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PREAMBLE

The present "Rules for Eventing" are effective from 1st January 2009. As of this date, all other texts of the Rules or amendments to them dated prior to this date are superseded.

Although this booklet sets out the detailed Rules of the FEI governing International Eventing, it must be read in conjunction with the "Statutes", "General Regulations", "Veterinary Regulations" and the "Memorandum for Eventing".

Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these Rules. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the Ground Jury in consultation with the Technical Delegate to make a decision in a sporting spirit and to approach as nearly as possible the intention of these Rules and the "General Regulations".

Article 501 DEFINITION

3. Validity

These Rules have been adopted to apply principally to Three Day Events. Unless clearly not applicable, they apply equally to CIC Events.

Article 502 CLASSIFICATION

2. Individual Final Classification

2.2. In any International Event, in the event of equality between two or more athletes, the classification is decided by:

1. The best cross-country obstacle score including faults at obstacles and time Penalties.
2. If there is still equality, the classification is decided in favour of the athlete whose Cross-country time was closest to the optimum time.
3. If there is still equality, the athlete with the best Jumping score (time & obstacles).

4. If there is still equality, the athlete with the best time (fastest) in the Jumping Test.

5. If there is still equality, the classification will be decided in favour of the athlete with the best percentage score in the Dressage Test.

6. If there is still equality the tie will remain in the Final Classification.

5. Disqualification due to positive Doping test an athlete or horse

5.1. Official Team Competition:

Should an athlete and/or horse be disqualified for positive doping test, the athlete's result will be annulled. The teams result will be recalculated not taking into account the results achieved by the disqualified athletes/horse.

1. If by removing the disqualified member from the team, the number of the team members is still within the minimum required number of three athletes/horses per team; the team will be considered eligible and be classified accordingly.

2. If by removing the disqualified member from the team results, the number of the team members falls under the minimum required number (less than three athlete/horses per team), the team shall be disqualified. The classification of the other teams will be amended accordingly and prizes / (medals if applicable) redistributed.

5.2. Individual Classification:

If an athlete and/or horse is disqualified in the Individual event due to a positive doping test, the athlete's results will be annulled and the next placed athlete will move up accordingly and prizes (medals if applicable) redistributed.

All ties will be broken according to paragraph 2 above.

Article 503 CATEGORIES & LEVELS OF EVENTS

4.

CICs for Juniors may be held at the One or Two Star level.

Article 505 PARTICIPATION OF ATHLETES & HORSES

1. Age of Athletes

1.4 Championship category restrictions

An athlete may only compete at one FEI Junior, Young Rider or Senior Championship in the same year.

Article 506 QUALIFICATION OF ATHLETES & HORSES

1. Principles

In order to compete at an international event, an athlete and horse must have obtained a Qualifying Result (QR) at a number of events at a lower level.

The requirements are laid out below. With the approval of the FEI and their own NF, OCs may impose additional qualifications for horses and/or athletes, which must be published in the Schedule.

NFs are encouraged to set stronger qualification standards than FEI requirements for horses/athletes at all levels of events.

2. Definitions

Type & Level of Qualification

Type and levels of Events are detailed in Article 503.

Qualifying Result (QR)

A qualifying result (QR) is achieved by completing a competition within minimum parameters of all round performance. As follows:

- Dressage Test: not more than 75 penalty points;

- Cross-Country Test:

From 2009 onwards, the results at obstacles at International events need to include, where applicable, a minimum of one clear round at a CIC and 20 penalties at a CCI.

- Not more than 90 seconds exceeding the optimum time in the Cross. At 4* events, the maximum time by which the optimum time may be exceeded is 120 seconds;

and - Jumping Test: not more than 16 penalties at obstacles.

4. Qualifying Period and Deadline

4.2 A QR at a CCI must be obtained at least 24 days before the Cross Country test of the event for which it is needed; a QR at a CIC must be obtained at least 10 days before the event for which it is needed.

In order to move up a level, one CIC result of the international qualifying results must be clear on the Cross Country (no XC obstacles penalties).

