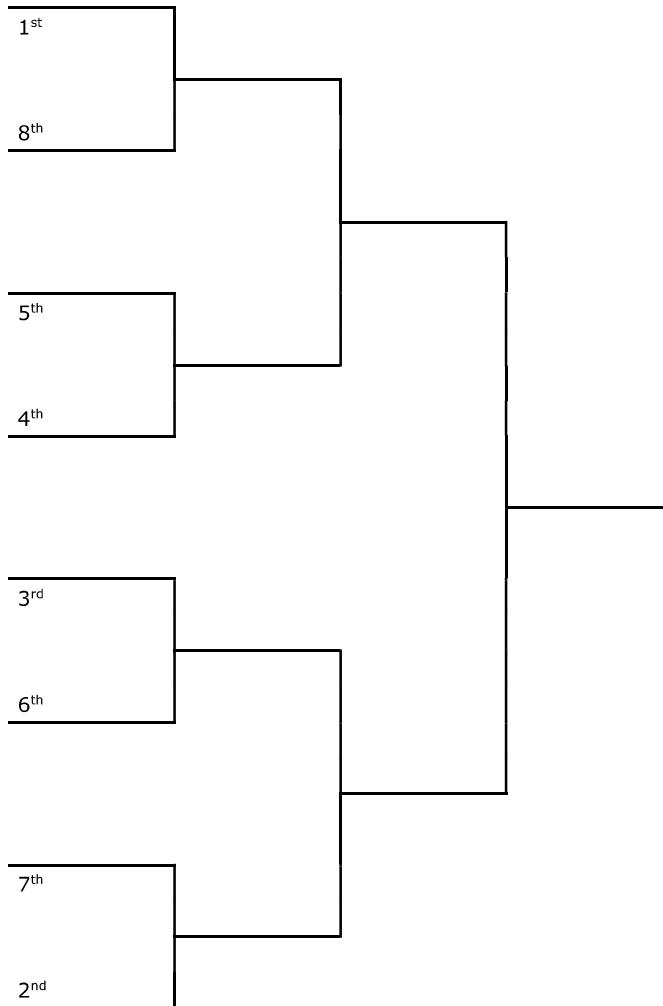
**Speed : 400 m/minute**

Tens	<b>m</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>90</b>
Units											
Hundreds	<b>1</b>	15"	17"	18"	20"	21"	23"	24"	26"	27"	29"
	<b>2</b>	30"	32"	33"	35"	36"	38"	39"	41"	42"	44"
	<b>3</b>	45"	47"	48"	50"	51"	53"	54"	56"	57"	59"
	<b>4</b>	60"	62"	63"	65"	66"	68"	69"	71"	72"	74"
	<b>5</b>	75"	77"	78"	80"	81"	83"	84"	86"	87"	89"
	<b>6</b>	90"	92"	93"	95"	96"	98"	99"	101"	102"	104"
	<b>7</b>	105"	107"	108"	110"	111"	113"	114"	116"	117"	119"
	<b>8</b>	120"	122"	123"	125"	126"	128"	129"	131"	132"	134"
	<b>9</b>	135"	137"	138"	140"	141"	143"	144"	146"	147"	149"

**ANNEX III KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION (JRS ART. 272)**

Order of starting in the qualifying rounds (in accordance with the qualification course)





## ANNEX IV REQUIREMENTS FOR TIMING EQUIPMENT AND SCOREBOARDS

### 1. REQUIREMENTS FOR DISPLAY IN JUDGE'S BOX AND ON SCOREBOARDS

#### 1.1. Must be visible in the Judge's box

- The 45-second countdown (if it reaches zero, the running time starts)
- The elapsed time (difference between the competitor's start time and finish time)
- The time allowed
- Time penalties for exceeding the time allowed
- Time correction (6 seconds for obstacle demolished following a Refusal). The 6 second time correction is to be added immediately to the time when the clock is restarted and the rider resumes their round
- Faults incurred on obstacles (Table A)
- Faults converted into seconds and added immediately to the elapsed time (Table C)
- The total time

#### 1.2. The following minimum data must be displayed on the scoreboard

##### 1.2.1. For CSI1\*, CSI2\*, CSIO1\*, CSIO2\* & CSIO 3\*, CSI-Am/V/U25/Y/J/P/Ch

- Alphanumeric display with minimum 9 digits
- 45-seconds countdown
- Elapsed time
- Faults
- Running number of horse

##### 1.2.2. For CSI3\* & CSIOV/Y/J/P/Ch

- All of the above, plus:
- Alphanumeric display with minimum 20 digits
  - Name of horse
  - Name of rider
  - Nationality

##### 1.2.3. For CSI4\* and CSI5\*

All of the above, plus:

- Current ranking
- Score and time to beat
- Possibility to display the current top five placings

##### 1.2.4. For CSIO4\*/CSIO5\*/Games/Championships

All of the above, plus:

- Specific requirements for Nations Cup
- Names and scores of entire teams
- Clear indication of which score is to be dropped for 1st and 2nd rounds
- When a rider enters the ring, the results of the other team members are to be displayed. It is optional to display the result of each team

When a two round competition:

- Round 2: Display of Penalties incurred in the 1st round
- Round 2: Time 1st round if this is the time for placing
- Round 2: Total time (time 1st and 2nd round) if this is the time for placing
- Round 2: Total penalties from both rounds

#### 1.3. Type of System Authorised

- The connection of the timer to the photocells can be wireless. The timer is connected to the downstream processing system by wire
- For Games and Championships and other events it is optional to have photocells be connected by wire to a synchronised time-of-day timer
- For CSI 4\* and CSIO 4\* events and of a higher Category a split-timing system is obligatory

### 2. TIMING AT FEI JUMPING EVENTS

For all Jumping events in the FEI Calendar, electronic timers, photocells and wireless transmission systems homologated by the FEI must be used. A list of these approved devices is published on the FEI website. Events using timing equipment other than those on the homologated FEI list will not be considered for FEI evaluation unless an exception has been authorised by the FEI Jumping Director (see JRs Art. 229.1).

#### 2.1. Timing at FEI Jumping Events

##### 2.1.1. Timing at the sensors

With electronic timing, the time is taken when a horse crosses the start or finish line and triggers the beam between the photocells. Time has to be taken on the breast of the horse. If the rider pushes the horse's head first there will be no correction. With hand timing the time will be taken as above. The height of the sensors must be identical at the start and finish lines.

If a time base is used in conjunction with the photocell, either integrated or separate, then it must be set in time of day and be synchronised with the main timer before the start of each competition. Synchronisation to time of day must take place within 60

minutes before the start of the event and must be maintained throughout the event. Timers may not be resynchronised during any competition but may be resynchronised between competitions.

#### 2.1.2. Recording the time

All time of day times must be immediately and automatically sequentially recorded on printed strips to at least the 1/1,000th (0.001) precision on dedicated directly attached or integrated printers. The electronic timing systems must furnish time data to allow for the calculation of elapsed times by the mathematical comparison of each Athlete's start time to finish time. The recorded times are truncated to 1/100th second after calculation of the elapsed time. The final result for each Athlete's round is expressed to 1/100th (0.01) precision.

#### 2.1.3. Hand Timing

Manual (hand) timing, completely separate and independent of the electronic timing, must be used for all competitions listed in the FEI Calendar. Stopwatches or hand operated battery powered timers that are installed at both the start and the finish and capable of expressing times to at least 1/100th (0.01) precision qualify as proper hand timing devices. Printed records, either automatic or hand-written, of recorded hand times must be immediately available at the start and at the finish. Elapsed time on course is derived from the mathematical comparison of start and finish times. The times taken by hand timing may be used in the official results after a correction has been calculated.

#### 2.1.4. Calculation of the hand timing correction

Calculate the difference between the times taken by hand and the electronic times of the 5 competitors starting before the missing time and the 5 starting after or if necessary the 10 nearest competitors. The sum of the 10 time difference is divided by 10 to give the correction which must be applied to the hand time of the competitor without an electronic time.

#### 2.1.5. Time corrections within the timer

When the official printing timer allows manual input or correction of a competitor's time, some type of indication (star, asterisk or other) concerning any effected change must be printed on all relevant timing documentation to indicate that manual intervention has been applied.

#### 2.1.6. Print-out of time

The official timing strips from the printer will be given to the Foreign Judge for review. They will be kept by the Event Organiser until the official approval of the event or resolution of any appeal dealing with timing or event results. At events where a complete back-up system is required this also applies.

The Foreign Judge must indicate by their signature on the results form and in their report to the FEI their approval of the event. All printed records from system A, system B and hand timing must be retained by the OC for a period of three months after the event or until resolution of any appeal dealing with timing or event results.

#### 2.1.7. Presentation of times

Organisers shall provide appropriate facilities for continuous presentation of all registered times of all competitors.

### 2.2. Timing at Olympic Games and World Championships

#### 2.2.1. Electronic Timing

For Olympic Games, and World Championships, two synchronised electronically isolated timing systems with printers, directly connected to the start and finish photocells and operating in time-of-day must be used. One system will be designated system A (main system), the other system B (back-up system) prior to the beginning of the event. System A must be connected to its respective A photocell contact. System B must be separately connected to another electronically isolated B photocell contact.

##### 2.2.1.1. Recording the Time

Refer to Art. 2.1.2. Both systems A and B must furnish time data to allow for the calculation of elapsed times by the mathematical comparison of each Athlete's start time to their finish time. All times used for the final result must be from system A. If there is a failure of the main electronic timing system (system A), a calculated elapsed time from system B must be used following the same procedure as set out above. It is not permitted to substitute time-of-day times from system B for use with system A for the purpose of elapsed time calculations. In the case that calculated elapsed times from either system A or system B are not available for a competitor, the calculated net manual time as per Art. 2.1.4 will be considered valid.

##### 2.2.1.2. Synchronisation of the timing systems

Synchronisation of the timing systems must occur within 60 minutes prior to the commencement of each event and synchronisation of all systems must be maintained every day throughout each event. Timers may not be resynchronised during any competition but may be resynchronised between competitions.

##### 2.2.1.3. Other Games and Championships

For all other Games and Championships the same systems approach is highly recommended.

#### 2.2.2. Photocells

For Olympic Games and World Championships there must be two photocell systems homologated by the FEI, installed at the start and finish line. At each location, one is connected to system A. The other is connected to system B. The photocells for the respective systems at the start and finish must be arrayed identically and be placed as close together as physically possible, and in any case no more than 0,5 m apart.

#### 2.2.3. Hand Timing

Refer to Art. 2.1.3. The stopwatches or battery powered hand timing devices used must be synchronised prior to the start of each event, preferably with the same time-of-day as system A and system B.

### 2.3. Timing without cable for all FEI events

The FEI recognises the importance of wireless impulse transmission systems in the arenas of FEI Jumping events and encourages their use to facilitate the ease of set-up and functionality of modern jumping. It should be noted however that any wireless system is more prone to failure than a hardwired connection from the timer to the photocells.

## ANNEX V CSI INVITATION RULES

### Invitation Rules for CSI2\*/CSI3\*/CSI4\*/CSI5\* Events (Worldwide)

The following rules apply for all CSI2\* (with Longines Ranking Competitions\*)/CSI3\*/CSI4\*/CSI5\* Events at which the number of invited Athletes as indicated in the Schedule is restricted, except for CSIs that are part of an FEI-approved series for which the invitation rules have been explicitly approved by the FEI Board. The CSI Invitation Rules do not apply to other Categories of CSI Events (e.g. CSI1\*, CSI-Am, CSIY, CSIJ etc) or to CSIOs.

For all Events at which the CSI Invitation Rules apply, a certain percentage of Athletes must be invited in descending order of the Longines Ranking, a certain percentage of Athletes are home Athletes selected by the host NF and a certain percentage are Athletes invited by the Organising Committee (OC); the percentages for each invitation group are established for each star level as follows:

\* NB: CSI2\* Events may be organised as regular CSI2\* Events with Longines Ranking Competition(s), in which case the 30%/30%/40% quotas below for CSI2\* apply if the number of invited Athletes is restricted, or may be organised as CSI2\* Open Events without Longines Ranking Competitions, in which case the 0%/20%/80% quotas below for CSI2\* Open Events apply if the number of invited Athletes is restricted. CSI2\* Events entered in the FEI Calendar less than nine weeks prior to the Event must be organised as CSI2\* Open Events without Longines Ranking Competitions and the 0%/20%/80% quotas below for CSI2\* Open Events apply if the number of invited Athletes is restricted.

Event Level	Athletes from the Longines Ranking	Athletes selected by the host NF	OC Invitations
CSI5*	60%	20%	20%
CSI4*	50%	25%	25%
CSI3*	40%	30%	30%
CSI2*	30%	30%	40%
CSI2* Open, option with no Longines Ranking Competitions, if the number of invited Athletes is restricted	0%	20%	80%
CSI2* Open, option with no Longines Ranking Competitions, if the number of invited Athletes is unrestricted	N/A, CSI invitation quotas do not apply to CSI Events at which the number of Athletes invited is not restricted.		

For all Events at which the CSI Invitation Rules apply, the CSI invitation quotas will be managed through the FEI online invitation system. Athletes entered for CSI2\*/CSI3\*/CSI4\*/CSI5\* Events at which the number of Athletes invited is not restricted, automatically have the right to participate in the Event and will be automatically accepted in the Entry System.

Please refer to the "Implementation of the FEI Online Invitation System for Jumping Guidelines" (hereafter referred to as the Implementation Guidelines) which are published on the FEI website for technical details and further information.

For each Event the OC/host NF must provide certain details to the FEI at least 12 weeks prior to the week of the Event for the system to manage the CSI Invitation Rules correctly. This information must also be included in the Schedule. Refer to the Implementation Guidelines published on the FEI website for further information.

Certain events have conditions which will require special settings (e.g. overseas horse transportation); please refer to the Implementation Guidelines published on the FEI website for further information.

#### Section 1 Compulsory Invitations: Athletes invited in descending order of the Longines Ranking

For the purpose of invitation of Athletes in descending order of the Longines Ranking, the Longines Ranking list established **three** months prior to the Event is to be used. The OC must indicate in the Schedule the number of the Longines Ranking list which applies for the invitation of Athletes.

##### 1.1. Percentage of Athletes to be selected in descending order of the Longines Ranking

The percentage of Athletes to be invited in descending order of the Longines Ranking depends on the star level of the Event. The following percentages apply:

CSI5*	CSI4*	CSI3*	CSI2*	CSI2* Open with no Longines Ranking competitions
60%	50%	40%	30%	No compulsory invitations
Athletes tied on Longines Ranking points will be separated as follows:				
- Priority will be given to the Athlete who has earned the same amount of points with fewer results. If there is still a tie:				
- Priority will be given to the Athlete with the greater number of highest points within their results counting for the Longines Ranking. If there is still a tie:				
- Priority will be given to the Athlete with the greater number of highest placings in the Competitions within their results counting for the Longines Ranking. If there is still a tie:				
- Priority will be given to the Athlete with the higher rank on the previous Longines Ranking; if there is still a tie, priority will be given to the Athlete with the higher rank on the preceding Longines Ranking and so on until the tie is broken.				

##### 1.2. Individual Jumping medal winners Olympic Games and World Championship



The individual Jumping medal winners of the most recent Olympic Games and the individual Jumping medal winners of the most recent World Championship at the time of the reference ranking when applicable for the concerned event, must receive an invitation to all CSIs according to the following timeframes:

- The gold medal winner of the most recent Olympic Games, respectively of the most recent World Championship, must receive an invitation to all CSIs for the four year period between the Olympic Games, respectively the World Championship at which the medal was won and the next Olympic Games, respectively next World Championship.
- The silver medal winner of the most recent Olympic Games, respectively of the most recent World Championship, must receive an invitation to all CSIs for maximum two years following the Olympic Games, respectively the World Championship, at which the medal was won.
- The bronze medal winner of the most recent Olympic Games, respectively of the most recent World Championship, must receive an invitation to all CSIs for maximum one year following the Olympic Games, respectively the World Championship, at which the medal was won.

These invitations are included in the quota for compulsory invitations established under 1.1, regardless of the position of the individual Jumping medal winners on the Longines Ranking.

Refer to the Implementation Guidelines published on the FEI website for technical details regarding the timelines, management and confirmation of compulsory invitations.

## Section 2 Home Athletes selected by the host NF

### 2.1. Percentage of home Athletes

The percentage of home Athletes that may be selected by the host NF depends on the star level of the Event. This percentage does not include the home Athletes invited under Section 1: Compulsory Invitations and Section 3: OC Invitations. The following percentages apply:

CSI5*	CSI4*	CSI3*	CSI2*	CSI2* Open with no Longines Ranking competitions
20%	25%	30%	30%	20% if the number of invited athletes is restricted; (n/a if the number of invited athletes is unrestricted)

Refer to the Implementation Guidelines published on the FEI website for technical details regarding the timelines, management and confirmation of home Athletes.

## Section 3 OC Invitations

### 3.1. Percentage of OC Invitations

The percentage of Athletes that may be invited by the Organising Committee depends on the star level of the Event. The following percentages apply:

CSI5*	CSI4*	CSI3*	CSI2*	CSI2* Open with no Longines Ranking competitions
20%	25%	30%	40%	80% if the number of invited athletes is restricted; (n/a if the number of invited athletes is unrestricted)

Refer to the Implementation Guidelines published on the FEI website for technical details regarding the timelines, management and confirmation of OC invitations.

## Section 4 FEI Invitations for Foreign athletes or home athletes domiciled outside the home country

The FEI has the right to allocate an invitation to two Athletes for CSI2\*/CSI3\*/CSI4\* events and one athlete for CSI5\* events. For CSI3\* Events that are on the list of qualifiers for the Olympic Games published on the FEI website, the FEI has the right to allocate a third FEI invitation to an Athlete attempting to earn a Certificate of Capability for the Olympic Games. The FEI invitations are included in the quota for compulsory invitations established under Section 1.1. The level of the nominated athlete must be of the required standard for the Event in question. OCs must accept the entries of Athletes to whom the FEI has allocated an FEI invitation.

The maximum number of times an athlete can be nominated during the same season for this section is three.

## Section 5 Timeline for Declaration of Horses

Refer to the Implementation Guidelines published on the FEI website for technical details regarding the timeline for declaration of horses.

## Section 6 General

NFs are responsible for entering qualified Horses and Athletes. This includes the fitness and capability of the Horses and the Athletes to participate in the Events/Categories for which they are entered. (JRs Art. 251.4)

Refer to GRs Art. 115.1 for details relating to remuneration in exchange for an invitation to an Event and appearance fees.

OCs will be permitted to invite a limited number of additional Athletes without the right to participate in Competitions counting for the Longines Ranking if, at the closing of entries, the maximum number of Horses that may be entered has not been reached. Any Athlete so invited is ineligible to participate in all Longines Ranking Competitions at the Event, including if the Athlete will have qualified for a Longines Ranking Competition through one or more non-Longines Ranking Competition(s). Any Athlete so invited whose name appears in the results of a Longines Ranking Competition will earn no Longines Ranking points and will be disqualified retroactively from the Competition. If the Grand Prix, or the Competition with the highest prize money of the Event, if it is not the Grand Prix, is not a Longines Ranking Competition (e.g. if at a

CSI2\* the prize money offered for the Grand Prix does not meet the minimum required for a Longines Ranking Competition), and no qualification system for the Grand Prix or Competition with the highest prize money is foreseen in the Schedule, the OC may not invite such additional Athletes in excess of the maximum number of starters allowed to take part in the Competition concerned as established in the Schedule. These additional Athletes are not taken into consideration for the calculation of the percentages of Athletes to be invited under Sections 1-3.

OCs of Events that include small and/or medium tour Competitions may invite a limited number of additional Athletes only for the small and/or medium tour Competitions; Athletes invited only for the small and/or medium tour Competitions are not included in the total number of Athletes used for the calculation of percentages for the invitation of Athletes under sections 1-3, and may not participate in any Competitions counting for the Longines Ranking, including if any Athletes so invited will have qualified for a Longines Ranking Competition through one or more non-Longines Ranking Competition(s). Any Athlete so invited whose name appears in the results of a Longines Ranking Competition will earn no Longines Ranking points and will be disqualified retroactively from the Competition. The Horses of Athletes invited for the small/medium tour Competitions are not counted in the maximum number of Horses that may be entered for the CSI; if any of the Athletes invited for the small/medium tour Competitions do not enter the maximum number of Horses permitted per Athlete, the OC may not invite additional Athletes for the CSI to fill the vacant stable places of small/medium tour Horses.

OCs of CSI2\*/3\*/4\*/5\* Events that are part of "Tours" (multiple Events run over consecutive weeks at the same venue) at which the number of Athletes to be invited is limited must respect the CSI Invitation Rules. OCs of Tours that run over consecutive weeks overlapping from one month to another may use the Longines Ranking established three months prior to the first Event of the Tour for the invitation of Athletes under Section 1 for all Events of the Tour and may give priority to Athletes who have accepted the invitation to all Events of the Tour. Alternatively, OCs of Tours that overlap from one month to another may use the Longines Ranking established three months prior to the start of the respective Events of the Tour for the invitation of Athletes under Section 1 for each Event.

Refer to the Implementation Guidelines published on the FEI website for technical details regarding the FEI online invitation system.

#### **National events**

OCs that wish to organise a National Event must comply with the FEI rules for National Events. These include the restrictions on the number of foreign Athletes and the number of NFs represented by Athletes.

#### **Sanctions and consequences**

If prior to an Event it is known that the Event will not follow the FEI technical conditions and the CSI Invitation Rules, the Event may be removed from the FEI calendar at the discretion of the FEI.

The following fines will be imposed on Organising Committees not respecting the CSI Invitation Rules: 1st offence CHF 20'000.-; 2nd offence CHF 40'000.- ; at the 3rd offence, the Event will not be permitted to take place. These fines will be payable directly by the Organising Committees concerned to the FEI.

If sufficient proof can be established after the Event that the FEI technical conditions and the CSI Invitation Rules have not been respected, CSI status may be refused for the following season.

An Athlete and/or Horse, even if registered with the FEI, is not eligible to participate in an International Event or National Event (and so may not be invited by an OC to such Event or entered by an NF in such Event) if that Athlete and/or Horse has participated, in the six months prior to the first day of the International Event or National Event in question, in an Unsanctioned Event (see GRs Art. 113.4).