7. Championships:

7.1. Certification

For Senior Continental and World Championships, NFs must send to the FEI a Certificate of Capability including a record of results, proving that their athlete and horse are qualified according to the requirements by the date of the nominated entries or a date set by the FEI.

7.2. Qualifying Period and Deadline

QRs for Championships must be obtained in the calendar year in question or the preceding calendar year.

At CIC1* Championships or Games, within 2 years of the competition, the athletes must have obtained at least 2 qualifying results.

The deadline for obtaining QRs is 4 weeks before the first Dressage day of the championship (corresponding to the nominated entries).

Qualifications must be achieved as a combination of athlete and horse.

7.3. Required Qualifying Results (QRs) for Championships

CH-CIC 1* 1x CIC 1* + 1x CNC 1*
CH 1* 1x CCI 1*
CH 2* 1x CCI 2*
CH 3* 1x CCI 3*
CH 4*
(WEG / OG)
1x CCI 4*
OR
1x CCI 3* + 1x CIC 3*

10. Extension of Establishment (maintaining qualification)

10.1 CCI

10.1.2 When establishment has expired for CCI, it can be renewed at any time with 2 clear rounds on obstacles (e.g. 2/3 year later) with 2 CIC/CNC of same level or higher during the 12 months before the event in question.

Article 508 EXPENSES

2. Championships

2.1. *Senior World & Continental Championships:* The Organising Committee of World and Continental Championships is responsible for meeting travelling and living expenses of the invited athletes, horses, grooms and additional officials as agreed to by the FEI and published in the Schedule. Travel shall be from the frontier of the host country, or the point of arrival in the host country, to the place of the event, including the cost of unloading from the aircraft or the ship, quarantine and customs duties. The same applies for the return journey.

Living expenses shall include accommodation, food and transportation, from the day before the First Horse Inspection until the day after the Jumping Test.

If an Entry fee for teams &/or Individuals is fixed by the OC, the OC is not required to meet the travelling or living expenses for the teams as referred to above.

2.2 *Young Riders & Juniors Continental Championships:* NFs are responsible for the travelling expenses of their Chefs d'Equipe (also Team Veterinarian for Eventing), Athletes, grooms and horses to and from the location of these championships.

Organising Committees are required to provide:

- Stabling and fodder for the horses are in principle, free of charge. A reasonable fee can be charged, it must be stated in the schedule;
- Possibility for the grooms to stay in the immediate vicinity of the stables;
- One main meal, preferably in the evening for Athletes and Chefs d'Equipes (either on the show ground or otherwise);
- If accommodation is not offered free, then suitable accommodation be arranged/ recommended and prices quoted in the schedule;

□ 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 Organising Committee. Only if cash prizes are awarded, reasonable entry fee or starting fee may be charged.

2.3 All privileges are to be awarded from one day before the start of the championship until one day after.

Article 509 SCHEDULE and RESULTS

For all Events with the exception of CICs/CCIs 2/1*, the schedule of the competition must be drafted in the form prescribed by the FEI. Two copies of the proposed schedule must be sent to the Secretary General for approval, at least sixteen weeks before the competition.

For CICs/CCIs 2/1* a copy of the schedule must be sent to the FEI at least 4 weeks before the competition.

Full result of the events must be forwarded to the FEI by the OC a maximum of 4 days after the event is finished (according to electronic format described by FEI).

Article 510 ENTRIES

1. CCIOs/CCIs/CICs

1.1 The conditions for entries will be as published by the Organising Committee in the schedule of the competition. After the closing date for entries, there can be no change of horses, but a properly qualified athlete can be substituted up to the time announced for the declaration of starters.

1.2 All entries must be confirmed in writing by the Athletes NFs.

2.4.1 Each NF chooses from its list of nominated entries and definitely enters up to a maximum of its entitlement of starters with up to two additional horses. The two additional horses must be qualified with one of the athletes part of the maximum of entitlement of starters.

Article 514 TIMETABLE

2. Cross-Country Test

A timetable, showing each athlete's starting time for each phase, will be based on the optimum time for each phase. This timetable needs to be produced immediately after the end of the Dressage test. A copy will be available to each athlete. The interval between starting times will be at the discretion of the Organising Committee, with the approval of the Technical Delegate.

4. CICs

Where two or more of the Tests take place on the same day, each horse must be allowed a minimum of 30 minutes between Tests.

If the Cross Country takes place before the Show Jumping, there must be an interval of at least 1 hour between the finish of the Cross Country and the start of the show jumping for each horse.

Chapter II GENERAL RULES

Article 515 EXERCISING & WARMING-UP

2.3. Under penalty of disqualification, riding close to cross-country obstacles, or riding in the dressage or jumping arenas prior to the actual competition is forbidden, unless specifically authorised by the Ground Jury or the Technical Delegate.

Article 516 ACCESS TO COURSES & ARENAS

2. Cross-Country Courses

2.1. It is forbidden, under penalty of disqualification, to inspect the obstacles or the course before it is officially open to the athletes, unless agreed to by the Technical Delegate.

Article 518 INSPECTION & EXAMINATION OF HORSES (CH, CCIO, and CCI)

1.5. Second Horse Inspection

This takes place before the Jumping Test. It is conducted by the same committee and under the same conditions as the First Horse Inspection.

1.7. During the Competition

At any other time during the competition, any individual member of the Ground Jury has the right and the duty to eliminate any horse, which in his opinion is lame or unfit to continue. An athlete who has withdrawn, been eliminated or stopped during the Cross Country for dangerous riding or abuse of Horse is responsible to present his/her horse if fit to walk back to the Stables to the Veterinary Delegate or an appointed Veterinary.

3.9 Medication control testing – Veterinary management

A meeting of the Veterinary Delegate appointed for the CIC and representative(s) of the Organising Committee should take place well before the event to go through the veterinary management for the CIC.

The Organising Committee must provide adequate veterinary facilities including a suitable box for clinical examination and first aid, and a sampling box for medication control purposes.

Medication control testing should be carried out by an official Testing Veterinarian as part of the FEI's Medical Control Programme or by the Veterinary Delegate if the event is outside the MCP area (i.e. Groups I & II).

2. CICs – exceptional alternative - Horse Inspection procedures

If the event is organised on one or two days, and in exceptional circumstances and if agreed by Technical Delegate, an alternative procedure may be adopted.

2.1 Horse Inspection

One Horse Inspection must take place before the Dressage Test is completed, according to the same format as for CCIs. Every horse must be inspected by the Veterinary Delegate or the Associate Veterinarian with at least one Member of the Ground Jury or another FEI listed Judge. Should a second Inspection be organised, the Members of the panel should be consistent with the 1st Horse Inspection. If there is any doubt about the horse's fitness to compete, a member of the Ground Jury will make the final decision as to whether it can continue in the competition. If a CCI and CIC competition are held together at the same venue, a horse that is not accepted at a CCI Horse Inspection cannot start in the CIC competition.

Article 519 HORSE & ATHLETE WELFARE

3.2 Accidents Involving Athletes (effective 1st July 2009)

The following will apply to all registered athletes taking part in FEI Eventing competitions:

- 1. Unconsciousness. In the event that an athlete has an accident that results in unconsciousness, the athlete must be automatically disqualified from the competition.*
- 2. Concussion. In the event that an athlete has an accident that results in an apparent concussion, the athlete must be automatically disqualified from the competition.*
- 3. Injury. In the event that an athlete has an accident that results in an injury necessitating treatment by or admission to a medical facility, the athlete is ineligible to compete until a "Federation Release to Compete Form" is properly submitted to the competition at which he wishes to compete.*
- 4. Medical Suspension. Any athlete who is disqualified from a competition or ineligible to compete under any of the preceding paragraphs will be placed on the Federation Medical Suspension List that will be posted on the Federation's website.*
- 5. Return to Competition. In the event that an athlete is disqualified from a FEI competition under one of the preceding paragraphs, the athlete must submit a "Federation Release to Compete Form" certified by a physician in order to be eligible to once again compete in FEI competitions. Where applicable, the "Federation Release to Compete Form" must be certified by a physician who holds a current Board certification in the specific specialty for which the athlete was treated (e.g. a neurologist must provide certification if the athlete was treated by one). (NFs may obtain the "FEI Release to Compete Form" from the FEI Eventing Department).*
- 6. Refusal of Entry. Organisers shall refuse entries of any athlete who is on the Federation Medical Suspension List, unless he submits a proper Federation Medical Release Form as described in the preceding paragraph.*

5. Elimination of Athlete after Dressage

If an athlete obtains an insufficient Dressage score further to lack of control of the horse, the Ground Jury has the responsibility to review the ability of the athlete and eliminate him/her if it is thought that this could lead to non control of horse during XC (a non-Qualifying results of 75 penalty points or more is not necessary related).