**ANNEX VI CSI/CSIO REQUIREMENTS**

<b>1. CSI REQUIREMENTS WORLDWIDE</b>					
<b>Requirements</b>	<b>CSIAm</b>	<b>CSI 1* + 2*</b>	<b>CSI 3*</b>	<b>CSI 4*</b>	<b>CSI 5*</b>
Prize Money (CHF) For other currencies see the prize money currency chart on the FEI website.	No restrictions	1*: Max CHF 49'999 2*: CHF 50'000 - 149'999	CHF 150'000 - 249'999	CHF 250'000 - 499'999	CHF 500'000 and up
Prize Money Distribution	Prize money cannot be cumulated from multiple Events at same venue during the same week to establish star level. <sup>1</sup>				
Combined CSIs / CSIOs	<p>The announced prize money for each Competition must be distributed among the first 12 placed Athletes, regardless of the number of starters, according to the one of the two charts attached in the Annexes to the Schedule. The OC must state in the Schedule which of these two charts will be used. Additional created prizes for the 13<sup>th</sup> placed to the last placed Athlete, to fulfil the quota of one prize per four starters, must be provided by the OC and the amount of each of these prizes must be stated in the Schedule. The additional prize money does not alter the star level of the Event or the Longines Ranking group of the Competition concerned.</p> <p>Multiple CSIs of the same star level and/or Category may be held at the same Show but must be completely separate CSIs with separate Competitions; each CSI must have different Athletes and Horses. For CSIs of different star levels and/or Categories held at the same Show, each level is considered a separate CSI; combined Competitions at such CSIs are not permitted. Horses entered in one CSI star level/Category may not enter another CSI star level/Category at the same Show. Horses may take part in national Competitions and international Competitions at the same Event only under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Horses may take part in national Events up to two hours prior to the start of the international Event's Horse Inspection;</li> <li>- If the national Event includes Competitions after the international Event ends, either on the same day or on the following day(s) Horses having taken part in the international Event may take part in national Competitions only following the conclusion of the international Event.</li> </ul> <p>A CSI-1* or a CSI-2* may be held together with a CSIO. OCs organising such Events must have 2 arenas; one for the CSI and one for the CSIO. The CSIO horses may not take part in the CSI.</p>				
FEI Horse passport	Not required for home horses	CSII*/2*: Not required for home horses CSII*/2*-W: Required	Required	Required	Required
Maximum entry fee per horse* <b>VAT excluded</b>	€ 1500	No worldwide requirements; refer to Annex VI, Art. 2.1 and 2.2 for requirements for Events in Europe and North America	The Entry Fee covers the costs for stabling of one Horse for the duration of the Event, use of all facilities at the Event, the right to participate in all Competitions in accordance with the conditions in the Schedule and Administrative fees. The Entry Fee does not include Compulsory Fees (for services not covered under the Entry Fee) or Discretionary Fees (for optional commodities). Refer to definitions of Fees in the Glossary of the JRs. Compulsory Fees and Discretionary Fees as defined in the Glossary may be charged in addition to the Entry Fee; no other fees may be charged.		
Start fee / Nomination fee	No starting fee, no nomination fee (included in Entry Fee). Applies to all Categories.				
Maximum manure disposal fee (VAT included)	€ 40.- per horse (applies to all Categories)				
Max. N° of starters per competition	Maximum 100 starters per Competition other than the GP (see below). If more than 100 declared starters, the Competition must be split into as many groups as required to ensure no more than 100 starters in any group, and provide the same amount of prize money as indicated for the original Competition for each group. <sup>2</sup>				
Max. N° of starters in Grand Prix	100	100	60	50	50
Min. prize money for the Gp <sup>3</sup>	n/a	n/a	According to min. required for Longines Ranking point Group C	According to min. required for Longines Ranking point Group B	According to min. required for Longines Ranking point Group A
Min N° of Longines Ranking Competitions (n/a to CSIYH)	n/a	CSII*: 0 CSII*: min. 1	min. 2	min. 3	min. 4
Max. height of Obstacles (n/a to CSIYH)	Cat. A: 1.40m Cat. B: 1.25m	CSII*: 1.40m CSII*: 1.45m <sup>4</sup> CSII*-W/CSII*-W: According to rules	According to rules	According to rules	According to rules
Start lists and results sheets	The names of the Horse's owner(s) and breeder (if available, refer to GRs Art. 121.4) are to be included on all start lists and results sheets.				

Meals for Grooms	No worldwide requirements; refer to Annex VI, Art. 2.1 and 2.2 for requirements for Events in Europe and North America
Meals for Athletes	No worldwide requirements; refer to Annex VI, Art. 2.1 and 2.2 for requirements for Events in Europe and North America
Accommodation for Grooms	No worldwide requirements; refer to Annex VI, Art. 2.1 and 2.2 for requirements for Events in Europe and North America
Accommodation for Athletes	No worldwide requirements; refer to Annex VI, Art. 2.1 and 2.2 for requirements for Events in Europe and North America
Footing	According to minimum standard
Stabling	According to minimum standard; Boxes minimum 3m x 3m (min. 9m <sup>2</sup> ) + 20% boxes min. 12m <sup>2</sup> for larger horses* *The OC may charge an extra fee of maximum € 50 for a large box, if specifically requested by the Athlete with their entry.

**THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS ARE APPLICABLE TO CSIS WORLDWIDE:**

NB for new CSI5\* Events: OCs without proven experience at organising FEI high level Events must first successfully organise a CSI4\* at the same venue before permission to host a CSI5\* will be granted. Prize money for the new CSI5\* must be secured by a deadline established by the FEI prior to the Event. Permission to host a new CSI5\* without first organising a CSI4\* at the same venue may be granted, upon application from the NF of the OC, to OCs with proven experience at organising FEI high level Events. For new CSI5\* Events, and/or for new OCs of existing CSI5\* Events, the FEI reserves the right to appoint a Technical Delegate to visit the venue prior to the Event, at the OC's expense, to ensure the organisation and infrastructure meet the technical standards for a CSI5\* before the Event will be accepted in the calendar. At the discretion of the Jumping Committee the same may apply to new CSI4\* Events. Refer to JRs Art. 200.8 for details relating to date clashes.

The FEI reserves the right to appoint a Technical Delegate to visit the venue of CSIs held consecutively over several weekends at the same venue ("Tours") prior to the start of the first Event, at the OC's expense, to ensure that the infrastructure and organisation meet the required standard to cope with the large number of Athletes and horses invited to these Events.

<sup>1</sup> Prize money cannot be cumulated from multiple Events held at the same venue during the same week to establish star level. CSI-5\* maximum duration is 5 days. Events at same venue over several weekends are considered separate CSIs. For these Events, the star level of the Event will be determined by the combined prize money of maximum 12 Competitions per Event, instead of the overall prize money per Event.

For CSIYH Events held in connection with other CSI or CSIO Events, the following applies with regard to calculation of prize money to determine the star level of the CSI/CSIO:

For stand-alone Events (e.g. CSI5\* or CSIO3\*) where only Athletes entered for the CSI or CSIO may participate in the YH Competitions, the prize money for the CSIYH is included in the overall amount to establish the star level of the Event; in this case it is not necessary to organise a separate CSIYH. Refer to Art. 254.2 for the number of Horses per Athlete.

For stand-alone Events (e.g. CSI5\* or CSIO3\*) where additional Athletes are invited to participate in the YH Competitions, a separate CSIYH must be organised for the Young Horse Competitions and the prize money for the CSIYH is not included in the overall amount to establish the star level of the Event; the OC has the option to organise a combined CSIYH with two or more age categories or separate CSIYH for each age category. Refer to Art. 254.2 for the number of Horses per Athlete.

For CSIYH combined with multiple Events held concurrently at the same venue, (e.g. CSI2\*/CSIJ-A/CSIAm-A/CSI5\*) the prize money for the CSIYH does not count in the overall amount to determine the star level for any one of the Events.

<sup>2</sup> Maximum 100 starters per Competition other than the GP (see maximum number of starters in the GP according to the star level of the Event in the table above). If more than 100 starters are declared, the OC must split the Competition into the number of groups required to ensure that there are no more than 100 starters in any group, and provide the same amount of prize money as indicated for the original Competition for each group. The additional prize money provided by the OC is not taken into consideration with regard to the overall prize money that determines the star level of the Event or the Longines Ranking point group of the Competition, if applicable.

OCs may apply either of the following methods for splitting the Competition:

The competition is split into the number of groups required before it starts. There may be athletes with multiple horses in each group but all horses of any one athlete must be in the same group. If it is not possible to have groups of equal size there may be a different number of starters in each group; OR

The competition is run as one single competition and split afterward into the number of groups required to ensure that there are no more than 100 starters in any group, and the classification established as follows: the athlete with the best score is the winner of the first group, the athlete with the second best score is the winner of the second group and so on until prizes have been allocated to 25% of the total number of starters. NB: In this case separate results must be sent to the FEI for each of the groups, e.g. results for Competition 1a and for Competition 1b (and for Competition 1c if the original Competition was split into three groups, etc.).

In both cases above each group must offer the same amount of prize money as indicated for the original Competition. For the avoidance of doubt, it is the number of declared starters in the Competition, not the final number of starters that determines whether the Competition must be split.

<sup>3</sup> As all FEI World Cup™ Competitions have the status of a Grand Prix, the minimum prize money requirements indicated above for the Grand Prix are applicable to the FEI World Cup™ Competition. For CSI-W Events with a Grand Prix Competition in addition to the FEI World Cup™ Competition, the minimum prize money requirements for the Grand Prix apply only to the FEI World Cup™ Competition; the Grand Prix Competition at such Events cannot offer more prize money than the prize money offered for the FEI World Cup™ Competition.

<sup>4</sup> Height restrictions for CSI1\* and CSI2\* Events: Upon request the FEI may grant dispensation to height restrictions. In countries hosting numerous CSI3\* and higher level Events exemptions for the maximum height of obstacles at CSI1\* and CSI2\* Events will only be granted for sporting reasons, not for prize money reasons. If NFs need an exemption in order to

provide their Athletes with the opportunity to obtain Certificates of Capability, an exemption will be granted, but if NFs that regularly host CSIs of 3\* level and higher wish to organise Competitions at a height greater than 1.45m without offering minimum 3\* prize money an exemption will not be granted.

Following the right to be heard, a warning may be issued by the FEI to organisers not respecting the CSI/CSIO requirements and their names may be published indicating such non-compliance. Further infringements by an organiser may result in the Event being deleted from the FEI calendar.

<b>2. ADDITIONAL CSI REQUIREMENTS FOR EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA</b>				
<b>2.1. Additional Requirements for Europe</b>	<b>CSI 1* + 2*</b>	<b>CSI 3*</b>	<b>CSI 4*</b>	<b>CSI 5*</b>
	€ 400 per Horse	€ 450 per Horse	€ 550 per Horse	CSI5* No entry fee CSI5*W WEL € 450 per Horse
Maximum Entry Fee* per Horse <b>VAT excluded</b>	The Entry Fee covers the costs for stabling of one Horse for the duration of the Event, use of all facilities at the Event, the right to participate in all Competitions in accordance with the conditions in the Schedule and Administrative fees. The Entry Fee does not include Compulsory Fees (for services not covered under the Entry Fee) or Discretionary Fees (for optional commodities). Refer to definitions of Fees in the Glossary of the JRs. Compulsory Fees and Discretionary Fees as defined in the Glossary may be charged in addition to the Entry Fee; no other fees may be charged.			
Bedding – Straw or Shavings	1 <sup>st</sup> bedding free	1 <sup>st</sup> bedding free	1 <sup>st</sup> bedding free	1 <sup>st</sup> bedding free and max. 5 bales of 20 kg (or equivalent amount) free
Meals for Grooms	At own expense	At own expense	At own expense	OC expense (b/fast + 1 meal)
Meals for Athletes	At own expense	At own expense	At own expense	At OC expense (b/fast + 1 meal)
Accommodation for Grooms	At own expense	At own expense	At own expense	At OC expense* (if requested with the Athlete's entries and provided the room is for the groom of the Athlete concerned; if the groom transfers the room to another person the Athlete will be liable to reimburse the OC for the cost of the room). * This does not apply if the OC provides a parking area for lorries within 1 km of the stables and non-stop shuttle service during stables opening hours.
Accommodation for Athletes	At own expense	At own expense	At own expense	At OC expense; Hotel minimum 3* standard for all Athletes
	* Maximum Entry Fee for Young Horses € 300 per Horse for all Categories. Maximum Entry Fee for U25, Young Rider, Junior, Children's and Pony Events € 400 per Horse/Pony WEL = Western European League; PM = prize money; b/fast = breakfast ; max. = maximum ; min. = minimum ; n/a = not applicable			
<b>2.2. Additional Requirements for North America</b>	<b>CSI 1* + 2*</b>	<b>CSI 3*</b>	<b>CSI 4*</b>	<b>CSI 5*</b>
Entry Fee per Horse	The sum of the Entry Fees for 3 Horses and all Compulsory Fees charged may not exceed 4% of PM  The Entry Fee per Horse must be indicated in the Schedule. Athletes entering fewer than three Horses must be charged the Entry Fee for the number of Horses entered. The Entry Fee covers the costs for stabling of one Horse for the duration of the Event, use of all facilities at the Event, the right to participate in all Competitions in accordance with the conditions in the Schedule and Administrative fees. The Entry Fee does not include Compulsory Fees (for services not covered under the Entry Fee) or Discretionary Fees as defined in the Glossary may be charged in addition to the Entry Fee; no other fees may be charged.	CSI: The sum of the Entry Fees for 3 Horses and all Compulsory Fees charged may not exceed 3% of PM	CSI: The sum of the Entry Fees for 3 Horses and all Compulsory Fees charged may not exceed 2% of PM CSI-W: Acc. to World Cup Rules	CSI: The sum of the Entry Fees for 3 Horses and all Compulsory Fees charged may not exceed 1% of PM CSI-W: Acc. to World Cup Rules
Bedding – Straw or Shavings	All bedding will be charged	All bedding will be charged	All bedding will be charged	US\$ 50 (CAD 65) per horse credit, then will be charged
Meals for Grooms	At own expense	At own expense	At own expense	At own expense
Meals for Athletes	At own expense	At own expense	At own expense	At own expense
Accommodation for Grooms	At own expense	At own expense	At own expense	At own expense
Accommodation for Athletes	At own expense	At own expense	At own expense	At own expense

<b>3. CSIO REQUIREMENTS WORLDWIDE</b>				
<b>Requirements</b>	<b>CSIO 1* + 2*</b>	<b>CSIO 3*</b>	<b>CSIO 4*</b>	<b>CSIO 5*</b>
Prize Money (CHF) For amounts in other currencies see the prize money currency chart on the FEI website.	1*: Max CHF 49'999 2*: CHF 50'000 – 149'999	CHF 150'000 – 249'999	CHF 250'000 – 499'999	CHF 500'000 and up
Prize Money Distribution	Prize money cannot be cumulated from multiple Events at same venue during the same week to establish star level. <sup>1</sup>			
Combined CSIs / CSIOs	The announced prize money for each individual Competition must be distributed among the first 12 placed Athletes, regardless of the number of starters, according to the one of the two charts attached in the Annexes to the Schedule. The OC must state in the Schedule which of these two charts will be used. Additional created prizes for the 13 <sup>th</sup> placed to the last placed Athlete, to fulfil the quota of one prize per four starters, must be provided by the OC and the amount of each of these prizes must be stated in the Schedule. The additional prize money does not alter the star level of the Event or the Longines Ranking group of the Competition concerned. Horses may take part in national competitions and international competitions at the same Event only under the following conditions: - Horses may take part in national Events up to two hours prior to the start of the international Event's Horse Inspection; - If the national Event includes Competitions after the international Event ends, either on the same day or on the following day(s) Horses having taken part in the international Event may take part in national Competitions only following the conclusion of the international Event. A CSI-1* or a CSI-2* may be held together with a CSIO. OCs organising such Events must have 2 arenas; one for the CSI and one for the CSIO. The CSIO horses may not take part in the CSI.			
FEI Horse passport	Required	Required	Required	Required
Maximum entry fee per horse* <b>VAT excluded</b> * Maximum Entry Fee for Young Horses € 300 per Horse for all Categories	€ 550	€ 550	€ 550	€ 550
Start fee / Nomination fee	No starting fee, no nomination fee. Applies to all Categories.			
Bedding – Straw or Shavings	Max. 5 bales of 20 kg (or equivalent amount) per Horse free			
Maximum manure disposal fee (VAT included)	€ 40.- per horse			
Max. N° of starters per competition	Maximum 100 starters per Competition other than the GP (see below). If more than 100 declared starters, the Competition must be split into as many groups as required to ensure no more than 100 starters in any group, and provide the same amount of prize money as indicated for the original Competition for each group. <sup>2</sup>			
Max. N° of starters in Grand Prix	100	60	50	50
Min. prize money for the Gp <sup>3</sup>	n/a	According to min. required for Longines Ranking point Group C	According to min. required for Longines Ranking point Group B	According to min. required for Longines Ranking point Group A
Min N° of Longine Rankings Competitions	CSIO1*: min. 1 CSIO2*: min. 1	min. 2	min. 3	min. 4
Max. height of Obstacles	According to rules			
Start lists and results sheets	The names of the Horse's owner(s) and breeder (if available, refer to GRs Art. 121.4) are to be included on all start lists and results sheets.			
Meals for Grooms of official teams	All meals at OC expense	All meals at OC expense	All meals at OC expense	All meals at OC expense
Meals for Athletes of official teams	All meals at OC expense	All meals at OC expense	All meals at OC expense	All meals at OC expense
Accommodation for Grooms of official teams	At OC expense (if requested with entries)	At OC expense (if requested with entries)	At OC expense (if requested with entries)	At OC expense (if requested with the Athlete's

					entries and provided the room is for the groom of the Athlete concerned; if the groom transfers the room to another person the Athlete will be liable to reimburse the OC for the cost of the room)
Accommodation for Athletes of official teams	At OC expense	At OC expense	At OC expense; Hotel min. 3* standard	At OC expense	At OC expense
Footing			According to minimum standard		
Stabling			According to minimum standard; Boxes minimum 3m x 3m (min. 9m <sup>2</sup> ) + 20% boxes min. 12m <sup>2</sup> for larger horses* *The OC may charge an extra fee of maximum € 50 for a large box, if specifically requested by the Athlete with their entry.		

WEL = Western European League; PM = prize money; b/fast = breakfast ; max. = maximum ; min. = minimum; n/a = not applicable

<sup>1</sup> Prize money cannot be cumulated from multiple Events held at the same venue during the same week to establish star level. CSI-5\* maximum duration is 5 days. Events at same venue over several weekends are considered separate CSIs. For these Events, the star level of the Event will be determined by the combined prize money of maximum 12 Competitions per Event, instead of the overall prize money per Event.

For CSIYH Events held in connection with other CSI or CSIO Events, the following applies with regard to calculation of prize money to determine the star level of the CSI/CSIO:

For stand-alone Events (e.g. CSI5\* or CSIO3\*) where only Athletes entered for the CSI or CSIO may participate in the YH Competitions, the prize money for the CSIYH is included in the overall amount to establish the star level of the Event; in this case it is not necessary to organise a separate CSIYH. Refer to Art. 254.2 for the number of Horses per Athlete.

For stand-alone Events (e.g. CSI5\* or CSIO3\*) where additional Athletes are invited to participate in the YH Competitions, a separate CSIYH must be organised for the Young Horse Competitions and the prize money for the CSIYH is not included in the overall amount to establish the star level of the Event; the OC has the option to organise a combined CSIYH with two or more age categories or separate CSIYH for each age category. Refer to Art. 254.2 for the number of Horses per Athlete.

For CSIYH combined with multiple Events held concurrently at the same venue, (e.g. CSI2\*/CSIYJ-A/CSIAm-A/CSI5\*) the prize money for the CSIYH does not count in the overall amount to determine the star level for any one of the Events.

<sup>2</sup> Maximum 100 starters per Competition other than the GP (see maximum number of starters in the GP according to the star level of the Event in the table above). If more than 100 starters are declared, the OC must split the competition into the number of groups required to ensure that there are no more than 100 starters in any group and provide the same amount of prize money as indicated for the original Competition for each group. The additional prize money provided by the OC is not taken into consideration with regard to the overall prize money that determines the star level of the Event or the Longines Ranking point group of the Competition, if applicable.

OCs may apply either of the following methods for splitting the Competition:

The competition is split into the number of groups required before it starts. There may be athletes with multiple horses in each group but all horses of any one athlete must be in the same group. If it is not possible to have groups of equal size there may be a different number of starters in each group; OR

The competition is run as one single competition and split afterward into the number of groups required to ensure that there are no more than 100 starters in any group, and the classification established as follows: the athlete with the best score is the winner of the first group, the athlete with the second best score is the winner of the second group and so on until prizes have been allocated to 25% of the total number of starters. *NB: In this case separate results must be sent to the FEI for each of the groups, e.g. results for Competition 1a and for Competition 1b (and for Competition 1c if the original Competition was split into three groups).*

In both cases above each group must offer the same amount of prize money as indicated for the original Competition. For the avoidance of doubt, it is the number of declared starters in the Competition, not the final number of starters that determines whether the Competition must be split.

<sup>3</sup> As all FEI World Cup™ Competitions have the status of a Grand Prix, the minimum prize money requirements indicated above for the Grand Prix are applicable to the FEI World Cup™ Competition. For CSIO-W Events with a Grand Prix Competition in addition to the FEI World Cup™ Competition, the minimum prize money requirements for the Grand Prix apply only to the FEI World Cup™ Competition; the Grand Prix Competition at such Events cannot offer more prize money than the prize money offered for the FEI World Cup™ Competition. Refer to the FEI Jumping World Cup™ rules for details relating to date of implementation of this rule at CSIO-W Events.

Following the right to be heard, a warning may be issued by the FEI to organisers not respecting the CSI/CSIO requirements and their names may be published indicating such non-compliance. Further infringements by an organiser may result in the Event being deleted from the FEI calendar.



**ANNEX VII**

**CONSTRUCTION OF THE WATER JUMP**

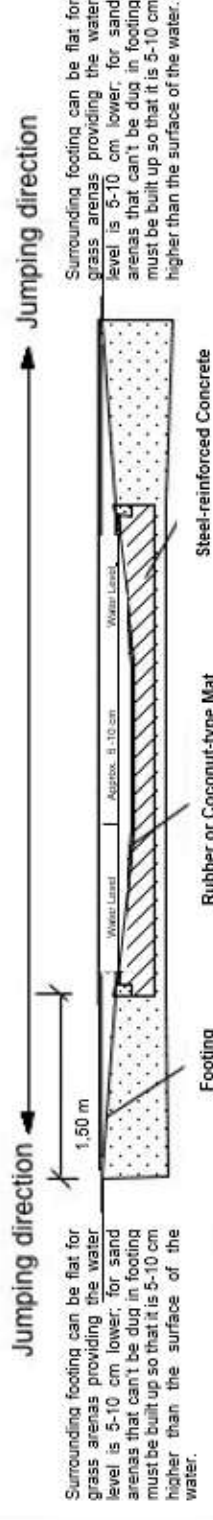
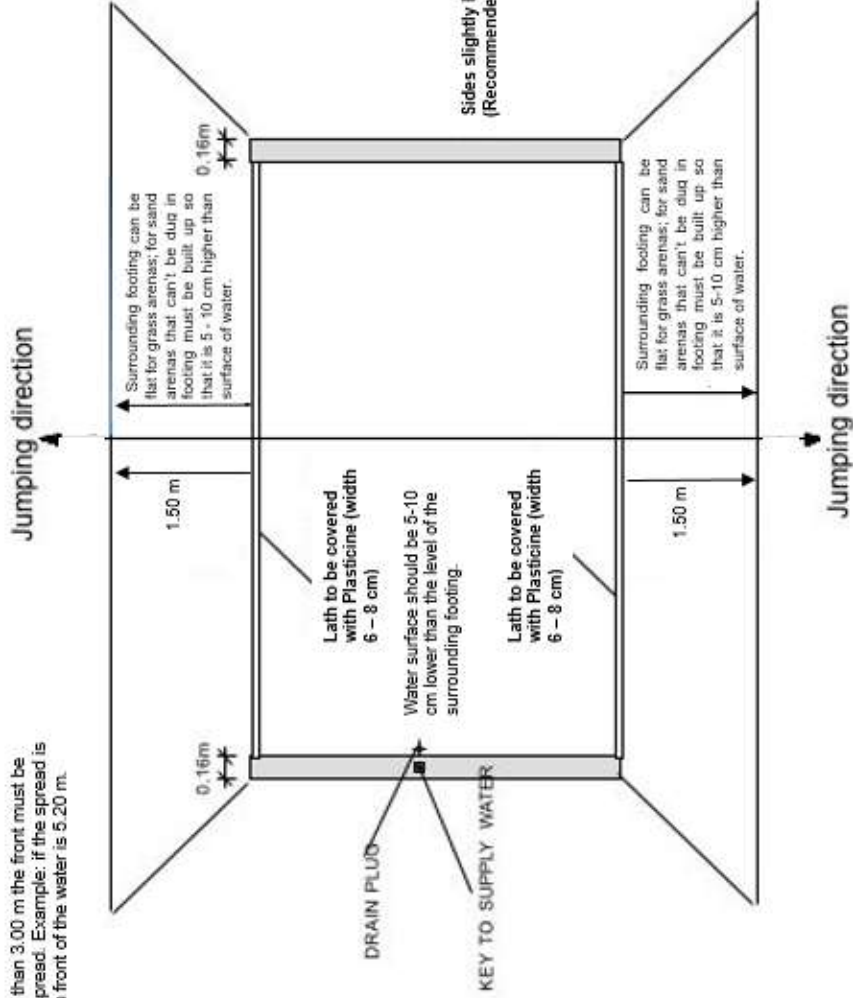
**WATER JUMP DESIGN**

The intention of a properly constructed water jump is that the surface of the water is lower than the surrounding footing. In order to achieve this the footing surrounding the water jump should be 5-10 cm higher than the surface of the water. The diagram below provides a suggested method of achieving a difference of 5-10 cm between the surface of the water and the surrounding footing.