6. Dangerous Riding

- Any athlete who affects the safety of any horse, athlete or third party will be considered to have acted dangerously and will be penalised accordingly (see [Art 532.1.3](#)).
 - As soon as possible, the official will report the incident to the Ground Jury, who will decide whether or not to penalize the athlete in accordance with [Art 532.1.3](#).
 - The Ground Jury and the Technical Delegate have the authority to stop an athlete on cross country course for dangerous riding, riding an exhausted horse, excessive pressing of a tired horse, riding an obviously lame horse, excessive use of whip and/or spurs or riding in an unsafe way. Also refer to Art. 549.1.2.
 - The President of the Ground Jury must in addition designate one or several Officials (i.e. TD, Chief Steward, experienced Eventing Officials not in an official function at the event) for the Cross Country to stop an athlete on course for dangerous riding, riding an exhausted horse, excessive pressing of a tired horse, riding an obviously lame horse, excessive use of whip and/or spurs or riding in an unsafe way. It is recommended that these additional officials be grouped as pairs on Cross Country. Officials will be positioned with a flag to be waved at an athlete on the instruction of the Ground Jury to one of the appointed officials/fence judge, to stop the athlete if the situation continues or if the infringement of the above is deemed to be serious. 25 penalties are awarded to the athlete penalised for dangerous riding, if the athlete has finished the Cross Country. See Art. 532.1.3.
- A Yellow warning card can be given to an athlete after having been eliminated on the Cross Country course at the discretion of the Ground Jury. See Art. 520.3 below.

Article 520 ABUSE OF HORSES AND DANGEROUS RIDING

(see also "[General Regulations](#)")

2. Whips

- The whip cannot be used to vent an athlete's temper. Such use is always excessive
- The whip is not to be used after elimination or after a horse has jumped the last fence on a course
- The whip is never to be used overhand, (e.g. a whip in the right hand being used on the left flank). The use of a whip on a horse's head, etc., is always excessive use.
- A horse should never be hit more than three times for any one incident. If a horse skin is broken, its use is excessive
- An athlete identified as misusing or excessive use of the whip will be eliminated at the discretion of the Ground Jury

3. Warning "Yellow" Cards

(See [General Regulations Art. 169.7.2](#))

Should the same Person Responsible receive one more Warning "Yellow" card at the same or any other International Event within one year of the delivery of the first Warning "Yellow" card for the same offense, the Person Responsible shall automatically be suspended for a period of two (2) months immediately following the event at which the Person Responsible is competing. The Secretary General shall be responsible to notify the Person Responsible of such suspension.

Article 521 DRESS

2. Whips

Training: A whip no longer than 110cm (43.3 inches) including lash may be carried when riding on the flat at any time. While jumping any obstacle before the Cross-Country and/or Jumping Test, a whip, if carried, must not be weighted at the end or exceed 75cm (30 inches) in length.

Horse Inspection: Athlete may carry a whip if he wishes.

Dressage Test: Carrying a whip of any kind during the Dressage test is forbidden, under penalty of elimination. The whip must be dropped before entering the space around the competition arena or the athlete will entail a penalty of 4 points per judge.

Cross Country and Jumping: If a whip is carried in the Cross Country and/or Jumping Test, it must not be weighted at the end or exceed 75 cm (30 inches).

3. Spurs

Spurs capable of wounding a horse are forbidden. Spurs must be of smooth metal. If there is a shank it must not be more than 3.5 cm long and must point only towards the rear, Rowels are not permitted, except as per 5.5. below. The end of a shank must be blunt in order to prevent wounding a horse. If the shank is curved, the spurs must be worn only with the shank directed downwards. Metal or plastic spurs with round hard plastic or metal knobs are allowed ("Impuls" spur). "Dummy spurs" with no shank are allowed.