**Minimum Front of Water**

4.00 m if the spread is 3.00 m or less

If the spread is more than 3.00 m the front must be 30% more than the spread. Example: if the spread is 4.00 m, the minimum front of the water is 5.20 m.



## ANNEX VIII QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR OLYMPIC GAMES, WORLD AND CONTINENTAL JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Except for the Olympic Games Athletes and Horses are not required to qualify as combinations.
2. For the Olympic Games, Athletes/Horses must achieve the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) between 1 January of the year preceding the Olympic Games until the closing date for nominated entries, or a date established by the FEI. Refer to the FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at Olympic Games for the qualification procedure for the Olympic Games.
3. **For the World Championship and for Continental Championships** that have the status of a qualifying Event for achieving the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) for the Olympic Games and/or World Championship, Athletes/Horses must achieve the MER between 1 January of the year preceding the World Championship until the closing date for nominated entries, or a date established by the FEI. Those who achieve the results according to any of the following paragraphs will obtain a Certificate of Capability (for paragraphs 3.5 through 3.8 the Certificate of Capability can only be validated pending confirmation after the Event that the course of the respective Competitions met the requirements of paragraph 4):
  - 3.1. Athletes and Horses with a score of not more than eight penalties in the Individual Final at the last Olympic Games;
  - 3.2. Athletes and Horses with a score of not more than eight penalties in the first team Competition (Team Qualifier) or in the second team Competition (Team Final) at the last Olympic Games.
  - 3.3. Athletes and Horses with a score of not more than eight penalties in the team Competition (first or second round) at the last European or World Championship or Pan American Games or other FEI Jumping Continental Championship for Seniors (provided the Continental Championship has the status of a qualifying Event for achieving the MER for the Olympic Games and/or World Championship).
  - 3.4. Athletes and Horses that have completed the individual Final at the last World Championship, or the individual Final at the last European Championship or Pan American Games or other FEI Jumping Continental Championship for Seniors (provided the Continental Championship has the status of a qualifying Event for achieving the MER for the Olympic Games and/or World Championship).
  - 3.5. FEI World Cup™ Competitions
    - 3.5.1. Athletes and Horses with a Score of zero penalties in the first round of three FEI World Cup™ Competitions at selected outdoor CSI1\*-W / CSIO1\*-W, CSI2\*-W / CSIO2\*-W and CSI3\*-W / CSIO3\*-W Events.
    - 3.5.2. Athletes and Horses that have completed the first round of two FEI World Cup™ Competitions at selected outdoor CSI4\*-W / CSIO4\*-W Event with a Score of zero penalties.
    - 3.5.3. Athletes and Horses that have completed the first round of an FEI World Cup™ Competition at a selected outdoor CSI5\*-W / CSIO5\*-W Event with a Score of not more than four penalties.
  - 3.6. Grand Prix Competitions at CSIs and CSIOs
    - 3.6.1. Athletes and Horses with a Score of zero penalties in the first round of three Grand Prix Competitions at selected CSI3\* or selected CSIO3\* outdoor Events.
    - 3.6.2. Athletes and Horses with a Score of zero penalties in the first round of two Grand Prix Competitions at CSI4\* outdoor Event or at a selected CSIO4\* outdoor Events.
    - 3.6.3. Athletes and Horses with a Score of not more than four penalties in the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at a CSI5\* or CSIO5\* outdoor Event.
  - 3.7. Nations Cup Competitions at CSIOs
    - 3.7.1. Athletes and Horses with a Score of zero Penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at three selected CSIO3\* outdoor Events.
    - 3.7.2. Athletes and Horses with a Score of zero Penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at two selected CSIO4\* outdoor Events.
    - 3.7.3. Athletes and Horses with a Score of not more than four penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at a CSIO5\* outdoor Event.
  - 3.8. For the avoidance of doubt, Athletes and Horses that need to achieve a minimum score in the first round of more than one Grand Prix, FEI World Cup™ or in the first or second round of more than one Nations Cup Competition at selected CSI3\*, CSI1\*/2\*/3\*-W / CSIO1\*/2\*/3\*-W or CSIO3\* and CSIO4\* Events in order to earn a Certificate of Capability (paragraphs 3.5.1 and 3.3.6.1 above) may count the results obtained in the respective Grand Prix/FEI World Cup™ Competition towards the overall total of minimum results required. For example, Athletes and Horses with a score of zero penalties in the first round of one FEI World Cup™ Competition at a selected CSI1\*/2\*/3\*-W Event and a score of zero penalties in the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at a selected CSI3\* Event are considered to have fulfilled the minimum requirements for earning a Certificate of Capability.
4. Courses of selected Nations Cup, Grand Prix and FEI World Cup™ Competitions must comply at least with the minimum dimensions and technical requirements outlined under the mandatory requirements below. (At Events where the Schedule indicates that the height of obstacles in a qualifying Competition, e.g. the Grand Prix at a CSI3\*, is 1.50 m, a special mention may be added to the Event Schedule that if the Competition is listed as a qualifying Competition for the Olympic Games, the World or Continental Championship, the compulsory two verticals at 1.60 m will be included in the course without it being considered to be a Competition conducted at a height of 1.60 m.)

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The Course Designer must clearly identify on the course plan of the Competition the specific obstacles that must be included as per the mandatory requirements below, e.g. planks, wall, gate, narrow obstacle, etc.

### MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

- The first obstacle must be either a vertical minimum height 1.45 m or an oxer minimum height 1.40 m for the front pole and 1.45 m for the back pole;
- At least three of the following five obstacles must be included in the course:
  - One set of planks on flat cups or a vertical of poles with a plank on flat cups as the top element;
  - Triple bar minimum 1.80 m spread and 1.50 m height;
  - One wall or gate;
  - One narrow vertical or spread obstacle with frontal width between 2.50 to 3.00 m;
- Minimum one triple and one double combination (three doubles are not allowed);
- The triple combination must have at least one oxer minimum 1.50 m height and 1.50 m spread, and at least one one-stride distance either from A to B or from B to C;
- Approximately 50% of the efforts must be vertical obstacles and 50% must be spread obstacles (e.g. oxer, triple bar, Swedish oxer, narrow oxer etc.). Nevertheless, no more than 55% of the efforts may be vertical and no more than 60% of the efforts may be spread obstacles, including the water jump if there is one (NB: a water jump is compulsory in Nations Cup Competitions, refer to JRs Art. 264.3);
- Two verticals (other than the wall) must have a height of 1.60 m;\*
- At least two spread obstacles with minimum height of 1.50 m and minimum spread of 1.60 m;\*
- Two liverpool obstacles, one vertical and one spread. If the course includes a water jump, a minimum of one liverpool will be allowed;
- Bend or straight line of up to six strides between two single obstacles;
- Depth of cups: minimum 50% of cups must have a depth of 18 mm, for special obstacle material cups may be shallower (refer to JRs Art. 208.6); depth of cups maximum 20 mm;
- Minimum length of course 400 meters with a minimum speed of 375m/min;
- The course will include minimum 12 and maximum 14 obstacles which may vary in height between 1.40 m and 1.60 m.
- At least two of the following recommended criteria must be included in the course:
  - One line between two obstacles should be a forward line up to five strides;
  - One bend or straight line up to seven strides with minimum three obstacles;
  - Double combination in a bend or straight line with an obstacle before or after at maximum seven strides;
  - A related distance bend or straight line of up to eight strides leading to the triple combination or up to seven strides following the triple combination;
  - One of the combinations must have a related distance (maximum seven strides) with an obstacle (before or after the combination) in a straight line.

\* For Nations Cup Competitions at selected CSIO3\* and CSIO4\* Events, the above requirements relating to the compulsory two verticals of 1.60 m and two spread obstacles with a minimum height/spread of 1.50/1.60 m, take precedence over the requirement established in JRs. Art. 264.3.1 to have two verticals of 1.55 m for 4\* Nations Cups, respectively two verticals of 1.50 m for 3\* Nations Cups, and the requirement to have two spread obstacles with minimum height/spread of 1.45/1.55 m for 3\* Nations Cups.

5. For CSI, CSI-W / CSIO-W and CSIO Events mentioned above, selection will be made from Events which take place from 1 January the year preceding the Games or Championship until the closing date for nominated entries, or a date to be fixed by the FEI. A list of Events will be published by the FEI in the year preceding the Olympic Games or FEI Championship.
6. At Nations Cup, FEI World Cup™ and Grand Prix Competitions at selected CSI-W / CSIO-W and CSI/CSIO 3\*/4\*/5\* Events the Foreign Judge is responsible for ensuring that the course is built to the required dimensions and specifications (refer to Art. 4 above) and will confirm in their report to the FEI that the minimum requirements for obtaining Certificates of Capability have been achieved. If the course of a Nations Cup, FEI World Cup™ or Grand Prix Competition at selected CSI-W / CSIO-W or CSI/CSIO 3\*/4\*/5\* Events is not built according to the required specifications, the minimum requirements for obtaining Certificates of Capability will not have been achieved and the Competition will be removed from the list of qualifying Competitions for the Olympic Games, respectively the World or Continental Championship.
7. NFs not represented by a team at any of the CSIOs will be allowed to enter individuals who will be allowed to compete "*hors concours*" in round 1 and round 2 of the Nations Cup Competition, should the NF need the opportunity for their Athlete(s) and/or Horse(s) to attempt to fulfil the minimum eligibility requirements for the Olympic Games, World Championship or Continental Championship.
8. In exceptional circumstances, if an NF can demonstrate that it has not been possible for its Athlete(s) to obtain invitations to Events in order to have sufficient opportunity to qualify as above, it may request the FEI for permission a special qualifying Competition to be organised for their Athlete(s), to which the FEI will send a foreign assessing delegate (Foreign Judge) at the expense of the NF to preside over the Competition; permission for a special qualifying Competition may be granted by the Jumping Committee. If the NF seeking permission for a special qualifying Competition requests that it be held outside its own country, for example if the Athletes concerned are based elsewhere, the NF must submit the request for the special qualifying Competition through the host NF. Special qualifying Competitions must be held at a CSI or a CSIO, following the last Competition of the Event, and must be run in accordance with the following FEI protocol.

The OC must inform the FEI of the exact dimensions of the outdoor arena (and any fixed elements) in order for the course plan to be designed. The OC must appoint an FEI Course Designer to build the course.

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The FEI will appoint a Technical Delegate.

The FEI will appoint an international (foreign) judge to preside over the Competition.

The FEI will appoint an FEI Veterinarian to perform a horse inspection prior to jumping.

An FEI Steward must be present to carry out the usual duties of an FEI Steward including, but not limited to, the boot and bandage control.

In addition to the above an EADCMP test may be carried out on participating horses.

An exact time must be established for the special qualifying Competition.

The Competition must be open to Athletes from other NFs and shall consist of one round.

All costs for the special qualifying Competition will be at the requesting NF's expense, or will be shared among participating NFs if other NFs have entered Athletes needing the opportunity to achieve the MER.

The FEI will select an FEI Course Designer to design the course plan which must comply at least with the minimum dimensions and technical requirements outlined under the mandatory requirements for selected Nations Cup, Grand Prix and FEI World Cup™ Competitions in Art. 4 of this Annex; the course plan must be sent to the FEI Director Jumping for approval.

The FEI will provide the course plan to the Course Designer appointed by the OC on the morning of the special qualifying Competition.

Immediately following the Competition, the course plan and the results duly signed and confirmed by the FEI assessing delegate, must be sent to the FEI.

Special qualifying Competitions that do not meet the above requirements will not be validated.

Athletes/Horses scoring four Penalties or less in this round will be considered to be qualified. The Foreign Judge, appointed by the Jumping Committee, will advise the FEI on the granting of Certificates of Capability.

9. Certificates of Capability must be received by the FEI for Athletes and Horses not later than the date fixed for nominated entries or date fixed by the FEI. Athletes and Horses for whom Certificates of Capability have not been received will not be allowed to be entered for the Olympic Games or World or Continental Championship concerned.
10. Any and all "*hors concours*" participation provided for directly or indirectly in the present Annex and/or in any special Rules of the Jumping Discipline are in compliance with the permissible exceptions as per GRs Art. 117.6.
11. The report of the Foreign Judge must be sent to the FEI Jumping Director who in turn will send a copy to the Chair of the Jumping Committee. The NFs of the qualified Horses and Athletes will be informed by the FEI immediately after the qualification is confirmed.

## **ANNEX IX RULES FOR UNDER 25 (U25), YOUNG RIDERS AND JUNIORS**

### **CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION**

#### **ARTICLE 1 GENERAL**

1. Youth participation is an important element in the development of the Equestrian Sport in the world.  
The objective of the present Annex is to standardise types of Events and Competitions for U25, Young Riders and Juniors throughout the world, taking into account specific considerations applicable to Youth Categories.

#### **ARTICLE 2 PRIORITY OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. The Jumping Events for U25, Young Riders or Juniors are held in general under the same Rules as those set forth for the Jumping Events for Seniors.
2. In all matters not covered by the present Annex, the Statutes, the GRs, the VRs, the JRs and all other relevant FEI Rules and Regulations shall apply.

#### **ARTICLE 3 DEFINITION OF U25, YOUNG RIDER AND JUNIOR ATHLETES**

1. Athletes may compete in the U25 Category from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 25. From the year in which they reach their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday until the end of the year in which they reach their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday, Athletes may participate in U25 Competitions providing the height of obstacles in the initial round does not exceed 1.40 m (see JRs Art. 255.2.2).
2. An Athlete may compete as a Young Rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21.
3. An Athlete may compete as a Junior from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 14 until the end of the year in which they reach the age of 18.
4. No Athlete up to the age of 18 may be classified as professional.

## CHAPTER II INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

### ARTICLE 4 INTERNATIONAL EVENTS (SEE GRs ARTICLE 102)

1. The following types of Jumping Events for U25 Athletes, Young Riders and Juniors are established: International Events Category A and B (CSIU25, CSII and CSIJ Cat. A respectively CSIU25, CSII and CSIJ Cat. B; Official International Events (CSIOY or CSIOJ) and Championships may be organised for Young Riders and Juniors but may not be organised for the U25 Category.
2. CSIU25, CSII or CSIJ Category A Events
  - 2.1. A CSIU25, CSII or CSIJ Category A Event is an International Event open to individual Athletes from the host NF and from an unrestricted number of foreign NFs.
  - 2.2. No limit on prize money to be offered.
  - 2.3. Maximum height 1.50 m, with a proportional spread between 1.50 m and 1.80 m for U25 and Young Riders, except for the triple bar which may have a maximum spread of 1.90 m. Speed for the Grand Prix if it is a Longines Ranking Competition with a height of 1.45 m or more: minimum 375 m per minute, maximum 400 m per minute (see Art. 234.2) outdoors, and minimum 350 m per minute, maximum 375 m per minute indoors. Speed for other Competitions minimum 350 m per minute. In indoor arenas the speed may be reduced to 325 m per minute; the speed may also be reduced to 325 m per minute in outdoor arenas providing it is stated in the Schedule. Minimum age of Horses seven years.
  - 2.4. Maximum height 1.40 m with a proportional spread between 1.40 m and 1.70 m for Juniors, except for the triple bar which may have a maximum spread of 1.80 m. Speed minimum 350 m per minute, maximum 375 m per minute. In indoor arenas the speed may be reduced to 325 m per minute; the speed may also be reduced to 325 m per minute in outdoor arenas providing it is stated in the Schedule. Minimum age of Horses six years.
  - 2.5. All other requirements as per the rules for CSII\* Events for Seniors.
  - 2.6. Strictly unofficial team Competitions, which may never be described as "Nations Cup", may be organised in these Events and must be limited to four Athletes per team.
3. CSIU25, CSII or CSIJ Category B Events
  - 3.1. A CSIU25, CSII or CSIJ Category B is an International Event open to individual Athletes from the host NF and from an unrestricted number of foreign NFs.
  - 3.2. No prize money may be offered.
  - 3.3. The dimensions of obstacles, speed for Competitions and minimum age of Horses for CSIU25 and CSII Category B Events are as per paragraph 2.3 above for CSIU25 and CSII Category A Events.
  - 3.4. The dimensions of obstacles, speed for Competitions and minimum age of Horses for CSIJ Category B Events are as per paragraph 2.4 above for CSIJ Category A Events.
  - 3.5. The appointment of the Ground Jury for CSIU25 Cat. B is as per the rules for CSII\* Events for Seniors; the appointment of the Ground Jury for CSII or CSIJ Cat. B Events is as per the rules for CSII\* Event for Seniors.
  - 3.6. All other requirements as per rules for CSII\* Event for Seniors.
  - 3.7. Strictly unofficial team Competitions, which may never be described as "Nations Cup", may be organised in these Events and must be limited to four Athletes per team.
4. Official International Events for Young Riders and Juniors (CSIOY and CSIOJ) (See GRs Art. 103)
  - 4.1. A CSIO is an International Event open to three or more NFs represented by teams. CSIOs for U25 Athletes are not authorised.
    - 4.1.1. For invitations at CSIO Events the OC has the choice of using one of the following formulas:
      - As per Article 13.2.1 and Article 13.2.2 of this Annex; or
      - As per JRs Art. 249.1.
    - 4.2. It must include the official Competitions for teams and individuals as set forth in the JRs.
    - 4.3. Obstacles and other technical requirements
      - 4.3.1. The dimensions of obstacles and speed for the Grand Prix and other individual Competitions are as per paragraph 2.3 above for CSIOY and paragraph 2.4 above for CSIOJ.
      - 4.3.2. The dimensions of obstacles for the Nations Cup Competition are as per paragraph 2.3 above for CSIOY and paragraph 2.4 above for CSIOJ. The course of the Nations Cup at CSIOY and CSIOJ must include a water jump with a maximum spread of 3.70 m and either one double and one treble combination, or three doubles. The speed for the Nations Cup at CSIOY and CSIOJ is maximum 375 m per minute outdoors, and 350 m per minute indoors.
    - 4.4. A CSIO Event to which NFs are invited to participate in accordance with Article 5 (FEI Championships) must include the official Competitions as outlined under paragraph 4.2. above.
    - 4.5. A CSIO Event to which NFs are invited to participate in accordance with JRs Art. 249 must provide in the Schedule an official team Competition and a final individual Competition. These Competitions must be run in accordance with the specific rules for the relevant Competitions as set forth in these JRs. Other Competitions must be organised during the days of the CSIO to provide a complete programme for the Event. The dimensions of obstacles must not exceed those set forth for Championships.

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- 4.6. For each Category not more than two CSIO may be run during one calendar year in the same country, one indoor and one outdoor.
- 4.7. A CSIOY or CSIOJ may, at the discretion of the Secretary General of the FEI, be allowed into the calendar during the year of the Event, provided it does not interfere with any International Event for Young Riders or Juniors already inserted in the calendar.
5. International Events with borrowed Horses
  - 5.1. By agreement of the FEI Secretary General and the Chair of the FEI Jumping Committee, CSIU25, CSIY and CSIJ Events may be organised using Horses provided by the OC.
  - 5.2. The rules for borrowed Horses as outlined in GRs Art. 111 and JRs Annex XII, Art. 4.4 must be applied.
6. Combined Competitions for Young Riders and Juniors

If combined Competitions (for both Juniors and Young Riders) are organized the provisions in relation to obstacle dimensions for Junior Competitions apply or the course is raised for Young Riders.

### **ARTICLE 5 CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR YOUNG RIDERS AND JUNIORS**

1. Jumping Championships for U25 Athletes are not authorised. All Jumping Championships for Young Riders or Juniors have the status of a CSIO. At Championships Athletes may only take part for the country of their Sport Nationality as set forth in GRs Art. 119.
2. Each year, Continental and Regional Championships should be promoted and organised in Jumping.
3. Championships may be organised by Continents or Regions. In the case of Regions, the territorial scope must be previously approved by the FEI.
4. Each year, the FEI invites or authorises an NF to organise individual and team Championships in their respective Continents or Regions.
5. The Championships must be organised in strict accordance with the GRs, the JRs, the present Annex (see also Chapter III), and as specified herein. Only one team per NF may be entered.
6. NFs wishing to organise a Championship must apply as set forth in the GRs.
7. In principle, Championships may only be held if at least four NFs are represented, except outside Europe where they may be held with any number of regional teams from at least two NFs (including the host NF). A NF, which withdraws after the closing date for the entries and before the start of the Championship is, however, considered as represented.
8. The Championships must be restricted to all NFs included in the Continent concerned.
9. Championships must be held at some time during a long school holiday (for Europe this is from mid-July to mid-August).
10. Championships must be held outdoors unless weather conditions require the Event to be held indoors.
11. No entry fee or starting fee may be charged unless cash prizes are awarded.

### **ARTICLE 6 ELIGIBILITY AT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. Age of Athletes

At Regional and Olympic Games, Athletes may take part in Jumping from the year in which they reach their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. However, Athletes may take part in Regional Games and Regional Championships for Seniors from the year in which they reach their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, providing the height of obstacles in the initial round of Competitions of these Games and Championships does not exceed 1.40 m.
2. Athletes may take part with Horses whose owner is of a different nationality from themselves in all Events except in Olympic Games.
3. The limitations and conditions imposed by the GRs regarding Athletes visiting foreign NFs shall apply.
4. The participation of a Young Rider or a Junior in a Championship in one Discipline for Young Riders, respectively Juniors, does not exclude the same Athlete from participating with another Horse in a Championship for Seniors in another Discipline, if the Athlete has reached the appropriate age.
5. Once an Athlete has taken part in a Championship Competition for Young Riders in Jumping, they can no longer go back to a Championship for Juniors in Jumping.
6. Once an Athlete has taken part in a Championship Competition for Seniors or in Regional and/or Olympic Games in Jumping, they can no longer go back to a Championship for Young Riders or Juniors in Jumping. However, Athletes of the appropriate age may participate in a Championship for Juniors or in a Championship for Young Riders even if they have previously participated in Regional Games and/or Regional Championships for Seniors, providing the height of obstacles in the initial round of Competitions of the Regional Games/Championships does not exceed 1.40 m.
7. Certificates of Capability for FEI European Jumping Championships for Young Rider and Juniors

Only those Athletes and Horses competing internationally and likely to be able to complete the Championship may be entered. NFs must send to the FEI a Certificate of Capability to this effect (see GRs).

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This Certificate of Capability must include a record of the results obtained between 1 January of the year preceding the Championship and the closing date for the Nominated Entries in Competitions satisfying the requirements as set forth in the JRs.

The procedure for qualification, set forth hereunder, must be strictly followed. Athletes and Horses are not required to qualify as combinations.

Upon arrival at the Championship, Chefs d'Equipe can exchange Athletes and Horses at will, whether originally qualified as combinations or not. After the first Championship Competition, no further changes are permitted.

For the European Young Rider and Junior Championships Athletes and Horses can qualify according to any one of the following paragraphs:

- 7.1. Athletes and Horses that participated in the previous year's FEI European Championship for Young Riders and Juniors in their respective age Category.
- 7.2. For the Young Rider Championship, Athletes and Horses may qualify according to the paragraph below:

Athletes and Horses must have completed the first round of two Table A Competitions conducted according to Art. 238, Art. 273 or 264 at CSIJ, CSIY, CSI U25, CSI1\* to CSI5\* outdoor Events, respectively at CSIOJ, CSIOY or CSIO1\* to CSIO5\* outdoor Events, with a Score of not more than eight Penalties, providing the height of obstacles in the initial round of the Competition is at least 1.40 m.

**NB:** Minor Athletes may participate in certain Competitions at CSI1\* to CSI5\*, respectively at CSIO1\* to CSIO5\* Events from the year in which they reach their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday subject to the applicable restrictions established in JRs Art. 255. Athletes may participate in the Grand Prix at CSI3\*/4\*/5\* Events and in the Nations Cup and Grand Prix at CSIO1\* to CSIO5\* Events from the year in which they reach their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Athletes may participate in CSIU25 Competitions from the year in which they reach their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday; Athletes from the year in which they reach their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday until the end of the year in which they reach their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday may participate in CSIU25 Competitions if the height of obstacles in the initial round does not exceed 1.40 m.

- 7.3. For the Junior Championship, Athletes and Horses\* may qualify according to the paragraph below:

Athletes and Horses must have completed the first round of two Table A Competitions conducted according to Art. 238, Art. 273 or Art. 264 at CSIJ, CSIY, CSU25, CSI1\* to CSI5\*, respectively at CSIOJ, CSIOY or CSIO1\* to CSIO5\* outdoor Events, with a Score of not more than eight Penalties, providing the height of obstacles in the initial round of the Competition is at least 1.35 m.

**NB:** Athletes may participate in certain Competitions at CSI1\* to CSI5\*, respectively at CSIO1\* to CSIO5\* Events from the year in which they reach their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday subject to the applicable restrictions established in JRs Art. 255. Athletes may participate in the Grand Prix at CSI3\*/4\*/5\* Events and in the Nations Cup and Grand Prix of CSIO1\* to CSIO5\* Events from the year in which they reach their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Athletes may participate in CSIU25 Competitions from the year in which they reach their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday; Athletes from the year in which they reach their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday until the end of the year in which they reach their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday may participate in CSIU25 Competitions if the height of obstacles in the initial round does not exceed 1.40 m.

\* A Horse that has taken part in a Nations Cup or Grand Prix Competition at a CSIO1\* to CSIO5\* Event in the year of the Championship is not eligible to take part in the Junior Championship unless the Horse has fulfilled the minimum eligibility criteria established above with the Junior Athlete wishing to enter the Horse in the Championship (See JRs Annex IX, Art. 15.1.2)

- 7.4. In exceptional circumstances, if an NF finds it impossible for its Athletes to qualify as above, it may request the FEI to send a foreign assessing delegate at the expense of the NF to assess the level of performance, at a special Competition, run in accordance with FEI protocol, consisting of one round with the dimensions as set forth on a course plan approved by the FEI (minimum height of obstacles as established in paragraphs 7.2 and 7.3 above for Competitions in which Certificates of Capability can be earned, i.e. at least 1.40 m for qualification for the Young Rider Championship, respectively at least 1.35 m for qualification for the Junior Championship). Athletes/Horses scoring eight Penalties or less in this round will be considered to be qualified. The foreign assessing delegate, appointed by the Jumping Committee, will advise the NF and the FEI on the granting of Certificates of Capability. If due to unforeseen circumstances an Athlete/Horse combination has more than eight Penalties but shows a very good performance otherwise over the course, the foreign assessing delegate may let this combination repeat a similar course. But in no case can an Athlete qualify if they have scored more than eight Penalties over this course.

## ARTICLE 7 PARTICIPATION IN OTHER CATEGORIES, SENIOR EVENTS AND OTHER CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. From the year in which they reach their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday, U25 Athletes, Young Riders and Juniors may take part in certain international Competitions for Seniors with the express permission of their NF (refer to JRs Art. 255).
2. Athletes of the appropriate age may take part in Competitions and Championships of more than one Category but in each Discipline only in one Category of the Continental Championships in any one calendar year. Athletes of the appropriate age may participate, with different Ponies/Horses in Competitions other than the Nations Cup at a CSIOJ and in a CSIOJ at the same venue during the same week, but may only participate in one Nations Cup Competition at such Events (either at the CSIOJ or the CSIOJ). Athletes may not participate in Competitions for Pony Riders and in Competitions for U25 Athletes or



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Young Riders at the same venue during the same week. Athletes may not participate in a CSIOCh and in a CSIOJ, or in a CSIOJ and a CSIOY at the same venue during the same week.

### ARTICLE 8 EXPENSES AND PRIVILEGES

1. Events
  - 1.1. OCs of Events open to U25 Athletes, Young Riders or Juniors are free to offer and negotiate financial and accommodation assistance, either in hotels or youth hostels, or with private families, with the NFs of the invited Athletes.
2. Championships and CSIOs (Young Riders and Juniors)
  - 2.1. NFs are responsible for the travelling expenses of their Chefs d'Equipe, Athletes, grooms and Horses to and from the location of these Championships and CSIO Events.
  - 2.2. For the OCs, the same applies as under paragraph 1.1 above but the following must be respected, as a minimum:
    - (i) Stabling and fodder for the Horses.

In principle stabling and fodder are free of charge, but it is left to the decision of the OC if they wish to charge a reasonable fee. If charged, it must be stated in the Schedule.
    - (ii) possibility for the grooms to stay in the immediate vicinity of the stables.
    - (iii) one main meal must be provided free of charge by the OC, preferably in the evening, for Athletes and Chefs d'Equipe (either on the show grounds or elsewhere);
    - (iv) if accommodation is not offered free of charge, then suitable accommodation should be arranged or recommended and prices for same quoted in the Schedule.
    - (v) GRs Art. 132.1 (owners of Horses) to apply.
    - (vi) Agent and Veterinary fees for entering and leaving the frontier of the organising country and/or the show grounds to be arranged and paid by the OC.
  - 2.3. The GRs apply in the case of Officials.
3. All privileges are to be awarded from one day before the CSIO and Championship until one day after.
4. The Chefs d'Equipe are responsible for the behaviour of their teams and/or individuals throughout the Event. They and their NF are responsible for any damages that occur. If the Athletes are not lodged in private homes the Chefs d'Equipe must stay with their teams and/or individuals.
5. The Ground Jury has the authority to assess any costs for damages. According to the FEI legal system, the Ground Jury may impose a fine and has the right to disqualify the team and/or individuals for unacceptable behaviour at any stage throughout the Event.

### ARTICLE 9 PRIZES

1. Prize money and/or prizes in kind must be awarded at U25, Young Rider and Junior Events.
2. In all Events except Championships, one rosette and a prize in kind or a souvenir, if prize money is not given, must be awarded for each commenced four Athletes with a minimum of five prizes. It is recommended that stable plaques are awarded to the first four individuals.
3. In Championships, the following minimum number of awards must be presented:
  - 3.1. In the Farewell Competition, prize money and/or prizes in kind, plaques and rosettes at a rate of one prize for each commenced four Athletes with a minimum of five prizes.
  - 3.2. In the Team Championship, FEI medals are awarded to all five team members (see GRs 104.2.2.5.). The FEI trophy will be presented at the General Assembly to the winning NF. In addition, prize money and/or prizes in kind, plaques and rosettes at a rate of one prize for each of the five Athletes in the teams taking the first four places.
  - 3.3. In the Individual Championship, FEI medals are awarded (see GRs 104.2.2.5). In addition, prize money and/or prizes in kind, plaques and rosettes at a rate of one prize for each commenced four Athletes with a minimum of five prizes are awarded.
  - 3.4. At Championships, the prize-giving ceremony should be given great importance and should be held in the arena with the Athletes mounted.
  - 3.5. The OC should present all Chefs d'Equipe and Athletes with a souvenir or a plaque.
  - 3.6. OCs should award as many extra prizes as possible, for example:
    - 3.6.1. Athletes with the best style;
    - 3.6.2. sportsmanship.

### ARTICLE 10 SCHOOLING OF HORSES

1. Under penalty of disqualification, it is not permitted for a Young Rider's or a Junior's Horse to be schooled by anyone else other than the Athlete himself mounted in the saddle, in or outside the venue where an Event or a Championship is held, as from 18.00 hours on the day preceding the commencement of the first Competition of an Event or Championship until the

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conclusion of the whole Event or Championship (not applicable to U25 Category). However, lunging, work in hand, etc. by someone other than the Athlete, under the supervision of the stewards, are permitted.

### **ARTICLE 11      TECHNICAL DELEGATE**

1. In addition to the responsibilities imposed by the GRs, a Technical Delegate at Championships and at International Events (if a Technical Delegate is appointed), will have the responsibility and the authority to check that all facilities are adequate, that the behaviour of participants is correct and that social and educational functions are conducted with the utmost care, always bearing in mind the welfare of the participants and the development of the best spirit of sportsmanship and fair play.

### **ARTICLE 12      SCHEDULE**

1. The OC must prepare a Schedule, which must include the following information:
  - 1.1. Type of Event.
  - 1.2. Description of individual Competitions.
  - 1.3. Prizes, trophies to be awarded.
  - 1.4. Height, spread of jumps.
  - 1.5. Types of jumps included.
  - 1.6. List of Judges, Technical Delegates, Course Designers, etc.
  - 1.7. Programme of Competitions.
  - 1.8. Programme of social events.
  - 1.9. Lodging of Chefs d'Equipe and Athletes which may be in hotel or with private families.
  - 1.10. Arrangements for parents, including a list of hotels where parents can reserve directly and not through the OC.
  - 1.11. Accommodation for grooms.
  - 1.12. Stabling of Horses.
  - 1.13. Local transportation arrangements.
  - 1.14. Arrival and departure dates, outside which no expenses will be paid.
  - 1.15. Other useful information including passport and visa requirements, climate, type of clothes needed, etc.

## **CHAPTER III CONTINENTAL AND REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (YOUNG RIDERS AND JUNIORS)**

### **ARTICLE 13 ENTRIES**

1. After the approval of the Schedule by the FEI Jumping Director, the invitations, together with the Schedule, are sent to the appropriate NFs of the Continent or Region by the host NF.
2. Teams
  - 2.1. Each NF may enter one team of not more than five Athletes and five Horses. However, outside of Europe, the NFs concerned may determine the number of teams and the regional basis for team representation (see Article 5.7. of this Annex). The OC must extend its invitation to a Chef d'Equipe who will be given the same privileges as the Athletes. No reserve Horse may be brought to this Championship.
  - 2.2. These five Athletes and five Horses are allowed to take part in the team Competition (see Art. 14.1 below) and individual Competitions of the Championship.
3. Individuals instead of teams

An NF, which cannot send a team, may enter one or two individual Athletes with one Horse each.
4. NFs are entitled to send one groom for each two Horses with a maximum of two grooms per team.
5. Entries shall be made in two phases in accordance with the GRs Art. 116.2.2(i) – 116.2.2(ii).

The Schedule may include a date by which NFs are to indicate whether the intention is to send only a team or a team and individuals or only individuals. The maximum number of nominated and definite entries of Athletes and Horses that may be entered in the Continental Jumping Championship for Juniors or in the Continental Jumping Championship for Young Riders is as follows:

  - Nominated entries: 10 Athletes and 10 Horses
  - Definite entries: 5 Athletes and 5 Horses
6. Athletes and Horses entered for a Championship on the list of nominated entries (four weeks before the Championship) can be replaced and additions can be made within the limits specified in GRs Art. 116.2.2(i) until the date of definite entries (at the latest four days before the start of the Championship).

In the event of an accident or illness of an Athlete and/or Horse, substantiated by a certificate from an official recognised doctor and/or veterinarian, between the date of definite entries and one hour before the first Horse Inspection of the Championship, substitutions of Athletes and/or Horses can be made. Such substitutions must be taken from the updated list of nominated entries and require Ground Jury approval.

### **ARTICLE 14 DECLARATION OF STARTERS AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

1. Declaration of Teams
  - 1.1. For Regional and Continental Championships in Europe, Chefs d'Equipe must declare the composition of their team (minimum three, maximum four Athletes/Horses) to the OC in writing, before 18.00 hours, on the day preceding the second Competition (Team Final). The fifth pair (Athlete/Horse) may take part in the second Competition as an individual and in the third (Individual Final) Competition if qualified.
  - 1.2. For Regional and Continental Championships outside of Europe, the Chefs d'Equipe must declare the composition of their team (minimum three, maximum four Athletes/Horses) to the OC in writing, before 18.00 hours, on the day preceding the first Competition. The fifth pair (Athlete/Horse) may take part in the first and second Competitions as an individual, and in the third (Individual Final) Competition if qualified.
2. The fifth pair (Athlete/Horse) may only be eligible to start as a member of the team in case of an accident or illness either to one of the four team Athletes or to one of the four Horses, provided the Chef d'Equipe obtains the approval of the Ground Jury. Such substitution may be made up to one hour before the start of the first round of the Team Final.
3. If the Championship is held concurrently with a CSI the OC may allow the Athletes participating in the Championship to take part with different Horses in the Competitions of the CSI (Article 7 above). The Horses to be ridden in the Championship must, however, be declared before arrival at the Event and may not be substituted.
4. Substitution

In the event of an accident or illness of an Athlete and/or Horse between the submission of declarations and one hour before the start of the first Championship Competition, the Athlete and/or the Horse may, on presentation of a certificate from an officially recognised doctor and/or with the permission of the Veterinary Commission and after approval of the President of the Ground Jury, be replaced by another Athlete and/or Horse formally entered with the definite entries or substituted according to Art. 13.6.

### **ARTICLE 15 AGE REQUIREMENTS**

1. Horses
  - 1.1. Horses must be seven years of age or older.

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- 1.2. A Championship for Juniors is open to Horses which have not competed in a Nations Cup or Grand Prix in a CSIO for Seniors during the current year unless the Horse has fulfilled the minimum eligibility criteria established in Art. 6.7.3 above with the Junior Athlete wishing to enter the Horse in the Championship.
2. Athletes
  - 2.1. A Championship for Young Riders is open to Athletes from the beginning of the year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the year in which they reach the age of 21.
  - 2.2. A Junior, from the beginning of the year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the year in which they reach the age of 18, may take part in the Championship for Young Riders, but they may not take part in both the Championship for Young Riders and in the Championship for Juniors during the same year and in the same Discipline (see Art. 7.2 of this Annex).
  - 2.3. A Junior, from the year in which they reach the age of 18, may take part in the Continental and World Jumping Championships for Seniors, but they are not allowed to take part in Championships for Juniors, Young Riders and/or Seniors in the same year. However, a Junior, from the year in which they reach their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday, may take part in the same year in both the Jumping Championship for Juniors and in certain international Competitions for Seniors on the occasion of a CSIO and a CSI (see JRs Art. 255).
  - 2.4. A Junior who, from the year in which they reach the age of 18, has taken part in a Championship Competition at a Continental or World Jumping Championship for Seniors will no longer be eligible to compete as a Junior (see Art. 6.6 of this Annex).
  - 2.5. A Young Rider, from the beginning of the year in which they reach the age of 18 until the end of the year in which they reach the age of 21 may take part in the Championship for Seniors, but they may not take part in both the Championship for Seniors and in the Championship for Young Riders during the same year in the same Discipline (see Art. 7.2 of this Annex)

### ARTICLE 16 COMPETITIONS

1. For single-Category Championships one of the two following formulas must be used:

	Formula A	Formula B
<b>First day</b>	Training session	Training session First Competition
<b>Second day</b>	First Competition	Team Final
<b>Third day</b>	Team Final Farewell Competition	Rest day (or the second day may be used as rest day instead)
<b>Fourth day</b>	Farewell Competition if not held the 3 <sup>rd</sup> day Individual Final	Farewell Competition Individual Final

For combined Jumping Championships with two or more Categories, e.g. Juniors and Young Riders and/or Children and/or Pony Riders, subject to the approval of the FEI Jumping Director the timetable for any given Category may differ from the above but the order of the Competitions may not be changed.

- 1.1. For the North American combined Championships for Juniors and Young Riders, OCs may use the following Formula C instead of Formula A or B above:

	Formula C
<b>First Day</b>	Training Session
<b>Second Day</b>	First Competition (Teams and Individuals)
<b>Third Day</b>	Second Competition (Team Final, 2 <sup>nd</sup> individual)
<b>Fourth Day</b>	Compulsory Rest Day
<b>Fifth Day</b>	Third Competition (Individual Final)

2. Training Session

The OC provide a training period in the main arena with a course consisting of approximately eight obstacles including a combination.

Each Athlete is permitted a maximum of 90 seconds per Horse. Dress is informal: boots, breeches, shirt and protective headgear must be worn.

The public may not be charged to enter and prizes of any kind may not be offered.

3. First Competition (Teams and Individuals)

- 3.1. Starting Order in the first Competition.

There will be a draw for the starting order of the Athletes, conducted according to JRs Art. 252.

- 3.2. Format of the first Competition (Young Riders and Juniors)

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This Competition is run over a Table A course judged under Table C (see JRs Art. 239 and 263) without a jump-off in the event of equality for the first place.

The Score obtained by each Athlete in the first Competition will be converted into Penalties according to the following method. Each Athlete's time will be multiplied by the coefficient 0.50 and converted into points; the points must be rounded to two decimal places. The second decimal place will be rounded up from .005 and rounded down from .004. The Athlete with the lowest number of points after this conversion will be given zero Penalties, the other Athletes being credited with the number of Penalties representing the difference in points between each of them and the leading Athlete.

If an Athlete is eliminated or retires, they will be penalised with 20 Penalties more than the Athlete who has been the most severely penalised after the times of all Athletes who completed the Competition have been converted into Penalties.

### 4. Second Competition (Team Final, second Individual)

4.1. This Competition is run over two rounds, identical or different, with the same degree of difficulty in the second round according to Table A not against the clock with a jump-off against the clock in case of equality for first, second and/or third place in the overall classification for the Team Championship.

This Competition to be open only to Athletes and Horses which have taken part in the first Competition (paragraph 3 above), the team classification only affecting the members of the teams who have declared to start.

### 4.2. Starting Order in the second Competition

4.2.1 For Regional and Continental Championships in Europe, the starting order in the second Competition will be according to a draw in the first round. In the second round the order of starting will be according to the reverse order of total Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes from among the five of each nation in the first Competition and the best three Athletes per team in the first round.

4.2.2 For Regional and Continental Championships outside of Europe, the starting order in the second Competition will be according to a draw in the first round. In the second round the order of starting will be according to the reverse order of total Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes of each team in the first Competition and the best three Athletes per team in the first round.

4.2.3 In the second round individual Athletes will start before the teams.  
In the case of individuals or teams with equal Penalties, the same starting order will be retained as in the first round.

4.3 The starting order in the possible jump-off will revert to the starting order in the second round.

If two jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the second and first places.

The second round is open only to the ten best teams based on the total Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes of each nation in the first Competition and the best three Athletes per team in the first round and those teams placed equal for 10<sup>th</sup> place.

### 4.4 Number of teams in the second round

4.4.1 The second round is open only to the ten best teams based on the total Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes of each nation in the first Competition and the best three Athletes per team in the first round and those teams placed equal for 10<sup>th</sup> place.

Before the ten best placed teams and those placed equal for 10<sup>th</sup> place begin their second round, all individuals and team members not qualified for the second round may take part in a second round qualifier for the third Competition. There must be a break of at least 30 minutes between the second round qualifier and the second round of the Team Final.

4.4.2. For the North American combined Championships for Juniors and Young Riders, the following applies:

The second round of the Team Final is open only to the six best placed teams and those teams placed equal for the sixth place following the first round of the Team Final.

### 5. Farewell Competition

At the discretion of the Organising Committee one individual Farewell Competition may be organised for those who are not qualified to participate in the Individual Final of the Championship.

The Farewell Competition for Young Riders and Juniors, if organised, may be combined if there is not a sufficient number of Young Riders and Juniors interested in taking part.

This Competition, if organised, is judged either under Table A against the clock without a jump-off (see JRs Art. 238.2.1) or under Table A against the clock with one jump-off against the clock in case of equality of Penalties for first place. (see JRs Art. 238.2.2).

### 6. Third Competition (Individual Final)

#### 6.1. Running

This Competition consists of two different rounds A and B each judged under Table A not against the clock without a jump-off. In case of equality of Penalties for the first, second and/or third place in the overall classification of the Individual Championship, there will be a jump-off against the clock.

Qualified to participate are the top 60% of the Athletes (including those placed equal for last place) according to the cumulative Penalties over the first and the second qualifying Competitions. The number of Athletes permitted to participate must not be less than 15 and not more than 30.

They must have taken part in the first qualifying Competition (completed or not) and have completed the second Competition (without having been eliminated or without retiring). If, for any reason, one or more of the qualified Athletes are unable to start, they will not be replaced by followers.

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All Athletes who complete Round A go forward to Round B. The Penalties in the two rounds are added.

The Athletes will be invited to inspect the course of Round B.

### 6.1.1. For the North American combined Championships for Juniors and Young Riders, the following applies:

Qualified to participate in the first round of the Individual Final are the 25 best placed Athletes (including those placed equal for 25<sup>th</sup> place) of each Category according to the cumulative Penalties of the first and second Competitions.

Qualified to participate in the second round of the Individual Final are the 15 best placed Athletes (including those placed equal for 15<sup>th</sup> place) of each Category.

### 6.2. Starting Order

The starting order for Round A will follow the reverse order of Penalties incurred in the first and second qualifying Competitions of the Championship. In the event of equality of Penalties for any placing, the result of the first qualifying Competition will be the deciding factor for the starting order. The lowest placed qualified Athlete will therefore start first.

The starting order for Round B will follow the reverse order of the Penalties incurred in the first and second qualifying Competitions as well as Round A. The Athlete with the greatest number of Penalties will start first, the Athlete with the least Penalties will start last. In the event of Athletes with equal Penalties, the result of the first qualifying Competition will be the deciding factor for the starting order.