See Para 5.5 for exception for Dressage Test.

6. Cross-Country Test

Light-weight clothing is appropriate for this test. Protective headgear, in accordance with Para. 1 above. Back protectors must be worn. Spurs are optional; if used, they must be in accordance with Para. 3 above.

7. Jumping Test

7.3. Members of armed and police forces, members and employees of military establishments and national studs - service dress. Spurs are optional; if used they must be in accordance with the Rules for Jumping.

7.4. In each case, a protective headgear, in accordance with Para. 1 above, must be worn.

8. Advertising and Publicity on Athletes & horses

According to General Regulations.

Article 522 SADDLERY

2. Dressage Test

2.2. A double bridle with cavesson noseband i.e. bridoon and curb with curb chain (made of metal or leather) is permitted, as authorized by the Rules for Dressage. Double bridle is not allowed for CCI/CIC 1*.

3. Cross-Country Test & Jumping Test

3.1. The type of saddlery is optional. Gags or "bitless bridles" are allowed as are unrestricted running martingales or Irish martingales. Reins must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle. The stirrup iron and stirrup leathers must hang free from the bar of the saddle and outside of the flap.

Chapter III Dressage Test

Article 523 RULES FOR DRESSAGE EVENTS

The "Rules for Dressage Events" apply for Eventing Dressage except where otherwise provided in these rules. Any modification introduced by the FEI Dressage Committee during the year will be evaluated for inclusion in these Rules for Eventing from 1st January the following year.

Article 524 TEST

2. Number of Tests to be judged by day

The Organiser may include a maximum of 50 horses per day to be judged by one Ground Jury, with an additional flexibility of maximum 10%, if agreed by the Technical Delegate and President of Ground Jury.

Article 526 SCORING

2. Calculation of Scores

2.2. For each judge the percentage of maximum possible good marks obtainable is then calculated. (Percentage is obtained dividing total good marks of the judge (minus any error of course or test) by maximum possible good marks obtainable and then multiplying by 100 and rounding the result to two decimal digits. This value is shown as the individual mark for that judge. (Rounding the result to 2 decimals includes any score of x.xx5 and above is round up and any score less than x.xx5 in rounded down).

2.4. In order to convert average percentage into penalty points, this must be subtracted from 100, with the resulting figure being rounded to one decimal digit. The result is the score in penalty points for the test (Rounding the result to one decimal includes any score of x.x5 and above is round up and any score less than x.x5 in rounded down).

Chapter IV Cross-Country Test

Article 528 CROSS COUNTRY

2. CIC Event

In a CIC Event the test is of a similar level of difficulty, according to the star system, but the course is shorter. The Cross Country test may take place either before or after the Show Jumping.

Article 529 RULES GOVERNING THE CROSS COUNTRY TEST

1. Starting

1.1 Athletes at the start of the Cross Country Obstacles phase must be under the control of a starter and may not deliberately start until instructed to do so, under penalty of elimination, at the discretion of the Ground Jury. The horse does not have to stand absolutely immobile, but the athlete must not get any advantage from a flying start. Each athlete should be given reasonable warning before the time he is due to start, but it is the athlete's responsibility to ensure that he is ready to start at the correct time.

1.2 In order to simplify the task of the starter, an enclosure approximately 5 X 5 m will be built at the start of Cross Country, with an open front through which horses will start and a gap in one or both sides from which the horses will enter. Each athlete must start from within the enclosure and is at liberty to move around and through the enclosure as he pleases. An attendant may lead the horse into the enclosure and may hold the horse until the signal to start is given. From that instant, the athlete is considered to be on the course and no further assistance may be given (see [Art. 529.8](#)).

1.3 If an athlete starts early on Cross Country, his time will be recorded from the moment he crossed the start line.

3. Error of Course

All compulsory passages on Cross Country and all obstacles, including all elements and/or options, must be passed or jumped in order under penalty of elimination. All red or white flags must be respected wherever they occur on course, except as provided in [Art. 533.5](#), under penalty of elimination, at the discretion of the Ground Jury. Retaking an obstacle already jumped is forbidden, under penalty of elimination, except as provided for in [Art.533.5](#).