## ARTICLE 17 OBSTACLES AND COURSES

### 1. First qualifying Competition: *Obstacles and other technical requirements*

	Young Riders	Juniors
<b>Number of obstacles</b>	12-14	12-14
<b>Maximum height</b>	1.45 m	1.40 m
<b>Spread</b>	1.50 to 1.70 m	1.40 to 1.60 m
<b>Maximum spread of water jump (not compulsory)</b>	4.00 m	3.70 m
<b>Minimum/maximum length of the course</b>	500/600 m	500/600 m
<b>Speed</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Table</b>	C	C

### 2. Team Final: *Obstacles and other technical requirements*

	Young Riders	Juniors
<b>Number of obstacles</b>	12-14	12-14
<b>Maximum height</b>	1.50 m	1.40 m
<b>Maximum spread</b>	1.80 m	1.70 m
<b>At least 8 obstacles (including two verticals) with a minimum height of</b>	1.40 m	1.30 m
<b>Maximum spread of the water jump (compulsory)</b>	4.00 m	3.70 m
<b>Minimum/maximum length of the course</b>	500/600 m	500/600 m
<b>Speed</b>	400 m/min.	375 m/min.

The course must comprise 1 double and 1 treble combination or 3 doubles. A vertical obstacle, consisting of any number of poles but all with the use of FEI-approved safety cups (refer to Art. 211.10 for the depth of safety cups), must be placed over the water jump in the second round of the Team Final for Juniors. The vertical must not be placed further than two metres from the front of this obstacle. The obstacle is judged as a vertical and not as a water jump (see JRs Art. 211.10).

### 3. Individual Final Competition: *Obstacles and other technical requirements*

	Young Riders	Juniors
<b>Number of obstacles Round A</b>	10-12	10-12
<b>Round B</b>	8-10	8-10

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<b>Maximum height</b>	1.50 m	1.40 m
<b>Maximum spread</b>	1.80 m	1.70 m
<b>Maximum spread of the triple bar</b>	2.00 m	2.00 m
<b>Maximum Spread of the water jump (compulsory)</b>	4.00 m	3.70 m
<b>Minimum/maximum length of the course</b>		
<b>Round A</b>	500/600 m	500/600 m
<b>Round B</b>	450/550 m	450/550 m
<b>Speed</b>	400 m/min.	375 m/min.

The course of Round A must comprise one double and one treble combination or three doubles. Round B must be different from Round A. The course of Round B must comprise one double or one treble combination.

#### 4. Jump-off

In the case of a jump-off, either for team classification or for the individual classification, a reduced course over six obstacles, which may be raised (to a maximum of 1.50 m) for Juniors and/or widened.

#### 5. Farewell Competition

The obstacles for the Farewell Competition, if organised, must have a height of approximately 1.40 m for Young Riders and 1.30 m for Juniors with a proportional spread between 1.40 m and 1.60 m.

### ARTICLE 18 TEAM CLASSIFICATION

1. For Regional and Continental Championships in Europe, the team classification is decided by adding the Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes from among the five of each nation in the first Competition and the Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes per team in each of the two rounds of the Team Final. For those teams not qualified for the second round the results of the best three Athletes per nation in the first Competition and the best three Athletes per team in the first round of the Team Final count.
2. For Regional and Continental Championships outside Europe, the team classification is decided by adding the Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes per team in the first Competition and the Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes per team in each of the two rounds of the Team Final. For those teams not qualified for the second round the results of the best three Athletes per team in the first Competition and in the first round of the Team Final count.
3. Team Athletes not completing the first or second round of the Team Final receive 20 Penalties more than the worst placed team Athlete who has finished that particular round.
4. In the case of equality of Penalties between the teams for first, second and/or third place, a jump-off against the clock is compulsory in which all team Athletes participate (see Article 17.4 of this Annex).
5. If two jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the second and the first place.
6. The classification in this jump-off is obtained by adding the Penalties and the times incurred by the best three Athletes in each team. In case of further equality of Penalties and time, the teams will be placed equal.
7. The other teams will be placed according to their added Penalties in the two rounds. Those with equal Penalties are placed equal.
8. In addition to the team classification there will be an individual classification with prizes for the team Competition. Athletes with equality of Penalties are placed equal.

### ARTICLE 19 INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION

1. The overall individual classification is determined for each Athlete by the addition of Penalties incurred in the first Competition, the two rounds of the second Competition (disregarding the Penalties incurred in a possible jump-off) and the two rounds of the third Competition.
2. In case of equality of Penalties for the first, second and/or third place, a jump-off against the clock is compulsory (see Article 17.4 of this Annex).
3. If two jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the second and the first place.
4. In addition to the overall individual classification (see Art. 19.1), there will be a separate classification, with prizes, for Athletes taking part in the third Competition (Individual Final); for this classification only the results from Rounds A and B count. Athletes with equality of penalties are placed equal.

### ARTICLE 20 SADDLERY AND DRESS

1. The rules regarding saddlery and dress must be strictly applied in accordance with the Jumping Rules (see JRs Art. 256 and 257).

**ARTICLE 21        GROUND JURY**

1. The FEI Jumping Director, in consultation with the Jumping Committee and in accordance with the GRs and the JRs must appoint the President of the Ground Jury. The NF/OC appoints the Members of the Ground Jury in accordance with the GRs.

**ARTICLE 22        FOREIGN TECHNICAL DELEGATE**

1. The FEI Jumping Director, in consultation with the Jumping Committee and in accordance with the GRs and the JRs must appoint the Foreign Technical Delegate.

**ARTICLE 23        VETERINARY COMMISSION**

1. The composition of the Veterinary Commission and the appointment of the President and Members must comply with the requirements of the VRs.

**ARTICLE 24        MISCELLANEOUS**

1. In all circumstances not covered by the present Annex, the Ground Jury, being guided by the GRs and the JRs, will take such decisions as they consider will best produce a fair classification for the Championship.



## **ANNEX X RULES FOR VETERAN ATHLETES**

### **CHAPTER I VETERAN ATHLETES**

#### **ARTICLE 1 GENERAL**

1. The objective of the following set of Rules is to standardise types of Events and Competitions for Veteran Athletes throughout the world taking into account specific considerations applying exclusively to Veteran Athletes.  
Except for the following specific Rules, the JRs will apply.

#### **ARTICLE 2 DEFINITION OF A VETERAN ATHLETE**

The following may compete as Veteran Athletes:

1. Athletes may compete in the Veteran's Category from the beginning of the year in which they reach their 45<sup>th</sup> birthday.
2. Veteran Competitions at CSIV Events are open to Athletes who, in the current year, have not taken part in any international Jumping Competition in which the height of obstacles indicated in the Schedule for the initial round exceeds 1.35 m. The European Veteran Championship is open to Athletes who, in the current and previous year, have not taken part in any international Jumping Competition in which the height of obstacles indicated in the Schedule for the initial round exceeds 1.35 m.
3. Each Athlete must be in possession of a valid licence of their NF.
4. Upon entering Athletes for International Events, NFs automatically certify that entries are correct and that participants meet the above requirements.

#### **ARTICLE 3 INTERNATIONAL EVENTS (SEE GRs ART. 102)**

The following Events may be organised for Veteran Athletes: CSIs Category A and B and CSIOs.

1. CSIV Category A Events
  - 1.1. A CSIV Category A Event is an international Event open to individual Athletes from the host NF and from an unrestricted number of foreign NFs.
  - 1.2. No limit on prize money offered.
  - 1.3. All other requirements as per rules for CSI2\* Event for Seniors.
2. CSIV Category B Events
  - 2.1. A CSIV Category B is an international Event open to individual Athletes from the host NF and from an unrestricted number of foreign NFs. Athletes living abroad may compete at CSIV Category B Events for the host NF at Events held in the host NF.
  - 2.2. No prize money.
  - 2.3. All other requirements as per rules for CSI1\*Event for Seniors.

#### **ARTICLE 4 OBSTACLES AND COURSES**

1. Courses for Veteran Athletes consist of eight to 12 obstacles. Obstacles have a minimum height of 1.10 m and a maximum height of 1.30 m in the first round. Spread obstacles have a width in proportion to their height of 1.20 m to 1.35 m. Speed: 350 m per minute.

### **CHAPTER II CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS**

#### **ARTICLE 5 ORGANISATION**

1. Every year, the team and individual Continental Championship may be organised under the authority of the FEI according to the following principles:
  - 1.1. An NF will not normally be authorised to organise two consecutive Continental Championships.
  - 1.2. This Championship must be organised in full agreement with the GRs, the JRs and the present Annex.
  - 1.3. This Championship must be held outdoors.
2. The Championship may be held together with a CSI but not as part of a CSIO. If the Championship is held on its own, the programme for the Championship must provide also for Competitions open to Athletes entered in the Championship riding Horses which are not taking part in the Championship. The programme for each day may include one or two Competitions. Each Horses may only compete in one Competition per day. The conditions for these Competitions must be presented to the Secretary General of the FEI for approval.

3. If the Championship is held together with a CSI, the training session on the first day is only open to Athletes of the Championship. For Athletes of the CSI, separate Competitions may be organised. From the second day on, the Athletes may be mixed.

## **ARTICLE 6 FOREIGN TECHNICAL DELEGATE, VETERINARY COMMISSION AND COURSE DESIGNER**

1. The Foreign Technical Delegate must be appointed by the FEI Jumping Director in consultation with the Jumping Committee in accordance with the provisions of the GRs and the JRs. They must be selected from the list of Level 3 Course Designers at least.
2. The composition of the Veterinary Commission and the appointment of the President and members must comply with the requirements of the VRs.
3. The Course Designer must be chosen from the list of Level 3 Course Designers at least.

## **ARTICLE 7 GROUND JURY**

1. The President of the Ground Jury must be appointed by the FEI Jumping Director in consultation with the Jumping Committee in accordance with the provisions of the GRs and JRs Art. 259.1. The President of the Ground Jury appoints the Ground Jury members in consultation with the OC and the FEI and in accordance with the requirements of JRs Art. 259.1.

## **ARTICLE 8 ENTRIES**

1. After approval of the Schedule by the FEI Jumping Director, the Schedule and the invitations for this Championship are sent by the host NF to all NFs affiliated to the FEI, in the Continent where the Championship is scheduled to take place.
2. Athletes and Horses entered for a Championship on the list of nominated entries (four weeks before the Championship) may be replaced and additions can be made within the limits specified in GRs 116.2.2(i) until the date of definite entries (at the latest four days before the start of the Championship). Refer to Art. 2 above for restrictions on participation in the European Veteran Championship.

In the event of an accident or illness of an Athlete and/or Horse, substantiated by a certificate from an official recognized doctor and/or veterinarian, between the date of definite entries and one hour before the first Horse inspection of the Championship, substitutions of Athletes and/or Horses can be made. Such substitutions must be taken from the updated list of nominated entries and require Ground Jury approval.

3. Teams  
A team comprises at least three Athletes and three Horses and at most five Athletes and ten Horses. Each NF may enter a maximum of ten Athletes and 20 Horses with its nominated entries and a maximum of five Athletes and ten Horses with its definite entries. Each NF may only send a maximum of five Athletes, all of whom may take part in the Championship (refer to Art. 9.1), and ten Horses to the Championship. Each NF may in addition send a Chef d'Equipe to whom will be accorded the same privileges as the Athletes.
4. Individuals instead of a Team  
An NF, which cannot send a full team, may enter one or two individual Athletes with two Horses each.
5. Non-Championship Horses  
The Horses of team members and individuals not taking part in the Championship Competitions may compete in the non-Championship Competitions.
6. FEI South American Championships - Number of teams and individuals  
A minimum of three NFs must be represented by teams. A minimum of three teams are required for this Event to be recognised as a Championship. Each NF may not be represented by more than two teams. Athletes and/or Horses may not change from one team to another team during the Championship. A maximum of two individual Athletes only are allowed to participate per NF, if the NF in question sends one team to the Championship. If the NF is not represented by a team, two individual Athletes may participate for the NF in question.

## **ARTICLE 9 DECLARATION AND SUBSTITUTION OF STARTERS (TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS)**

1. Declaration  
The declaration of starters will take place after the training session, which must be provided on the day preceding the first Competition of the Championship. At a time fixed by the OC, the Chefs d'Equipe will designate in writing the members of their team (three or four) or their individual Athletes and the names of their Horses (a single and same Horse for each Athlete for the three Competitions of the Championship) as starters in the Competitions of the Championship. The fifth (reserve) Athlete of nations having sent a team of five may take part in the individual Championship with one Horse.

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2. The substitution of a team member by the fifth pair (Athlete/Horse) may only be allowed in case of an accident or illness either to one of the four team Athletes or to one of the four Horses, up to one hour before the start of the first Competition, provided the Chef d'Equipe obtains the approval of the Ground Jury (refer also to paragraph 3 below).
3. Substitution

In the event of an accident or illness of an Athlete and/or Horse between the submission of declarations and one hour before the start of the first Championship Competition, the Athlete and/or the Horse may, on production of a certificate from an officially recognised doctor and/or with the permission of the FEI Veterinary Delegate and after approval of the President of the Ground Jury, be replaced by another Athlete and/or Horse formally entered with the definite entries or substituted according to Article 8 of the present Annex.

### ARTICLE 10 QUALIFICATIONS

1. Horses  
The Horses must be six years old or more.
2. Athletes  
The Championship is confined to Athletes from the year in which they reach their 45<sup>th</sup> birthday.
3. Only those Athletes and Horses likely to be able to complete the Championship may be entered.

### ARTICLE 11 EXPENSES AND PRIVILEGES

1. The OC is responsible for the travelling expenses of the President of the Ground Jury.
2. The OC is responsible for the living and accommodation expenses of the President and members of the Ground Jury, the Veterinary Commission and the Technical Delegate.

### ARTICLE 12 TRAINING SESSION

1. The day prior to the first official Competition, the OC must provide a training period in the main arena with a course consisting of approximately eight obstacles including a combination.
2. Each Athlete is permitted a maximum of 90seconds per Horse.
3. Dress is informal; boots, breeches, shirt and protective headgear must be worn.
4. The public may not be charged to enter and prizes of any kind may not be offered.

### ARTICLE 13 CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS

1. The Championship comprises three Competitions, each taking place on a different day. The total Penalties incurred by the three best placed Athletes in the first Competition and in each round of the second Competition count towards the team placing and the total Penalties incurred in each of the first three Competitions count towards the individual placing.
2. The design and construction of all obstacles with regard to safety and technical suitability must be approved by the Technical Delegate and Course Designer. Should a dispute arise relating to these obstacles, the Technical Delegate has the final decision.

### ARTICLE 14 FIRST COMPETITION (TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS)

1. Conduct, Table, Speed  
This first Competition is conducted over a big Table A course and judged under Table C (see JRs Art. 239 and 263) without a jump-off in the event of equality of time for first place.
2. Obstacles, Length of the course  
Twelve to 14 obstacles, including one double and one treble or three doubles. Height 1.25 m maximum, a spread in proportion not exceeding 1.35 m (1.70 m for the triple bar). No water jump.  
Length: 500 m minimum, 600 m maximum.
3. Participation  
The Athletes and Horses declared as starters for the team and individual Championships are qualified to take part in this first Competition. The reserve (fifth) Athlete may take part in this Competition with one Horse with a view to qualifying for the Individual Final.
4. Starting order  
The starting order in this first Competition is drawn in the presence of the Ground Jury, the Technical Delegate and the Chefs d'Equipe, at a time fixed by the President of the Ground Jury in agreement with the OC after the training session. The draw for the starting order for individuals and teams will be conducted in accordance with the procedure set forth in JRs Art. 252. The Chefs d'Equipe of the teams with only three Athletes may choose in which of the three places out of four they will start their Athletes.

5. Penalties

The Score obtained by each Athlete in the first Competition will be converted into Penalties according to the following method. Each Athlete's time will be multiplied by the coefficient 0.50 and converted into points; the points must be rounded to two decimal places. The second decimal place will be rounded up from .005 and rounded down from .004. The Athlete with the lowest number of points after this conversion will be given zero Penalties, the other Athletes being credited with the number of Penalties representing the difference in points between each of them and the leading Athlete.

If an Athlete is eliminated or retires, they will be penalised with 20 Penalties more than the Athlete who has been the most severely penalised after the times of all Athletes who completed the Competition have been converted into Penalties.

**ARTICLE 15 SECOND COMPETITION (TEAM FINAL, SECOND INDIVIDUAL)**

1. Conduct, Table, Speed

This second Competition is conducted over two equal rounds run over one or two days under Table A not against the clock and without a jump-off at a speed of 350 m per minute.

2. Obstacles, Length of the courses

Twelve to 14 obstacles, including one double and one treble or three doubles. Height 1.25 m maximum with a spread in proportion not exceeding 1.35 m (1.70 m for the triple bar). At least two vertical obstacles, which must be 1.30 m in height (sloping walls do not count as compulsory vertical obstacles). At least six other obstacles of at least 1.25 m in height. No water jump.

Length: 500 m minimum, 700 m maximum.

After Consultation with the Course Designer, the Ground Jury may decide to move the obstacles sideways following the first round depending on the condition of the footing. The course must be re-measured if there is a change in the length. If the position of any of the obstacles is altered, the Athletes will be permitted to inspect the course before the second round.

3. Participation

Only the Athletes and Horses, which have taken part in the first Competition, may take part in the second Competition.

3.1. Individuals

3.1.1. The 50 Athletes (such number to be increased if there is equality for the 50<sup>th</sup> place) having the best Score deriving from the addition of the Scores obtained in the first individual qualifying Competition and Round one of Team Final (second individual qualification Competition) are allowed to participate in the third individual qualification Competition which is Round two of the Team Final.

3.1.2. If the Athletes qualified as above under 3.1.1 are not members of a team which has been qualified to participate in Round two of the Team Final, said Athletes will compete prior to Round two of the Team Final. There will be at least 30 minutes interval between this round and Round two of the Team Final.

3.2. Teams

3.2.1. Round two of the Team Final takes place after the third qualifying Competition for individuals. It is open only to the 10 best placed teams and those teams equal on Penalties for 10<sup>th</sup> place after Round one of the Team Competition.

3.2.2. All teams allowed to compete in Round two of the Team Final carry their Penalties forward from the first individual qualifying Competition and Round one of the Team Final.

Score obtained in Round two by members of teams who are not among the Athletes eligible to compete in the third individual qualifying Competition as mentioned under 3.1.1 above, count only for the classification of their respective teams.

4. Starting order

The starting order in this second Competition will be determined by a new draw in accordance with the same procedure as provided for the first Competition.

4.1. Individuals

4.1.1. The starting order of the individuals qualified to compete as mentioned hereinabove under section 3.1.1 is set according to the reverse order of the aggregate Penalties incurred in the first and the second individual qualifying Competitions. In case of Athletes with equality of Penalties, the Score of the first Competition will decide their starting order.

4.2. Teams

4.2.1. The starting order of the teams qualified to compete in Round two of the team Competition is set according to the reverse order of total Penalties of the best three Athletes per team incurred in the first individual qualifying Competition and of the best three Athletes per team in the Round one of the team Competition. Teams with equality of the Penalties retain the starting order of Round one.

4.2.2. Scores of individuals who are members of any team eligible to participate in round two as provided herein above will count for the classification of their team in the Team Final but also as their personal result in the third qualifying Competition if they are among the Athletes mentioned in paragraph 3.1.1 above.

5. Team Placing

Teams which participate in the second round of the second Competition receive their placing by adding the Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes in each team in the first Competition and the Penalties incurred by the three best Athletes in each

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of the two rounds of the second Competition. The team, which has obtained the least number of Penalties will be placed first and declared Continental team champion.

In the event of equality of Penalties between teams for first, second and/or third place in the overall team classification, there will be a jump-off against the clock in which all team Athletes may take part, over six obstacles, which may be increased in height and/or spread at a speed of 350 m per minute.

The Score in this jump-off is obtained by adding the Penalties incurred by the three best Athletes in each team, but in the event of further equality of Penalties, the times of these three Athletes in the jump-off added together will decide the winning team as well as those placed second or third. The Score of this jump-off is only to determine the placing of the teams and will not count towards the final Scores of the individual Athletes.

If two jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the first place.

If after the jump-off there is equality of Penalties and time for one of the first three places, the teams concerned will be placed equal.

Teams not taking part in the second round of the second Competition receive their placing by adding the Penalties incurred by the three best Athletes in each team in the first Competition and the Penalties incurred by the three best Athletes in the first round of the team Competition.

### 6. Rest Day

A rest day must be scheduled between the second and third Competitions.

## ARTICLE 16 THIRD COMPETITION (INDIVIDUAL FINAL)

### 1. Conduct, Table, Speed

This third Competition is conducted over two rounds (A) and (B) each judged under Table A not against the clock with a time allowed at a speed of 350 m per minute.

### 2. Obstacles, Length of the Courses

#### 2.1. Round A

Ten to 12 obstacles, including one double and one treble or three doubles. Height: 1.25 m maximum with a spread in proportion, not exceeding 1.35 m (1.70 m for the triple bar). At least two vertical obstacles, which must be 1.30 m in height (sloping walls do not count as compulsory vertical obstacles). No water jump.

Length: 500 m minimum, 600 m maximum.

#### 2.2. Round B

A different course from Round A comprising eight to ten obstacles including only one combination (one double or one treble). Height 1.30 m maximum with a spread in proportion not exceeding 1.35 m (1.70 m for the triple bar). At least two vertical obstacles, which must be 1.30 m in height (sloping walls do not count as compulsory vertical obstacles).

A water jump may not be included, but an obstacle with water beneath, in front or behind (a so-called "Liverpool") may be included in the course. Length: 400 m minimum, 500 m maximum.

### 3. Participation

This third Competition is compulsory for the 25 best placed Athletes and Horses (including those with equality of Penalties for 25<sup>th</sup> place) according to the cumulative Penalties over the first and second Competitions or according to the cumulative Penalties over the first Competition and first round of the second Competition as well as the round replacing the second round of the team Competition for individuals and members of teams not qualified for the second round of the team Competition. Athletes must have taken part in the first Competition (completed or not) and have completed the second Competition (without having been eliminated or having retired) or have taken part in the first Competition (completed or not) and have completed the first round of the second Competition as well as the round replacing the second round of the team Competition for individuals and members of teams not qualified for the second round of the team Competition (without having been eliminated or having retired). If for any reason one or more of these 25 best placed Athletes are unable to start, they will be replaced by Athletes from the reserve list of five Athletes.

### 4. Inspection of Course B

Athletes will be invited to inspect the course for round B at the conclusion of Round A.

### 5. Starting order

5.1. The starting order for round A will follow the reverse order of Penalties incurred in the first and second Competitions. For those individuals and members of teams not qualified for the second round of the team Competition the starting order will follow the reverse order of Penalties incurred in the first Competition and the first round of the second Competition as well as the round replacing the second round of the team Competition. In the event of equality of Penalties, the Score of the first Competition will decide the starting order. The 25<sup>th</sup> qualifier will, therefore, start as number one.

5.2. The starting order for round B will follow the reverse order of total Penalties incurred in round A of the final Competition, as well as in the first and second Competitions. For those individuals and members of teams not qualified for the second round of the team Competition the starting order will follow the reverse order of total Penalties incurred in round A of the final Competition, the first Competition and the first round of the second Competition, as well as the round replacing the second round of the team Competition. The Athlete with the most Penalties will start first, the Athlete with the least Penalties will start last. In the event of Athletes with equality of Penalties, the Score of the first Competition will decide their starting order.

6. Individual Placing

The individual placing is determined by adding together for each Athlete the Penalties incurred in the first Competition, as well as the two rounds of the second Competition (disregarding the Penalties incurred in the jump-off if there is one) and the two rounds A and B of the third Competition. For those individuals and members of teams not qualified for the second round of the Team Final their Score in the second round qualifier counts instead of the second round of the Team Final.

The Athlete with the least Penalties will be placed first and declared the Continental champion.

In the event of equality for one of the first three places after round B of the third Competition, there will be a jump-off against the clock at a speed of 350 m per minute over eight obstacles from the courses of rounds A and B. The Athletes will be invited to inspect the jump-off course.

If two jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the first place and the second place.

If after the jump-off there is equality of Penalties and time for one of the first three places, Athletes concerned will be placed equal.

**ARTICLE 17        PRIZES**

1. Prize money will not be offered. Prizes in kind will be awarded after the first Competition to the 12 best Athletes, after the second Competition for teams to the six best teams only and after the third Competition to the best 12 overall placed Athletes.
2. FEI gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to each member of the three best placed teams in the Team Championship and to the individuals placed first, second and third in the Individual Championship.

## **ANNEX XI RULES FOR PONY RIDERS**

### **CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION**

#### **ARTICLE 1 GENERAL**

1. Pony Riders Competitions are an important element in the development of equestrian sport around the world.
2. The objective of the following set of rules is to standardise Pony Events, taking into account specific considerations applicable to Pony Riding.

#### **ARTICLE 2 PRIORITY OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. In all matters not covered by the present Annex, the GRs, the VRs and the JRs shall apply.

### **CHAPTER II DEFINITION OF A PONY RIDER AND OF A PONY**

#### **ARTICLE 3 PONY COMPETITOR**

1. An Athlete may compete as a Pony Rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 12 until the end of the year in which they reach the age of 16.
2. No Pony Rider may be classified as a professional.

#### **ARTICLE 4 DEFINITION OF A PONY**

1. A Pony is a small Horse whose height at the withers, having been measured on a smooth level surface, does not exceed 1.48 m without shoes. Refer to VRs Chapter IX, Art. 1082-1088 and VRs Annex IX for complete details relating to the regulatory height of a Pony and Pony Measurement.
  - 1.1. In order to participate in international Events and Championships for Ponies, a Pony must be registered with the FEI as a Pony. A Pony that is registered with the FEI as a Pony may not participate in CSI(O)s or Championships for any other Category.
2. In any international Events and Championships, Ponies must be at least six years old.

### **CHAPTER III INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS**

#### **ARTICLE 5 INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

1. The following types of Jumping Events for Pony Riders competing on Ponies are established: International Event (CSIP), Official International Events (CSIOP) and Championships.
2. A CSIP is an international Event open to individual Athletes from the host NF and from an unrestricted number of foreign NFs.
  - 2.1. CSIP Events may be categorised as Events on borrowed Ponies in which case they must be clearly identified as such i.e. CSIP (on borrowed Ponies).
  - 2.2. Strictly unofficial team Competitions, which may not be described as a "Nations Cup", may be organised in these Events.
  - 2.3. At least three Jumping Competitions must be open to foreign Athletes and must be held under the FEI Rules.
3. A CSIOP is an international Event open to three or more NFs represented by teams.
  - 3.1. It must include the official Competitions for teams and individuals as specified in the rules of the appropriate disciplines.
  - 3.2. Not more than two CSIOPs may be run during one calendar year in the same country, one indoor and one outdoor.
  - 3.3. A CSIOP may, at the discretion of the Secretary General of the FEI, be allowed into the calendar during the year, provided it does not interfere with any international Event for Ponies already inserted in the calendar.
  - 3.4. The Event is open to one team from the host nation and one from each of the foreign NFs.
  - 3.5. A Pony team of any Discipline consists of four Athletes and Ponies of which the results of the best three count. A team of three is acceptable.
  - 3.6. A CSIOP and a CSIP may be held together.
4. International Team Competitions  
These are possible in accordance with the JRs (see JRs Art. 265.2).
5. International Events with borrowed Ponies (see GRs Art. 111).

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- 5.1. By agreement of the FEI Director Jumping, CSIPs and CSIOPs may be organised using Ponies provided by the OC. This is not allowed in the Continental Championships.
- 5.2. The rules for Events with borrowed Horses as outlined in Article 4.4 of the Rules for Children Events must be applied.
6. All entries for Events, including Championships, to which these Rules apply must specify the Pony or Ponies on which each Athlete is entered and, no Athlete may ride any Pony other than the one with which they have been entered.

### **ARTICLE 6 CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. Each year, a Continental Championship in Jumping may be organised within each Continent. Jumping, Dressage and Eventing Continental Championships for Pony Riders may be organised within the same Event or may be organised separately.
2. The Continental Championships will, as far as possible, be organised during the long school holidays (for Europe, this is mid-July to mid-August).
3. The Continental Championships will be held outdoors.
4. The Continental Championships must be restricted to all NFs included in the Continent concerned.
5. The FEI approves the organisation of Championships. NFs wishing to organise a Championship must apply as set forth in the GRs.
6. The Championships must be organised in strict accordance with the GRs, the Rules of the Discipline concerned and the present specific Rules (refer also to Art. 22).
7. Continental Championships may only be held if at least four NFs are represented, except outside Europe where they may be held with any number of regional teams from at least two NFs, including the host NF. An NF, which withdraws after the closing date for the entries and before the start of the Championship is, however, considered as represented.
8. Only teams and/or individuals officially entered by their NF may participate.
9. A Pony Rider and/or Pony may only compete in one Discipline in any one calendar year at the same Event.

### **ARTICLE 7 ELIGIBILITY AT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. A Pony Rider may compete, with a Horse, in Competitions for Young Riders, Juniors and/or Children - if of the appropriate age - without losing their status as a Pony Rider and providing the height of obstacles in the Competitions concerned do not exceed the height restrictions applicable to the Athlete's age (see JRs Art. 255.2). However, Pony Riders may not take part in Competitions for Pony Riders and in Competitions for Young Riders or in U25 Competitions at the same venue during the same week; any Pony Rider who takes part in Pony Competitions and in Competitions for Young Riders or in U25 Competitions at the same venue during the same week will be disqualified from both Events. Refer to JRs Art. 255 for participation in Competitions for Seniors.
2. Athletes of the appropriate age may take part in Competitions and Championships of more than one Category, but in each Discipline only in one Category of the Continental Championships in any one calendar year (see GRs Art. 124.1).
3. Athletes of the appropriate age may take part with a Pony in all Competitions, including the Nations Cup, at a CSIOP and with a Horse in all Competitions, including the Nations Cup, at a CSIOCh at the same venue during the same week. Athletes may not take part in the Nations Cup at a CSIOP and in the Nations Cup at a CSIOJ at the same venue on the same dates.

### **ARTICLE 8 EXPENSES AND PRIVILEGES**

1. Events

OCs of Events open to Pony Riders are free to offer and negotiate financial and accommodation assistance, either in hotels, or youth hostels or with private families, with the NFs of the invited Athletes.
2. Championships and CSIOPs
  - 2.1. NFs are responsible for the travelling expenses of their Chefs d'Equipe, Athletes, grooms and Ponies to and from the location of the Championships and CSIOPs.
  - 2.2. For the OCs the same applies as under paragraph 1 above but the following must be respected, as a minimum:
    - Stabling and fodder for the Ponies must be provided free of charge;
    - possibility for the grooms to stay in the immediate vicinity of the stables.
  - 2.3. The GRs apply in the case of Officials.
3. All privileges are to be awarded from one day before the Event and the Championships until one day after.
4. Reasonable entry fees may be charged and must be approved by the FEI. For the European Championship, the maximum entry fee per Pony is € 500.
5. The Chefs d'Equipe are responsible for the behaviour of their team and/or individuals throughout the Event. They and their NF are responsible for any damages that occur. If the Athletes are not lodged in private homes the Chefs d'Equipe must stay with their team and/or individuals.



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The Ground Jury has the authority to assess any costs for damages. The Ground Jury may impose a fine according to FEI legal procedure and has the right to disqualify the team and/or individuals for unacceptable behaviour at any stage throughout the Event.

### ARTICLE 9 PRIZES

1. Prize money and/or prizes in kind must be awarded in Pony Jumping Events. The total amount of prize money that may be offered at a CSIP, a CSIOP or a Pony Jumping Championship is limited to EUR 8'000. At Events where prizes in kind are offered the approximate value of the prizes in kind must be stated in the Schedule.
2. In all Events except Championships, one rosette and a prize in kind or a souvenir, if prize money is not given, must be awarded for each commenced four Athletes with a minimum of five prizes. It is recommended that stable plaques are awarded to the first four individuals.
3. In Championships, the following minimum number of awards must be presented:
  - 3.1. In the Farewell Competition, prize money and/or prizes in kind, plaques and rosettes at a rate of one prize for each commenced four Athletes with a minimum of five prizes.
  - 3.2. In the Team Championship, FEI medals are awarded to all five team members (see GRs 104.2.2.5). The FEI trophy will be presented at the General Assembly to the winning NF. In addition, prize money and/or prizes in kind, plaques and rosettes at a rate of one prize for each of the five Athletes in the teams taking the first four places.
  - 3.3. In the Individual Championship, FEI medals are awarded (see GRs 104.2.2.5). In addition, prize money and/or prizes in kind, plaques and rosettes at a rate of one prize for each commenced four Athletes with a minimum of five prizes are awarded.
  - 3.4. At Championships, the prize-giving ceremony should be given great importance and should be held in the arena with the Athletes mounted.
  - 3.5. The OC should present all Chefs d'Equipe and Athletes with a souvenir or a plaque. Chefs d'Equipe of placed teams must receive a plaque; the Chefs d'Equipe of the best three teams must also receive a prize in kind.
  - 3.6. OCs should award as many extra prizes as possible, for example:
    - 3.6.1. Athletes with the best style;
    - 3.6.2. Sportsmanship.

### ARTICLE 10 SCHOOLING OF PONIES

1. Under penalty of Elimination, it is prohibited for an Athlete's Pony to be schooled by anybody mounted in the saddle, other than the Athlete himself in or outside the venue where the Event or a Championship is held, as from 18.00 hours on the day preceding the commencement of the first Competition of an Event until the conclusion of the whole Event. However, lunging, work in hand, etc., by someone other than the Athlete, under the supervision of the FEI stewards, is permitted.
2. Ponies may not leave the stables, the Competition area, or the areas supervised by Stewards for any purpose unless authorised by a recognised FEI Official of the Event or a Veterinarian acting in the interest of the health and welfare of the Pony.
3. Each Pony keeps the same identification number provided by the OC on arrival, throughout the Event. It is compulsory that this number is always worn by the Pony whenever it leaves the stables, so that it may be identified by all Officials including the Stewards. Failure to display this identification number clearly incurs first a warning and, in the case of repeated offence, a fine imposed on the Athlete by the Ground Jury.

### ARTICLE 11 OFFICIALS

1. At CSIP Events the appointment of Judges must be in accordance with JRs Art. 259 as for CSI2\* Events.
2. The OC should be strongly advised to include in the Ground Jury Officials who have experience of Pony Events.
3. For the Continental Championships in Jumping, the President of the Ground Jury, the Technical Delegate and the Foreign Veterinary Delegate must be appointed by the FEI. (see Articles 22.9 and 22.11 of this Annex). For the Continental Championships in Jumping, a minimum of two Judges of the Ground Jury must be selected from the list of Level 3 or Level 4 Jumping Judges. The other Judges must be selected from the list of Level 2 Jumping Judges at least.
4. In Jumping Competitions if there is a water jump, there must be an additional Judge who is a member of the Ground Jury.  
At Championships and in the team Competitions and Grand Prix at CSIOPs the water jump Judge must be at least a Level 2 Judge (see JRs Art. 259.1).

### ARTICLE 12 PASSPORTS

1. See GRs Art. 137 and VRs Art. 1001.

### ARTICLE 13 PONY MEASUREMENT

1. The provisions of VRs Chapter IX, Art. 1082-1088 apply.

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2. Where FEI Pony measurement is to be carried out before the Horse inspection, the period of an Event shall commence with the first Pony measurement. Such provision shall prevail over the GRs.

## **ARTICLE 14 SCHEDULE**

1. Article 12 of the Rules for Juniors applies.

## **ARTICLE 15 RULES FOR PONY JUMPING EVENTS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. Pony Jumping Events and Championships must be conducted in accordance with the JRs except where specifically modified below.

## **ARTICLE 16 OBSTACLES**

1. At Championships and CSIOPs the course shall consist of 10 to 12 obstacles requiring no more than 15 efforts. The maximum number of combinations shall be one double and one triple or three doubles.
  - 1.1. At other Events courses shall not exceed the above specifications and should, if necessary, be modified according to the standard of the Athletes and Ponies taking part.
2. Obstacles must be strong and impressive in appearance. It must be taken into consideration that Ponies are lighter in weight than Horses and must be able to effect knock-downs.
3. In Championships the maximum height and spread of obstacles, except in a jump-off, shall be as follows :
  - 3.1. In the Farewell Competition dimensions may not exceed the height of 1.25 m, spread 1.40 m (1.60 m for the triple bars).
  - 3.2. In the first Competition and the Team Final, height 1.30 m, spread 1.40 m (1.60 m for the triple bars).
  - 3.3. In the Individual Final, height 1.35 m, spread 1.45 m (1.60 m for the triple bars).
4. At CSIOPs the maximum height and spread shall not exceed those specified for similar Competitions at a Championship.
  - 4.1. At CSIP Events, the same maximum dimensions shall apply, but a height of 1.20 m and a spread of 1.30 m in the first round are recommended.
  - 4.2. At CSIP Events on borrowed Ponies the height of the fences must not exceed 1.20 m.
5. In any jump-off the obstacles may (subject to JRs Art. 246.1) be raised and spread by a maximum of ten centimetres (10 cm) but may never exceed a height of 1.40 m or a spread of 1.50 m (1.60 m for triple bars).
6. The water jump, including the take-off, may not exceed 3.30 m. At Championships and CSIOPs a minimum of three metres including take-off is recommended. If the water jump is used in the team Competition, respectively the Nations Cup Competition, at Championships or CSIOPs, a vertical obstacle having any number of poles but all with the use of FEI-approved safety cups (refer to Art. 211.10 for the depth of safety cups), must be placed over the water jump in the second round; this obstacle is judged as a vertical obstacle, not as a water jump (see JRs Art. 211.10).
7. The minimum distance between the obstacles of a combination is seven metres, and the maximum distance is 11 metres.

## **ARTICLE 17 PRACTICE OBSTACLES**

1. Obstacles in the schooling areas may not exceed the dimensions (height and spread) of those to be used in the relevant round of the Competition for which the Athletes are preparing.
2. For Pony Riders schooling over obstacles without reference to a particular Competition the maximum height of 1.35 m and spread of 1.45 m must be observed.

## **ARTICLE 18 SPEED**

1. The speed for all Competitions must be 350 m per minute.

## **ARTICLE 19 DRESS, PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR, ARTIFICIAL AIDS AND SALUTE**

1. Properly fastened Protective Headgear is compulsory at all times when mounted.
2. All Athletes should acknowledge the Ground Jury by an inclination of the head without removing their Headgear.
3. Competition jacket or club uniform jacket. Competition jackets may be any colour and must have outward facing buttons. If the jacket has a collar it must be a lapel collar which may be the same colour as the jacket or a different colour. Piping of any colour is allowed around the collar only. Jackets without a collar are allowed providing the shirt collar and tie are visible when the jacket is closed. White or fawn breeches or jodhpurs with boots. Boots must have a heel. White shirt and tie or hunting stock.
4. Spurs optional but if used must be made of smooth metal. If there is a shank it must not be more than 4 cm long, measured from the boot to the tip of the spur, and must point only towards the rear; the end of the shank must be blunt. If the shank is curved, the spurs must be worn only with the shank directed downwards. Rowel spurs are not permitted. Hammer spurs are allowed provided they meet the above requirements. Metal or plastic "Impulse spurs" with round hard plastic or metal

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knobs and "Dummy spurs" with no shank are allowed. Spurs with flat disks are allowed. The contact surface with the horse and all edges must be smooth and rounded. The Athlete when mounted may wear only one spur on each boot.

5. ~~Maximum length of whip: 75 cm.~~ The Athlete when mounted may carry only one whip. Athletes are strictly forbidden to use or carry a whip which is weighed down at the end at any time or to carry or use one which is more than 75 cm in length. No substitute for a whip may be carried.
6. For all matters not covered above, JRs Art. 256 applies.

## ARTICLE 20 LOSS OF HEADGEAR AND UNFASTENED RETENTION HARNESS

Refer to JRs Art. 256.1.4.

## ARTICLE 21 INSPECTION OF SADDLERY

1. The following applies throughout the Competition grounds at all times from the time of arrival until the conclusion of the entire Event or championship:

- 1.1. Reins must be attached to the bit or the connecting piece, or directly to the bridle. Only running unrestricted martingales are allowed. Double bridles are not allowed. The following types of bits and nosebands are allowed:

### 1.1.1. Bits

Bits may be made of any material (metal, rubber, plastic, leather...) but must be used in the original manufactured state. Double bridles are not allowed. The minimum diameter of the bit shall be 10 mm.

*NB: No wire, double wire, or chain bits may be used. The following bits are permitted:*

*All snaffles: jointed, double jointed or unjointed*

*curved mouthpiece*



*soft twisted*

*All gags: normal snaffle gag, jointed or unjointed*

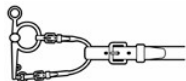
*All pelhams: jointed, double jointed or unjointed*

*curved mouthpiece*

*soft twisted*

*Cheeks maximum length 15 cm*

*NB: All pelhams must be used with one single rein. The rein must either be used with a connecting piece or attached to the larger of the two rings of the bit.*



*Example of a connecting piece for single rein - pelham*

*All Kimberwicks*

*Pessoas: Only smooth (untwisted) snaffle Pessoas are allowed. Maximum 4 rings (including the top ring for the cheek piece). The rein may be attached to any ring or may be used with a connecting piece; double reins may be used.*

*jointed, double jointed or unjointed*

*Cheeks, maximum length 16 cm*

*Hackamore: The nose piece of the hackamore must be flat and constructed of pliable non-abrasive material; Padding or sheepskin on the nose piece is permitted; no metal pieces of any kind may be inserted in the nose piece, padding or sheepskin. Cheeks may not exceed 17 cm (Measurement should be carried out in a straight line from the middle of the upper ring to the middle of the lower ring. For models with a "curb chain" or strap, measurement should be taken from the middle of the bottom ring to the point of junction where the shank connects to the nose piece. Refer to the Stewards Manual for Jumping for photographs.)*

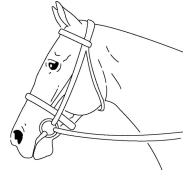
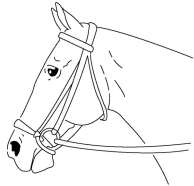
*NB: No hackamore may be used in combination with a bit.*

### 1.1.2. Nosebands

Nosebands must be flat. Nosebands constructed from materials other than leather are not permitted, with the exception of the front part of the noseband which may optionally be made of flat, non-abrasive leather-like material. Sheepskin on the noseband is permitted. A small disc of sheepskin may be used in the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband. The following nosebands are permitted for Pony Jumping Events:

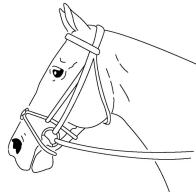
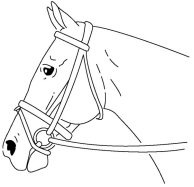
Dropped noseband

Cavesson noseband



Flash noseband

Crossed noseband



Variations of the above nosebands, such as but not limited to the noseband pictured below, may be permitted providing they comply with the provisions of this paragraph, are properly fitted and do not interfere with the Pony's breathing (refer to the Stewards Manual for Jumping for details).



- 1.2 In the interests of safety, the stirrup iron and the stirrup leather (this also applies to safety stirrups) must hang freely from the bar of the saddle and the outside of the flap. The Athlete must not directly or indirectly tie any part of their body to the saddlery.
- 1.3 The total maximum weight of equipment allowed to be placed on a Pony's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings, etc), may not exceed 500 grams (shoe or substitute for shoe excluded) under any circumstances, including when the equipment is wet.
- 1.4 Refer to JRs Art. 257.2.4 and 257.2.5 for the description of the type of hind boots that may be used at Pony Jumping Events.
- 1.5 The use of a tongue-strap is forbidden. For the use of tongue guards, see VRs Art. 1046.5.
2. In the Competition arena:
  - 2.1 Blinkers and fly masks that cover the Horse's eyes are forbidden.
  - 2.2 Leather, sheepskin or similar material may be used on each cheek piece of the bridle providing the material does not exceed three centimetres in diameter measured from the Horse's cheek.
  - 2.3 Draw reins (running reins) are forbidden in the Competition arena except during prize giving ceremonies and march-past parades.
3. Failure to comply with any of the provisions listed in Art. 21.1 and 21.2 will incur Elimination.
4. The Ground Jury has the right, based on veterinary advice, to forbid the use of a bit or spurs that may cause injury to the Pony.
5. A steward must be appointed to check the saddlery of each Pony before it enters the arena.

## ARTICLE 22 CONTINENTAL JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Entries
 

After the approval of the Schedule by the FEI Jumping Director, the invitations, together with the Schedule, are sent to the NFs of the appropriate Continent by the host NF.
2. Teams
  - 2.1. Each NF may enter one team of not more than six Athletes and six Ponies from which five Athletes and five Ponies are allowed to travel to the Championship and four to start in the Team Final.
  - 2.2. The OC must extend its invitation to a Chef d'Equipe who will be given the same privileges as the Athletes.
3. Individuals instead of teams

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An NF which cannot send a complete team may enter one or two individual Athletes with one Pony each.

4. NFs are entitled to send one groom for each two Ponies with a maximum of two grooms per team.
5. The entries shall be made in two phases in accordance with the GRs Art. 116.2.2(i) – 116.2.2(ii):

The Schedule may include a date by which NFs are to indicate whether the intention is to send only a team or a team and individuals or only individuals. The maximum number of nominated and definite entries of Athletes and Ponies that may be entered in the Continental Pony Jumping Championship is as follows:

- Nominated entries: 12 Athletes and 12 Ponies
- Definite entries: 6 Athletes and 6 Ponies, of which 5 Athletes and 5 Ponies are allowed to travel to the Championship (see Art. 22.2.1 above).

Athletes and Ponies entered for a Championship on the list of nominated entries (four weeks before the Championship) can be replaced and additions can be made within the limits specified in GRs Art. 116.2.2(i) until the date of definite entries (at the latest four days before the start of the Championship).

In the event of an accident or illness of an Athlete and/or Pony, substantiated by a certificate from an official recognised doctor and/or veterinarian, between the date of definite entries and one hour before the first Pony Inspection of the Championship, substitutions of Athletes and/or Ponies can be made. Such substitutions must be taken from the updated list of nominated entries and require Ground Jury approval.

## 6. Competition Format

- 6.1. The Championship comprises three Competitions, each taking place on a different day. The total Penalties incurred by the three best placed Athletes of each nation in the first Competition and in each round of the second Competition count towards the team placing and the total Penalties incurred in each of the three Championship Competitions count towards the individual placing.

### 6.2. First Competition (Teams and Individuals)

- 6.2.1. This is a Table A Competition against the clock without a jump-off in the event of equality for the first place (see JRs Art. 238.2.1). If an Athlete is eliminated or retires, they shall be penalised with 20 Penalties more than the Athlete with the highest number of Penalties. If the Athlete concerned has himself received the highest number of Penalties before being eliminated or retiring, 20 Penalties will be added to his Score.

- 6.2.2. There will be a draw for the starting order of the Athletes in the first Competition, conducted according to JRs Art. 252.