4. Pace & Dismounting

Between the start and finish of the Cross Country, athletes are free to choose their own pace. They must be mounted to pass all red and white boundary flags. Dismounting as a result of attempting an obstacle, whether voluntary or not, is penalised in accordance with **Art. 533**. Elsewhere on the courses, athletes may dismount without incurring a fault other than possible penalties for exceeding the optimum time.

Article 531 OBSTACLES

2. Obstacles with Elements or Options

2.2 Obstacles with Options or Alternatives

Where an obstacle may be jumped in one effort but has options involving two or more efforts, each of these options must be lettered as an element.

3. Type of Obstacles

3.1 The obstacles must be fixed and imposing in shape and appearance. When natural obstacles are used, they should, if necessary, be reinforced so that they remain in the same state throughout the test. All reasonable precautions must be taken to prevent the possibility of an athlete being able to pass mounted under an obstacle. Portable fences must be secured to the ground in a way that the fence cannot move.

3.4 Brush on top of fences must be measurable and be made of flexible and deformable material.

6. Measurement

6.2 Obstacles of the Cross-Country Test: the maximum height of the fixed and solid part of a hedge or brush fence must never exceed the dimensions specified in **Annex 3A** -Table of Obstacle Heights and Spreads. The overall height of a hedge or brush fence must never exceed to the **dimension set in** table in Annex 3. The fence must be constructed so that a horse clearing the fixed and solid part is unlikely to be injured by the brush or hedge. Bullfinches, i.e. thin brushes or hedges through which a horse can be expected to jump are permitted, provided they can be maintained in consistent condition throughout the test (explanation on measurements – see Annex 3B).

Article 532 SCORING

1. Faults at Obstacles

1.1 Refusal, run-out or circles

First refusal, run-out or circle 20 penalties

Second refusal, run-out or circle at the same obstacle 40 penalties

Third refusal, run-out or circle **on XC Course** elimination

Breaking a frangible obstacle/device elimination

1.2 Falls

Fall of athlete and/or horse at an obstacle elimination

1.3 Dangerous riding (see Art 519 & 520)

Penalties will be determined by the Ground Jury in accordance with the General Regulations; in addition to or instead of the penalties prescribed by the General Regulations (Yellow Warning card, Fine, Disqualification, etc) the Ground Jury may penalise the athlete with 25 penalties.

25 penalties awarded for dangerous riding will count as obstacle penalty on the Results.

2. Time Faults

2.1. Exceeding Optimum Time

0.4 penalty per commenced second

2.2 Exceeding Time Limit

Elimination

3. Additional Reasons for Elimination

3.1 Elimination is left to the discretion of the Ground Jury in the following cases:

3.1.8 Dangerous riding Art 520

Article 533 DEFINITIONS OF FAULTS

The following faults at obstacles (refusal, run-out, circle or fall) will be penalised unless, in the opinion of the responsible official, they are clearly not connected with the negotiation or attempted negotiation of a numbered obstacle or element.

3. Circle

3.1 At an obstacle composed of several elements (A, B, C, etc...) a horse will be penalized if it passes around any element or circles between elements at any time between first being presented at the obstacle and finally completing the last element. See diagrams in **Annex 5 (see Art. 531.2.3)** for possible exception at black flagged alternatives). Any element on the course not being attempted is completely irrelevant and must be ignored.

5. Obstacle composed of Several Elements

At an obstacle composed of several elements, an athlete may refuse, run out and/or circle only twice in all without incurring elimination. If he refuses, runs out or circles at any element, he is permitted to retake any elements already jumped, although he is liable to be penalised for any fault even if he has previously jumped an element successfully. If after a fall, refusal, run-out or circle, he wishes to pass through flags in the wrong direction in order to retake an element, he may do so without penalty.