### 6.3. Second Competition (Team Final, Second Individual)

- 6.3.1. This Competition is run over two rounds, identical or different, with the same degree of difficulty in the second round, according to Table A not against the clock with a jump-off against the clock in case of equality for first, second and/or third place.

This Competition is open only to Athletes and Ponies which have taken part in the first qualifying Competition, the team classification only affecting the members of the teams who have declared to start.

### 6.3.2. Starting Order in the Second Competition.

Starting order in the Second Competition will be according to a draw in the first round, conducted according to JRs Art. 252. In the second round the order of starting will be according to the reverse order of total Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes from among the five of each nation in the first Competition and by the best three Athletes per team in the first round of the Team Final.

In the second round individual Athletes will start before the teams. In the case of individuals or teams with equal Penalties, the same starting order will be retained as in the first round.

The starting order in the possible jump-off will revert to the starting order in the second round.

If two jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the second and first places.

The second round is open only to the ten best teams following the first Competition and the first round of the Team Final and those teams tied for 10<sup>th</sup> place.

Before the ten best placed teams and those tied for 10<sup>th</sup> place begin their second round, all individuals and team members not qualified for the second round may take part in a second round qualifier for the third Competition. There must be a break of at least 30 minutes between the second round qualifier and the second round of the Team Competition.

### 6.4. Farewell Competition

OCs must provide one individual Farewell Competition for those who are not qualified to participate in the Individual Final. This Competition is judged either under Table A against the clock without a jump-off (see JRs Art. 238.2.1) or under Table A against the clock with one jump-off against the clock in case of equality of Penalties for first place (see JRs Art. 238.2.2).

### 6.5. Third Competition (Individual Final)

- 6.5.1. This Competition consists of two different rounds A and B each judged under Table A not against the clock.

Qualified to participate are the top 60% of the Athletes (including those placed equal for last place) according to the cumulative Penalties over the first and the second Competitions. The number of Athletes permitted to participate must not be less than 15 and not more than 30. However, all Athletes with equal Penalties for the last qualification place are allowed to participate in the Individual Final even if the number of starters would then be more than 30.

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They must have taken part in the first Competition (completed or not) and have completed the second Competition (without having been eliminated or without retiring). If, for any reason, one or more of the qualified Athletes are unable to start, they will not be replaced by followers.

All Athletes who complete Round A go forward to Round B. The Penalties in the two rounds are added.

The Athletes will be invited to inspect the course of Round B.

### 6.5.2. Starting Order

The starting order for Round A will follow the reverse order of Penalties incurred in the first and second Competitions of the Championship. In the event of equality of Penalties for any placing, the result of the first Competition will be the deciding factor for the starting order. The lowest placed qualified Athlete will therefore start first.

The starting order for Round B will follow the reverse order of the Penalties incurred in the first and second Competitions as well as Round A. The Athlete with the greatest number of Penalties will start first, the Athlete with the least Penalties will start last. In the event of Athletes with equal Penalties, the result of the first Competition will be the deciding factor for the starting order.

### 7. Declaration of Starters and Substitutions

7.1. The Chefs d'Equipe must declare the composition of their team (minimum three, maximum four Athletes/Ponies) to the OC in writing, before 18.00 hours, on the day preceding the second Competition. The fifth pair (Athlete/Pony) may take part in the second Competition as an individual and in the third (Individual Final) Competition if qualified.

7.2. The substitution of a team member by the fifth pair (Athlete/Pony) may only be allowed in case of an accident or illness either to one of the four team Athletes or to one of the four Ponies, provided the Chef d'Equipe obtains the approval of the Ground Jury. Such substitution may be made up to one hour before the start of the first round of the Team Final.

7.3. If the Championship is held during a CSI the OC may allow the Athletes participating in the Championship to take part with different Ponies in the Competitions of the CSI. The Ponies to be ridden in the Championship must, however, be declared before arrival at the Event and may not be substituted.

### 7.4 Substitution

In the event of an accident or illness of an Athlete and/or Pony between the submission of declarations and one hour before the start of the first championship Competition, the Athlete and/or the Pony may, on presentation of a certificate from an officially recognised doctor and/or with the permission of the Veterinary Commission and after approval of the President of the Ground Jury, be replaced by another Athlete and/or Pony formally entered with the definite entries or substituted according to Art. 22.5.

### 8. Obstacles and Courses

Refer to Article 16 above.

### 9. Ground Jury and Foreign Technical Delegate

The President of the Ground Jury and the Foreign Technical Delegate must be appointed by the FEI Jumping Director, in consultation with the Jumping Committee. Their appointment as well as that of the members of the Ground Jury must comply with the requirements set forth in the GRs.

### 10. Veterinary Commission

The composition of the Veterinary Commission and the appointment of its President and members must comply with the requirements set forth in the VRs.

11. In all circumstances not covered by the present Annex, the Ground Jury, being guided by the GRs of the FEI and the JRs will give such decisions as they consider will best produce a fair classification for the Championship.

### 12. Falls

A fall of the Athlete or Pony eliminates the Athlete from the Competition. This includes Championship Competitions, as well as Nations Cup Competitions. Nevertheless, the Athlete may take part in the second round of the Nations Cup Competition, providing that the official doctor and the Ground Jury give their approval. The Athlete eliminated is penalised with 20 Penalty points more than the worst placed Athlete in the concerned round (see Articles 22.6.2.1, 22.12 and 22.13.2).

### 13. Team Classification

13.1. The team classification is decided by adding the Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes of each nation in the first Competition and in each of the two rounds of the Team Final. For those teams not qualified for the second round the results of the best three Athletes per team in the first round of the Team Final count.

13.2. Team Athletes not completing the first or second round receive 20 Penalties more than the worst placed team Athlete who has finished that particular round.

13.3. In the case of equality of Penalties between the teams for first, second and/or third place, a jump-off against the clock is compulsory in which all team Athletes participate. If two jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the first and second place. The classification in this jump-off is obtained by adding the Penalties and the times incurred by the best three Athletes in each team. In case of further equality of Penalties and time, the teams will be placed equal.

13.4. In case of equality of Penalties for any other placing, the teams will be placed equal.

13.5. In addition to the team classification there will be an individual classification with prizes for this Competition.

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14. Individual Classification
- 14.1. The overall individual classification is determined for each Athlete by adding the Penalties incurred in the first qualifying Competition, both rounds in the second qualifying Competition (disregarding the Penalties incurred in the jump-off, if any) and in rounds A and B of the third Competition (Individual Final).
- 14.2. In case of equality of Penalties for the first, second and/or third place a jump-off, against the clock, is compulsory. If two jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the first and second place. In case of further equality of Penalties and time, the Athletes will be placed equal.
- 14.3. In addition to the overall individual classification (see Art. 14.1), there will be a separate classification, with prizes, for Athletes taking part in the third Competition (Individual Final); for this classification only the results from Rounds A and B count. Athletes with equality of Penalties are placed equal.

### **ARTICLE 23           EVENTS OTHER THAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. CSIOPs
- 1.1. The Schedule must include an official team Competition and a Grand Prix according to JRs Art. 238 or Articles 273.3.1, 273.3.2 or 273.3.3. The OC may, with the permission of the FEI, invite additional Pony Riders of the host NF.
- 1.2. Subject to paragraph 2 below, the relevant provisions of Article 22 of this Annex will apply to CSIOPs.
2. CSIPs and CSIOPs, other than Championships
- 2.1. Official and unofficial team Competitions, when held, will so far as practicable, be run according to JRs Art. 264.
- 2.2. There will be no jump-off for first place in team or individual Competitions except, where specified in the JRs or the Schedule.
- 2.3. OCs should not feel bound to adhere to the programme of Competitions prescribed for a Championship but, subject to paragraph 1.1 above (CSIOPs), are encouraged to formulate a schedule which they consider to be the most suitable for the occasion, enjoyable for the Athletes and entertaining for spectators.
- 2.4. While Competitions under JRs Art. 238 should not be neglected, thought should also be given to Competitions under Table C and the special Competitions listed in JRs Art. 265 to 271, but Competitions under JRs Art. 262.2 (Puissance) and JRs Art. 262.3 (Six Bar and Obstacles in Line Competitions) are not permitted.
- 2.5. Where natural obstacles are available, a Competition entitled "Pony Derby" may be organised on the lines of JRs Art. 277 but without a specified length of course. This Competition may be run over one round under Table A or against the clock or under Table A with one round and a jump-off or under Table C (see JRs Art. 277).
- 2.6. Competitions for boys and girls may be organised, except for a Championship.
3. Falls  
Refer to Article 22.12.

## **ANNEX XII RULES FOR CHILDREN'S EVENTS**

### **CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION**

#### **ARTICLE 1 GENERAL**

1. The participation of Children is an important element in the development of equestrian sport throughout the world.
2. The object of the following set of Rules is to standardise the various types of Events and Competitions for Children worldwide, taking into account specific considerations applicable to Children riding Horses.

#### **ARTICLE 2 PRIORITY OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

In all matters not covered by the present Rules, the GRs, the VRs and the JRs shall apply.

### **CHAPTER II ELIGIBILITY**

#### **ARTICLE 3 DEFINITION OF CHILDREN**

1. An Athlete may compete in the Children's Category from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 12 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 14.
2. At Children's Events, Athletes may compete only on Horses. It is not allowed to compete on Ponies.

### **CHAPTER III INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND FEI CHAMPIONSHIPS**

#### **ARTICLE 4 TYPE OF EVENTS**

1. The following types of Jumping Events for Children competing on Horses are established: International Events (CSICH), Official International Event (CSIOCh) and Championships.
2. A CSICH is an international Event open to individual Athletes from the host NF and from an unrestricted number of foreign NFs.
  - 2.1. International Jumping Events for Children are categorised as follows: CSICH Category A (Events with prize money) and CSICH Category B (Events without prize money).
  - 2.2. Strictly unofficial team Competitions, which may not be described as a "Nations Cup", may be organised in these Events and must be limited to three to four Athletes .
3. A CSIOCh is an Official International Event open to three or more NFs represented by teams.
  - 3.1. It must include the official Competitions for teams and individuals as specified in the rules of the appropriate disciplines.
  - 3.2. Not more than two CSIOCh Events may be run during the same year in the same NF, one indoor and one outdoor.
  - 3.3. A CSIOCh may, at the discretion of the FEI Secretary General, be allowed into the calendar during the year, provided it does not interfere with any International Event for Children already inserted in the calendar.
  - 3.4. These Events are open to one team from the host NF and one from each of the foreign NFs.
    - 3.4.1. For invitations at CSIOCh Events the OC has the choice of using one of the following formulas:
      - as per Articles 19.2.1. and 19.3.1 of this Annex; or
      - as per JRs Art. 249.1. and 249.2.
  - 3.5. A team Competition in any Discipline consists of four Athletes and four Horses, of which the results of the best three count. A team of three is acceptable.
4. International Events with borrowed Horses
  - 4.1. By agreement of the Secretary General of the FEI, CSICH Events and CSIOCh Events may be organised using borrowed Horses provided by the OC. In this case they must be clearly identified as Events on borrowed Horses, e.g. CSICH Cat. A (on borrowed Horses).
  - 4.2. Continental Championships may not be organised with borrowed Horses.
  - 4.3. With the approval of the Secretary General of the FEI, various formulas may be used by the OC at Events where borrowed Horses are provided, but the recommended formulas are as follows:
    - 4.3.1. Each Athlete of the host NF provides two Horses. A draw is held to match foreign Athletes with host Athletes. Another draw takes place to allocate one of the Horses of the host Athlete to the foreign Athlete. The Athletes of the host NF ride the Horse which has not been allocated to the foreign Athlete.



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- 4.3.2. Each Athlete of the host NF provides two Horses. Each foreign Athlete draws a Horse for each of the Athletes from the host NF. The remaining Horses are pooled together and are allocated to the foreign Athletes by means of a draw.
- 4.3.3. A draw takes place to allocate all Horses provided by the OC to Athletes present.
- 4.3.4. Each Athlete of the host NF provides one Horse. A draw takes place to match foreign Athletes with host country Athletes. Each Horse is ridden by a host Competition NF Athletes and by a foreign Athlete. In the first Competition, the host NF Athlete rides their Horse first.
- 4.3.5. The following rules apply to all Competitions with borrowed Horses:
- 4.3.6. Sufficient reserve Horses must only be provided for foreign Children. Horses that are obviously unsuitable for foreign Athletes must be replaced by reserve Horses. Such a substitution may only be done with the approval of the Ground Jury.
- 4.3.7. Each Athlete will be given the opportunity to school the Horse obtained in the draw at least once, during a riding session lasting one hour.
- 4.3.8. Not more than a total of six obstacles may be jumped during any training session. Cross poles are not included in the above number.
- 4.3.9. The OC will establish the Rules governing schooling sessions.
- 4.3.10. Liverpools, dry ditches and natural obstacles such as banks, etc. may not be used.
- 4.3.11. Horses must be allocated at least two days before the first Competition.
- 4.3.12. Horses may only be ridden once daily for a maximum of one hour.
- 4.3.13. The Horse's trainer or any other person, providing they have received the owner's authorisation, may school the Horse during the Event.
- 4.3.14. The Horse must be ridden using the bit which it usually works with and in which it is presented at the time of the draw. The bit may be changed only with the agreement of the owner.
- 4.3.15. Three attempts at jumping an obstacle count as one obstacle jumped. One double or one triple counts as one obstacle.
- 4.3.16. The following and above rules apply for Competitions with borrowed Horses which are run in accordance with paragraph 4.3.4. above, unless otherwise stated below.
- 4.3.17. During the Competition days, the first and second Athletes may jump six obstacles each.
- 4.3.18. The number of obstacles in any course may not exceed eight in total, that is, a maximum of ten efforts. Two doubles or one triple may be used.
- 4.3.19. In the first Competition, Horses must be ridden first by the Athletes of the host NF.
- 4.3.20. If there are not sufficient foreign Athletes to match the number of host NF Athletes, there will be a draw among foreign Athletes to decide which foreign Athletes will ride the surplus Horses, in order to ensure that all Horses start twice per day.

### **ARTICLE 5 CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. Each year, a Continental Championship may be organised within each Continent (see GRs Art. 104.2.2).
2. The Championships will, as far as possible, be organised during the long school holidays (for Europe, this is mid-July to mid-August).
3. The Championships will be held outdoors.
4. The Continental Championships are open to all NFs within the Continent.
5. The FEI approves the organisation of Championships. NFs wishing to organise a Championship must apply as set forth in the GRs.
6. The Championship must be organised in strict accordance with the GRs, the Rules of the Discipline concerned and the present specific Rules (refer also to Chapter IV).
7. Continental Championships may only be held if at least four NFs, including the host NF, must be represented, except outside Europe where Continental Championships may be held with any number of regional teams from at least two NFs, including the host NF. The NFs concerned will determine the basis of the regional teams. A NF, which withdraws after the closing date for the entries and before the start of the Championship, is, however, considered as represented.
8. The maximum entry fee per horse that may be charged for the European Jumping Championship is EUR 400. For other Continental Championships reasonable entry fees may be charged and must be approved by the FEI.
9. Only teams and/or individuals officially entered by their NF may participate.

### **ARTICLE 6 ELIGIBILITY AT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. Athletes of the appropriate age may take part in Competitions and Championships of more than one Category, but in each Discipline only in one Category of the Continental Championships in any one calendar year.
  - 1.1. An Athlete who, during the year they reach the age of 14, has taken part in a Continental Jumping Championship Competition for Juniors, will no longer be eligible to compete in a Children's Championship.

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- 1.2. From the year in which they reach their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday, Athletes may take part in certain international Competitions for Seniors with the express permission of their NF (refer to JRs Art. 255).
- 1.3. An Athlete may not participate in a CSIOCh and in a CSIOJ at the same venue on the same dates. Athletes of the appropriate age may, however, participate with a Horse in a CSIOCh and with a Pony in a CSIOJ at the same venue during the same week.

### ARTICLE 7 EXPENSES AND PRIVILEGES

1. Events

OCs of Events open to Children are free to offer and negotiate financial and accommodation assistance, either in hotels, or youth hostels or with private families.
2. Championships and CSIOCh Events
  - 2.1. NFs are responsible for the travelling expenses of their Chefs d'Equipe, Athletes, grooms and Horses to and from the location of the Championship and of CSIOCh Events.
  - 2.2. For the OC the same applies as under paragraph 1 above but the following must be respected, as a minimum:
    - Stabling and fodder for the Horses must be provided free of charge by the OC;
    - possibility for the grooms to stay in the immediate vicinity of the stables.
  - 2.3. The GRs apply in the case of Officials.
3. All privileges are to be awarded from one day before the Event until one day after.
4. The Chefs d'Equipe are responsible for the behaviour of their teams and individuals throughout the Event. They and their NF are responsible for any damages that occur. If the Athletes are not lodged in private homes, the Chefs d'Equipe must stay with their team and individuals.

The Ground Jury has the authority to assess any costs for damages. A fine may be imposed according to FEI legal system, the Ground Jury may impose a fine and has the right to disqualify teams and individuals for unacceptable behaviour at any stage during the Event.

### ARTICLE 8 PRIZES

1. Prize money and/or prizes in kind must be awarded in Children's Events. The total amount of prize money that may be offered at a CSIOCh, a CSIOJ or a Children's Jumping Championship is limited to EUR 8'000. If prizes in kind are offered, the approximate value of the prizes in kind must be stated in the Schedule.
2. In all Events except Championships, one rosette and a prize in kind or a souvenir, if prize money is not given, must be awarded for each commenced four Athletes with a minimum of five prizes. It is recommended that stable plaques are awarded to the first four individuals.
3. In Championships, the following minimum number of awards must be presented:
  - 3.1. In the Farewell Competition, prize money and/or prizes in kind, plaques and rosettes at a rate of one prize for each commenced four Athletes with a minimum of five prizes.
  - 3.2. In the Team Championship, FEI medals are awarded to all five team members (see GRs 104.2.2.5). The FEI trophy will be presented at the General Assembly to the winning NF. In addition, prize money and/or prizes in kind, plaques and rosettes at a rate of one prize for each of the five Athletes in the teams taking the first four places.
  - 3.3. In the Individual Championship, FEI medals are awarded (see GRs 104.2.2.5). In addition, prize money and/or prizes in kind, plaques and rosettes at a rate of one prize for each commenced four Athletes with a minimum of five prizes are awarded.
  - 3.4. At Championships, the prize-giving ceremony should be given great importance and should be held in the arena with the Athletes mounted.
  - 3.5. The OC should present all Chefs d'Equipe and Athletes with a souvenir or a plaque. Chefs d'Equipe of placed teams must receive a plaque; the Chefs d'Equipe of the best three teams must also receive a prize in kind.
  - 3.6. OCs should award as many extra prizes as possible, for example:
    - 3.6.1. Athletes with the best style;
    - 3.6.2. sportsmanship.

### ARTICLE 9 HORSES

1. Schooling

Under penalty of Elimination, it is prohibited for an Athlete's Horse to be schooled by anybody mounted in the saddle, other than the Athlete himself, in or outside the venue where the Event or a Championship is held, as from 18.00 hours on the day preceding the commencement of the first Competition of an Event or a Championship until the conclusion of the whole Event or Championship. However, lunging, work in hand, etc., by someone other than the Athlete, under the supervision of the FEI stewards, is permitted. The trainer or a person delegated by the trainer with the owner's approval may be permitted to school the Athlete's Horse within the time frame described above during Events for borrowed Horses only.

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### 2. Control

At the discretion of the Ground Jury, a child unable to control their Horse may be forced to retire before the Competition begins or during their rounds and/or from the entire Event with the Horse in question.

### 3. Identification

Horses must be stabled in the designated stables throughout the entire Event. Failure to do so will entail disqualification.

Each Horse keeps the same identification number throughout the Event as provided by the OC upon arrival. It is compulsory that this number be worn always by the Horse whenever it leaves the stables, so that it may be identified by all Officials including the stewards. Failure to display this identification number incurs first a warning and, in case of a repeated offence, a fine will be imposed on the Athlete by the Ground Jury according to FEI legal procedure.

## ARTICLE 10 OFFICIALS

1. At Category A CSIch Events, the appointment of Judges must be in accordance with JRs Art. 259 as for CSI2\* Events. At Category B CSIch Events, the appointment of Judges must be in accordance with JRs Art. 259 as for CSI1\* Events.
2. The OCs are strongly advised to include in the Ground Jury Officials who have experience with Competitions for Children.
3. For the Continental Championships, the President of the Ground Jury, the Technical Delegate and Foreign Veterinary Delegate must be appointed by the FEI (see Articles 26 and 27 of this Annex).

## ARTICLE 11 PASSPORTS

1. GRs Art. 137 and VRs Art. 1001 apply.

## ARTICLE 12 SCHEDULE

1. Article 12 of the Rules for Young Riders and Juniors applies.

## ARTICLE 13 RULES FOR CHILDREN'S JUMPING EVENTS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Children's Jumping Events and Championships must be conducted in accordance with the JRs except where specifically modified below.

## ARTICLE 14 OBSTACLES

1. No obstacle at a CSIch or a CSIOCh may exceed 1.30 m in height and 1.40 m in spread, except in case of a jump-off, which must consist of a minimum of six obstacles and a maximum of eight obstacles of which a maximum of four may be built at the maximum height of 1.30 m. Refer to Art. 23 for the maximum height of obstacles at the Continental Championship.
2. No banks, mounds or ramps are allowed. A water jump with a maximum spread of 2.50 m, over which is placed a vertical obstacle having any number of poles but all with the use of FEI-approved safety cups (refer to Art. 211.10 for the depth of safety cups), is allowed; this obstacle is judged as a vertical obstacle, not as a water jump (see JRs Art. 211.10).
3. Liverpools are allowed.

## ARTICLE 15 SPEED

1. The speed for Competitions at a CSIOCh and Championships must be 350 m per minute, the speed for other Competitions may be 300 to 350 m per minute.

## ARTICLE 16 TABLE "C" COMPETITIONS

1. Table "C" Competitions are not allowed.

## ARTICLE 17 DRESS, PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR, ARTIFICIAL AIDS AND SALUTE

1. Properly fastened Protective Headgear is compulsory at all times when mounted.
2. All Athletes should acknowledge the Ground Jury by an inclination of the head without removing their Headgear.
3. Competition jacket or club uniform jacket. Competition jackets may be any colour and must have outward facing buttons. If the jacket has a collar it must be a lapel collar which may be the same colour as the jacket or a different colour. Piping of any colour is allowed around the collar only. Jackets without a collar are allowed providing the shirt collar and tie are visible when the jacket is closed. White or fawn breeches or jodhpurs with boots and white shirt and tie or choker are allowed. Boots must have a heel. Spurs are optional but if used must be made of smooth metal. If there is a shank it must not be more than 4 cm long, measured from the boot to the tip of the spur, and must point only towards the rear; the end of the shank must be blunt. If the shank is curved, the spurs must be worn only with the shank directed downwards. Rowel spurs are not permitted. Hammer spurs are allowed provided they meet the above requirements. Metal or plastic "Impulse spurs" with

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round hard plastic or metal knobs and "Dummy spurs" with no shank are allowed. Spurs with flat disks are allowed. The contact surface with the horse and all edges must be smooth and rounded. The Athlete when mounted may wear only one spur on each boot.

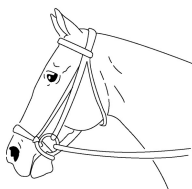
4. The Athlete when mounted may carry only one whip. Athletes are forbidden to carry or use a whip more than 75 cm in length or one which is weighed at the end, in the arena, the schooling areas or anywhere on or in the immediate vicinity of the showground. No substitute for a whip may be carried. Failure to comply with this paragraph will incur Elimination.
5. For all matters not covered above, JRs Art. 256 applies.

## ARTICLE 18 SADDLERY

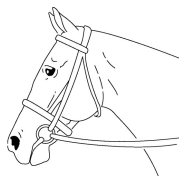
1. In the Competition arena:
  - 1.1 There are no restrictions on saddles.
  - 1.2 Blinkers and fly masks that cover the Horse's eyes are forbidden. Leather, sheepskin or similar material may be used on each cheek piece of the bridle providing the material does not exceed three centimetres in diameter measured from the Horse's cheek.
  - 1.3 Standing and running martingales are allowed.
  - 1.4 Reins must be attached to the bit or directly to the bridle. Gags and hackamores are allowed. The nose piece of the hackamore must be flat and constructed of pliable non-abrasive material. Padding or sheepskin on the nose piece is permitted; no metal pieces of any kind may be inserted in the nose piece, padding or sheepskin. The nose piece of a hackamore combined with a bit must be flat and covered with leather or other non-abrasive leather-like material, e.g. neoprene or rubber. Sheepskin on the nose piece is permitted.
  - 1.5 Draw reins (running reins) are forbidden in the Competition arena except during prize giving ceremonies and march-past parades.
2. Anywhere within the grounds of the Event:
  - 2.1 In the interest of safety, the stirrup iron and the stirrup leather (this also applies to safety stirrups) must hang freely from the bar at the saddle and the outside of the flap. There must be no other restrictions or attachments of any kind. The Athlete must not directly or indirectly tie any part of their body to the saddlery.
  - 2.2 There are no restrictions on bits. However, the Ground Jury has the right, based on veterinary advice, to forbid the use of a bit that may cause injury to the Horse.
  - 2.3 The use of a tongue-strap is forbidden. For the use of tongue guards, see VRs Art. 1046.5.
  - 2.4 Nosebands must be flat. Nosebands constructed from materials other than leather are not permitted, with the exception of the front part of the noseband which may optionally be made of flat, non-abrasive leather-like material. Sheepskin on the noseband is permitted. A small disc of sheepskin may be used in the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband.

Permitted Nosebands for Children's Events:

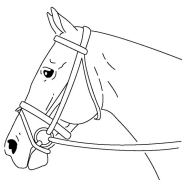
Dropped noseband



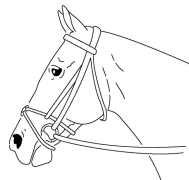
Cavesson noseband



Flash noseband



Crossed noseband



Variations of the above nosebands, such as but not limited to the noseband pictured below, may be permitted providing they comply with the provisions of this paragraph, are properly fitted and do not interfere with the Horse's breathing (see the Stewards Manual for details).



- 2.6. The total maximum weight of equipment allowed to be placed on a Horse's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings, etc), is 500 grams (shoe or substitute for a shoe excluded) under any circumstances, including when the equipment is wet.
- 2.7. Refer to JRs Art. 257.2.4 and 257.2.5 for the description of the type of hind boots that may be used at FEI Children's Jumping Events.
3. Failure to comply with any of the provisions listed in Art. 18.1 and 18.2 in the Competition arena will incur Elimination.

## **CHAPTER IV CONTINENTAL AND REGIONAL JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **ARTICLE 19 ENTRIES**

1. After the approval of the Schedule by the FEI Jumping Director, the invitations, together with the Schedule, are sent to the appropriate NFs of the Continent or Region by the host NF.
2. Teams
  - 2.1. Each NF may enter one team of not more than five Athletes and five Horses. However, outside Europe, NFs concerned may determine the number of teams and the regional basis for team representation (see Article 5.7. of the present Annex). The OC must extend its invitation to a Chef d'Equipe who will be given the same privileges as the Athletes. No reserve Horse may be brought to this Championship.
  - 2.2. All five Athletes and five Horses are allowed to take part in the team (see Art. 20.1 below) and individual Competitions of the Championship accordance with Article 20.3 below.
3. Individuals instead of Teams
  - 3.1. An NF which cannot send a team may enter one or two individual Athletes with one Horse each.
4. Holder of the Individual Championship Title
  - 4.1. NFs are not automatically entitled to send the holder of the individual title of the FEI Championship of the preceding year to defend their title.
5. NFs are entitled to send one groom for every two Horses with a maximum of two grooms per team to CSIOCh Events and Championships.
6. Entries must be made in two phases in accordance with the GRs Art. 116.2.2(i) – 116.2.2(ii).

The Schedule may include a date by which NFs are to indicate whether the intention is to send only a team or a team and individuals or only individuals. The maximum number of nominated and definite entries of Athletes and Horses that may be entered in the Continental Jumping Championship for Children is as follows:

- Nominated entries: 10 Athletes and 10 Horses
- Definite entries: 5 Athletes and 5 Horses.

Athletes and Horses entered for a Championship on the list of nominated entries (four weeks before the Championship) can be replaced and additions can be made within the limits specified in GRs Art. 116.2.2(i) until the date of definite entries (at the latest four days before the start of the Championship).

In the event of an accident or illness of an Athlete and/or Horse, substantiated by a certificate from an official recognised doctor and/or veterinarian, between the date of definite entries and one hour before the first Horse Inspection of the Championship, substitutions of Athletes and/or Horses can be made. Such substitutions must be taken from the updated list of nominated entries and require Ground Jury approval.

### **ARTICLE 20 DECLARATION OF STARTERS AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

1. Declaration of Teams
  - 1.1. For Regional and Continental Championships in Europe, the Chefs d'Equipe must declare the composition of their team (minimum three, maximum four Athletes/Horses) to the OC in writing, before 18.00 hours, on the day preceding the second Competition (Team Final). The fifth pair (Athlete/Horse) may take part in the second Competition as an individual and in the third (individual Final) Competition if qualified.
  - 1.2. For Regional and Continental Championships outside of Europe, the Chefs d'Equipe must declare the composition of their team (minimum three, maximum four Athletes/Horses) to the OC in writing, before 18.00 hours, on the day preceding the first Competition. The fifth pair (Athlete/Horse) may take part in the first and second Competitions as an individual, and in the third (Individual Final) Competition if qualified.
2. The substitution of a team member by the fifth pair (Athlete/Horse) may only be allowed in case of an accident or illness either to one of the four team Athletes or to one of the four Horses, provided the Chef d'Equipe obtains the approval of the Ground Jury. Such substitution may be made up to one hour before the start of the first round of the Team Final.
3. If the Championship is held concurrently with a CSI the OC may allow the Athletes participating in the Championship to take part with different Horses in the Competitions of the CSI. The Horses to be ridden in the Championship must, however, be declared before arrival at the Event and may not be substituted.
4. Substitution

In the event of an accident or illness of an Athlete and/or Horse between the submission of declarations and one hour before the start of the first championship Competition, the Athlete and/or the Horse may, on presentation of a certificate from an officially recognised doctor and/or with the permission of the Veterinary Commission and after approval of the President of the Ground Jury, be replaced by another Athlete and/or Horse formally entered with the definite entries or substituted according to Art. 19.6.

### **ARTICLE 21 ELIGIBILITY OF HORSES**

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1. Horses
  - 1.1. Horses must be six years old or over.
  - 1.2. The Championship is open to Horses which have not competed in a Nations Cup or Grand Prix in a CSIO for Seniors during the preceding and/or current year.
  - 1.3. Horses must not have competed in any Competition for Seniors during the Event at which the Championship is being held.

## ARTICLE 22 COMPETITIONS

### 1. First Day - Training Session

The OC must provide a training period in the main arena with a course consisting of approximately eight obstacles including a combination. The obstacles must have a height of approximately 1.15 – 1.20 m and a spread of approximately 1.25 m. Each Athlete is permitted a maximum of 90 seconds per Horse. Dress is informal: boots, breeches, shirt and protective headgear must be worn.

The public may not be charged to enter and prizes of any kind may not be offered.

### 2. Second Day – First Competition (Teams and Individuals)

Table A, against the clock with no jump-off (see JRs Art. 238.2.1).

#### 2.1. Starting order in the first Competition.

There will be a draw for the starting order in the first Competition, conducted according to JRs Art. 252.

### 3. Third Day – Second Competition (Team Final, Second Individual)

#### 3.1. This Competition is run over two rounds, identical or different, with the same degree of difficulty in the second round, according to Table A, not against the clock, with a possible jump-off against the clock, in case of equality of first, second and/or third place.

This Competition is open only to those Athletes and Horses which have taken part in the first Competition (see paragraph 2 above). The team classification only affects the members of the teams declared to start.

#### 3.2. Starting order in the Second Competition (Team Final)

##### 3.2.1 For Regional and Continental Championships in Europe, the starting order in the first round of the second Competition will be according to a draw, conducted according to JRs Art. 252. In the second round, the order of starting will be according to the reverse order of total Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes from among the five of each Nation in the first Competition and by the best three Athletes per team in the first round of the Team Final.

##### 3.2.2 For Regional and Continental Championships outside Europe, the starting order in the first round of the second Competition will be according to a draw, conducted according to JRs Art. 252. In the second round, the order of starting will be according to the reverse order of total Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes of each team in the first Competition and by the best three Athletes per team in the first round of the Team Final.

#### 3.3 In the second round individual Athletes will start before the teams.

In case of individuals or teams with equal Penalties, the same starting order as in the first round will be used.

#### 3.4 Starting order in the jump-off

The starting order in a possible jump-off will revert to the starting order of the second round.

If two jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the second and first places.

#### 3.5 Number of teams in the second round

The second round is only open to the ten best teams following the first qualifying Competition and the first round of the Team Competition and those teams placed equal for 10<sup>th</sup> place.

Before the ten best placed teams and those placed equal for 10<sup>th</sup> place begin their second round, all individuals and team members not qualified for the second round may take part in a second round qualifier for the third Competition. There must be a break of at least 30 minutes between this second round qualifier and the second round of the Team Competition.

### 4. Fourth Day

#### 4.1. Farewell Competition

OCs must provide one individual Farewell Competition for those who are not qualified to participate in the individual Final.

Open to Athletes who are not qualified for the individual Championship (under 4.2.1. hereunder). This Competition is judged either under Table A against the clock without a jump-off (see JRs. Art. 238.2.1) or under Table A, not against the clock, with one jump-off against the clock (see JRs Art. 238.1.2). Speed of 350 m per minute.

#### 4.2. Third Competition (Individual Final)

##### 4.2.1. Running

This Competition consists of two rounds A and B, each judged under Table A, not against the clock, with a speed of 350 m per minute.

Qualified to participate are the top 60% of Athletes (including those placed equal for the last qualifying place) according to the cumulative Penalties over the first and second qualifying Competitions. The number of Athletes permitted to participate must not be less than 15 and not more than 30. However, all Athletes with equal Penalties for the last qualification place are allowed to participate in the Individual Final even if the number of starters would then be more than 30.

Athletes must have taken part in the first Competition (completed or not) and have completed the second Competition (without having been eliminated or without retiring). If an Athlete is eliminated or retires from the first Competition he/she shall be penalised with 20 Penalties more than the Athlete with the highest number of Penalties. If the Athlete concerned has himself received the highest number of Penalties before being eliminated or retiring, 20 Penalties will be added to his/her Score. If for any reason one or more of the qualified Athletes are unable to start, they will not be replaced.

All Athletes who complete round A go forward to round B. The Penalties in both rounds are added.

Athletes will be invited to inspect the course of round B.

#### 4.2.2. Starting order

The starting order for round A will follow the reverse order of Penalties incurred in the first and second qualifying Competitions of the Championship. In the event of equality of Penalties for any placing, the result of the first qualifying Competition will be the deciding factor for the starting order of the Athletes. The lowest placed Athlete qualified will therefore start as number one.

The starting order for round B will follow the reverse order of the Penalties incurred in the first and second qualifying Competitions as well as round A. The Athlete with the greatest number of Penalties will start first, the Athlete with the least Penalties will start last. In the event of Athletes with equal Penalties, the result of the first qualifying Competition will be the deciding factor for the starting order.

## ARTICLE 23 OBSTACLES AND COURSES

1. The course for the first Competition consists of 12 to 14 obstacles. Height 1.25 m maximum, with a proportional spread between 1.00 m and 1.30 m.
2. The course for the second Competition consists of 12 to 14 obstacles, including one double and one triple or three doubles. If the water jump is used in the Team Competition, a vertical obstacle must be placed over the water jump in the second round; this obstacle is judged as a vertical obstacle, not as a water jump (see JRs Art. 211.10).  
Height: 1.30 m maximum (both rounds) with a proportional spread between 1.00 m and 1.30 m.  
Speed: 350 m per minute.
3. In Round A of the individual Championship, the course must consist of 10 to 12 obstacles, including three doubles or one double and one triple, of a maximum height of 1.30 m with a proportional spread between 1.00 m and 1.35 m.  
Round B must be different from Round A, consisting of eight to ten obstacles, including one triple or one double.  
Height: 1.30 m maximum with a proportional spread – both at the discretion of the Technical Delegate.  
Speed: 350 m per minute.
4. In the case of a jump-off, either for team classification or for the individual classification, a reduced course over six obstacles, in which the dimensions of obstacles cannot be greater than the dimensions of obstacles in Round B.  
Speed: 350 m per minute.
5. The obstacles for the farewell Competition must have a height of approximately 1.20 m and a spread of 1.25 m approximately.  
Speed for the farewell Competition: 350 m per minute.

## ARTICLE 24 TEAM CLASSIFICATION

1. For Regional and Continental Championships in Europe, the team classification is decided by adding the Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes from among the five of each nation in the first Competition and in each of the two rounds of the Team Final. For those teams not qualified for the second round the results of the best three Athletes from among the five of each nation in the first Competition and the best three Athletes per team in the first round of the Team Final count.
2. For Regional and Continental Championships outside Europe, the team classification is decided by adding the Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes per team in the first Competition and by the best three Athletes per team in each of the two rounds of the Team Final. For those teams not qualified for the second round the results of the best three Athletes per team in the first Competition and the best three Athletes per team in the first round of the Team Final count.
3. Team Athletes not completing the first or second round receive 20 Penalties more than the worst-placed team Athlete, who has finished that particular round.
4. In the case of equality between the teams for first, second and/or third place, a jump-off against the clock is necessary, in which all the team Athletes participate. If two jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the first and second place. The classification in this jump-off is obtained by adding the Penalties and the times incurred by the best three Athletes in each team.
5. In case of further equality (Penalties and time), the teams will be placed equal.
6. In case of equality of Penalties for any other placing, the teams will be placed equal.



7. In addition to the team classification there will be an individual classification with prizes for this Competition.

## **ARTICLE 25 INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION**

1. The overall individual classification is determined for each Athlete by adding the Penalties incurred in the first Competition, both rounds of the second Competition (disregarding the Penalties incurred in the jump-off, if any) and rounds A and B of the third Competition (Individual Final).
2. In case of equality of Penalties for the first, second and/or third place a jump-off, against the clock is compulsory (see Article 23.4 of this Annex).  
  
If two jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the second and first place. In case of further equality of Penalties and time, the Athletes will be placed equal.
3. In addition to the overall individual classification (see Art. 25.1), there will be a separate classification, with prizes, for Athletes taking part in the third Competition (Individual Final); for this classification, only the results from Rounds A and B count. Athletes with equality of Penalties are placed equal.

## **ARTICLE 26 GROUND JURY**

1. The President of the Ground Jury must be appointed by the FEI Jumping Director, in consultation with the Jumping Committee, in accordance with the GRs. The OC appoints the members of the Ground Jury in accordance with the GRs and the JRs.

## **ARTICLE 27 FOREIGN TECHNICAL DELEGATE**

1. The Foreign Technical Delegate must be appointed by the FEI Jumping Director, in consultation with the Jumping Committee, in accordance with the GRs.

## **ARTICLE 28 VETERINARY COMMISSION**

1. The composition of the Veterinary Commission and the appointment of the President and members must comply with the requirements of the VRs.

## **ARTICLE 29 FALLS**

1. A fall of the Athlete or Horse eliminates the Athlete from the Competition. This includes Championship Competitions, as well as Nations Cup Competitions. Nevertheless, the Athlete may take part in the second round of the Team Championship Competition, respectively in the second round of a Nations Cup Competition, providing that the official doctor and the Ground Jury give their approval. The Athlete eliminated is penalised with 20 Penalties more than the worst placed Athlete in the concerned round.

## **ARTICLE 30 SAFETY**

1. At the discretion of the Ground Jury, an Athlete unable to control their Horse may be forced to retire from the Competition or the Event with the Horse in question.
2. For Children competing on stallions, a designated adult must be responsible for the supervision of the stallion during the Horse Inspection and Veterinary Examination.

## **ANNEX XIII      RULES FOR AMATEUR ATHLETES**

### **ARTICLE 1      REQUIREMENTS**

1. To be considered an "Amateur" :
  - 1.1. The Athlete must possess a valid licence granted by their NF and be registered with the FEI. Horses must be registered with the FEI and, if competing in a country outside the Horse's country of residence, have a valid FEI passport or a national passport with an FEI recognition card. Horses competing in CSIAm Events in their country of residence do not need an FEI passport or FEI recognition card but must be registered and identifiable (see GRs 137.2).
    - 1.1.1. An "Amateur's" license will only be granted by NFs to an Athlete who has formally signed a statement that they do not earn money for riding other people's Horses, giving riding lessons, or for publicity or commercial purposes, etc. The buying and selling of Horses, as well as receiving prize money in cash, are not forbidden providing they do not constitute the Athlete's main source of income.
  - 1.2. The "Amateur" status limits participation in other Competitions and Championships. Athletes having obtained or renewed the "Amateur" license will not be allowed to continue participating as an Amateur during the current calendar year if they have taken part in international or national Competitions in which the height of obstacles in the initial round is 1.50 m or greater. This means for example that a Young Rider who has obtained their Amateur license and who reaches the Individual Final Competition at the Continental Championships for Young Riders may no longer participate as an Amateur for the remainder of that year. An Athlete may apply to their NF to reinstate their Amateur license after a waiting period according to the regulations of the NF but under no circumstances during the same calendar year.
  - 1.3. Age of Athletes

Athletes may participate in all CSIAm Competitions from the year in which they reach the age of 14 years.

Athletes from the year in which they reach their 12th birthday until the end of the year in which they reach their 13th birthday may participate in CSIAm Competitions providing the height of obstacles does not exceed 1.30 m (see JRs Art. 255.2).
2. Age of Horses

Horses must be minimum six years old to take part in CSIAm Events and minimum seven years old to take part in Amateur Championships.

### **ARTICLE 2      INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

1. International Events for "Amateurs" may be organised as CSIAm Category A events (with prize money) or as CSIAm Category B events (without prize money). The minimum height allowed for CSIAm Competitions is 1.00 m; the maximum height allowed for CSIAm Competitions is 1.40 m, with a proportional spread not exceeding 1.55 m (except the triple bar).
2. International Events are open to individual Athletes of the host NF and a limited number of foreign Athletes.
3. Maximum global entry fee per Horse per Event: € 1500 (one thousand five hundred Euros).
4. International Events must comply with the FEI rules for International Jumping Events. All Event draft Schedules must be submitted to the FEI for approval.

### **ARTICLE 3      CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. When Continental or Regional Championships for this Category are organised, the Competition formula to be used must follow the formula for Continental Championships for Seniors.

### **ARTICLE 4      COURSE DESIGNERS**

1. The Course Designer is appointed by the OC, chosen from the list of FEI Level 3 Course Designers at least.

### **ARTICLE 5      FACILITIES**

1. All expenses relating to Competitions, transportation, travel, hotel accommodation and expenses at border crossings are borne by the Athlete.

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS SPECIFIC TO JUMPING

- Disobedience: refer to Article 219;
- Disqualification: refer to Article 242.1;
- Elimination: refer to Article 241.1;
- Fault: any incident during an Athlete's round that will incur Penalties or Elimination (refer to Article 236 for Penalties imposed for Faults under Table A and Article 239 for Penalties imposed for Faults under Table C);
- Fees:
  - Compulsory Fee: Compulsory Fees are fees that may be charged by the OC for costs/services not included in the Entry Fee. Compulsory Fees, if charged, must be paid by the Athletes concerned as outlined below. Only the following Compulsory Fees may be charged by the OC, providing full details of the amount to be charged is included in the Schedule and approved by the FEI:
    - NF fee if applicable
    - NF medication control programme fee if applicable
    - FEI EADCMR fee if applicable (OC to indicate in the Schedule if the EADCMR fee is included in the Entry Fee or not)
    - Fee for health/customs-related documents for Horses if these have been requested by the Athlete.
    - Fee for manure disposal (maximum € 40 per horse per Event)
    - Fee for lorry parking if applicable (The fee indicated in the Schedule may only be charged per lorry not per Athlete.)
    - Fee for electric hook-up for lorry (The fee indicated in the Schedule may only be charged per lorry, not per Athlete.)
  - Discretionary Fee: Discretionary Fees are fees that may be charged for optional commodities/services that may be purchased by an Athlete if they so choose and that do not affect the equity of the Athlete's right to compete at the Event or the well-being of the Horse, such as:
    - VIP or premium parking
    - VIP table
    - Extra box for tack or for non-competing Horse
    - Extra bedding and/or fodder (details to be included e.g. shavings, straw, hay)
    - Premium stabling (all stabling at the Event must meet minimum FEI requirements)
  - Entry Fee: The Entry Fee is the fee charged to participate in an Event with one Horse and covers the following:
    - Stabling of one Horse for the duration of the Event (includes cleaning and disinfecting stables before the event, including between Events that are part of Tours, water and electricity in the stables, first bedding or a fixed amount of bedding depending on the type of event, and 24 hour security services for the stables)
    - Use of all facilities at the Event (no infrastructure fees may be charged)
    - Right to participate in all Competitions in accordance with the conditions in the Schedule (no nomination fees or start fees may be charged)
    - Administrative/Office fees (includes all services relating to administration of the Event and running of the Competitions: data/results/timing services, bookkeeping and accreditation services)
- Grand Prix: one of the most prestigious Competitions of an Event;
- Penalty (Article 216): a sanction imposed on an Athlete as the result of a specific action considered to be a Fault;
- Pony: A Pony is a small horse whose height at the withers, having been measured on a smooth level surface, does not exceed 148 cm without shoes (refer to VRs Chapter IX, Articles 1082 to 1088 for details);
- Refusal: refer to Article 221;
- Resistance: refer to Article 223;
- Run-out: refer to Article 222;
- Schedule (Article 265.1): a document containing information concerning details of Competitions and the technical conditions under which an Event will be run, submitted to the FEI for approval via the NF of the OC. The Schedule for Events of 3\* level and above must be approved by the FEI; the Schedule for Events of 1\* and 2\* level are approved by the host NF
- Score (Articles 237 and 239.4): the result obtained by an Athlete during their round, determined by adding the Penalties for Faults on obstacles and time Penalties (for Table A Competitions) or by adding the time of the round, including the seconds for time correction if any, plus four seconds for each obstacle knocked down (three seconds during a jump-off or the second phase of a two-phase Competition) (for Table C Competitions);
- Sponsor Teams: refer to Article 265;
- Table A: refer to Article 236;
- Table C: refer to Article 239;
- Tours: FEI Jumping Events organised by the same OC at the same venue on at least two consecutive weeks.

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