Chapter V Jumping Test

Article 537 COURSE - Obstacles

3. Dimensions

The dimensions of the obstacles shall not exceed the limits shown in Annex 4. At least two thirds shall be of maximum height for the level offered. The top spread of an obstacle may not be more than the dimensions set in Annex 4. A tolerance of 5 cm in height is acceptable, if dictated by the terrain or by the spacing of the cups as authorized by the FEI jumping Rules.

4. Type of Obstacles

The obstacles should have a balance of vertical and spread obstacles and shall include two or three doubles or a double and a treble. Closed combinations are not permitted. A water jump is not permitted, but a water ditch with rails over is allowed. FEI approved safety cups of 25 mm must be used as support for back poles of spread obstacles, and in the case of a triple bar, to support the centre and back pole of the obstacle. Alternative obstacles are permitted. These jumps are to be marked on the course plan with the same number and with the word "Alternative".

4.4. In the event of a championship being held at the same time or almost the same time, and at the same place of a Senior championship, CCI or CCIO, no horse may compete or be ridden by a Young Rider as well as by a Senior during these events.

7. Young Rider & Junior Championships – Responsibility

The Chefs d'Equipes 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'Equipes must stay with their teams and/or individuals.

The Appeal Committee has the authority to assess any costs for damages. According to the FEI legal system, the Appeal Committee may impose a fine and has the right to disqualify the team and/or individuals with unacceptable behaviour at any stage throughout the event.

8. Young Rider & Junior Championships – Medals & Prizes

The following minimum number of awards must be presented:

8.1 Team Championship: FEI medals (see "General Regulations", Art. 111.5). In addition, prize money to horse owners and/or prizes in kind, plaques and rosettes for each of the Athletes in the teams taking the first four places.

8.2 Individual championship, FEI medals (see "General Regulations", Art. 111.5). 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.

8.3 The prize-giving ceremony should be given great importance and should be held in the arena with the Athletes mounted.

8.4 All Chefs d'Equipes and Athletes should be presented with a souvenir or a plaque

8.5. Organisers should award as many extra prizes as possible, e.g.: Athlete with the best style (possible division), best girl Athlete, best boy Athlete, Sportsmanship, Veterinary prize to the horse in the best condition.

Chapter VII Officials at International Events

Article 549 DUTIES OF OFFICIALS

The Ground Jury, Technical Delegate(s), Course Designer and Veterinary Delegate, in conjunction with the OC, shall endeavour to ensure that all the arrangements for the event are fair, safe and appropriate. This shall include the arenas, courses, obstacles and footing.

1. Ground Jury

1.1 The Ground Jury is ultimately responsible for the judging of the event and for settling all problems that may arise during its jurisdiction. If, after consultation with the Technical Delegate, the Ground Jury is not satisfied with the arrangements or courses, it is authorised to modify them.

1.2 For CH/CCI 4/3* the Ground Jury shall consist of the President and two Members; for CH/CCI 2/1* & CICs the Ground Jury shall consist of the President and one or two members.

1.3 The President and members of the Ground Jury will be chosen from the appropriate lists of Eventing Judges in accordance with Art. 550.

1.4 At all events, the Ground Jury will conduct the First and Second Horse Inspections with the Veterinary Delegate.

1.5 The Ground Jury will judge the Dressage Test.

1.6 Inspection of the Cross Country and Jumping Courses. The Ground Jury inspects and approves the cross country and jumping courses with the Technical Delegate and Course Designer.

1.7 Cross Country test

1.12 Any member of the Ground Jury shall have the duty and full authority at any time during the event to eliminate from the event any horse that is lame, sick or exhausted and any athlete that is unfit to continue and to take action in cases of dangerous riding. See Art 519. There is no appeal against such a decision.

2. Technical Delegate

2.2 For all three tests, the Technical Delegate will inspect and approve the courses, arenas and facilities for exercising and training, including the type and dimensions of the obstacles and measurements of all courses, with particular reference to their suitability for the level of the event. Technical Delegates are specifically required to measure all courses to ensure they are of the indicated distances. He must be able to inspect early enough to allow for modifications to be made. He may request one or more horses to try out any part of the arenas or tracks.

2.6 The Technical Delegate has the authority to warn or stop an athlete on Cross Country course for dangerous riding, riding an exhausted horse, excessive pressing of a tired horse, riding an obviously lame horse, excessive use of whip and/or spurs or riding in an unsafe way. Also refer to Art. 519.

3. Course Designer

3.3 The Eventing Course Designer is responsible for the layout, design and construction of the Jumping course and he/she must ensure that the course complies with all the current Eventing rules and guidelines. For One Star events, a nationally recognised Course Designer is recommended. The duty of building the Jumping course will be delegated to a national Jumping Course Designer for Two & Three Star events and One & Two Star Championships. For Four Star events and Four/Three Star Championships, they must be delegated to a FEI "International" Jumping Course Designer.

4. Veterinary Commission

4.2 Veterinary Delegate

4.2.6 The Veterinary Delegate will liaise with Treating Veterinarians for their whereabouts and availability on the Cross Country course at all times. Radio contact is essential.

5. Appeal Committee

5.1 The duties of the Appeal Committee are as laid down in the "General Regulations" and in the "Veterinary Regulations".

5.2 Full Appeal Committees (a President & at least 2 Members) are compulsory for Eventing Championships and World Cup Finals. It must consist of a foreign member – see GR Art 150.

5.3 At all other international events, the duties of the Appeal Committee may, at the OC's discretion be carried out by the Ground Jury.

5.4 Except at a Championship, an Appeal Committee, if appointed, may consist of a single person, who must in such a case be an Official International or International Judge or an International Technical Delegate, who is not officiating in the competition in any other capacity.

7. Conflict of Interest

All levels of Eventing Championships: for all categories of FEI Officials (Judges/Technical Delegates/Course Designers/Veterinarians) no conflict of interest is allowed – e.g. close relative to a athlete or owner, trainer or coach to a horse or athlete.

For all FEI Officials, Course walks open to all athletes are encouraged, but those restricted to own pupils are not allowed.

Note: Coaching includes the walking of courses, the training & warming up of athletes for dressage or jumping on the flat.

7.1 For all FEI Championships/Team events & World Cup Finals:

Judges: conflict of interest is not allowed

Technical Delegates: Independent Panel to review the case and to decide if the conflict is acceptable. In all cases, if the TD has a Conflict of Interest, the Assistant TD is empowered to act in his place. For all CH & 4/3* events an Assistant TD is appointed.

Course Designers: Independent Panel to review the case and to decide if the conflict is acceptable.

7.2 Four and Three Star events

Judges: Independent Panel to review the case and to decide if the conflict is acceptable.

Technical Delegates: Independent Panel to review the case and to decide if the conflict is acceptable. In all cases, if the TD has a conflict of Interest, the Assistant TD is empowered to act in his place. For all Championships & 4/3* events an Assistant TD is appointed.

Course Designers: Independent Panel to review the case and to decide if the conflict is acceptable.

7.3 Two and One Star events

Judges/Technical Delegates/Course Designers: As of arrival on the competition grounds, Officials cannot have any conflict of interest as per above. Special consideration may be given, providing the conflict is declared in advance to the FEI Secretary General who may allow it in his discretion.

Coaching or training must be avoided after arriving at the competition grounds, unless in special circumstances permission has been given by the FEI Secretary General.

7.4 Independent review panel

Unresolved issues for Championships and events relating to conflict of Interest may be referred to a panel consisting of three members. The FEI Secretary General shall appoint this panel in the beginning of each year to be composed of two sportsmen (recent retired athletes) and one Member with legal knowledge (as well as a reserve member). This panel may confer by email or telephone. In emergency any one member of the panel may make a decision.

Article 550 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS

1. Games, Championships, Cup Finals

1.1 In the case of 4* & 3* Games, Championships or Cup Finals, the Judges, Foreign Technical Delegate, Veterinary Commission, will be appointed by the FEI after consultation with the OC. All Officials must be selected from the International lists of Officials. International Ground Juries are compulsory.

1.2 In case of 2* & 1* Games, Championships, the President of the Ground Jury, Foreign Technical Delegate and Foreign Veterinary Delegate will be appointed by the FEI after consultation with the OC. International Ground Juries are compulsory. The OC has the option of inviting one or two members for the Ground Jury. Course Designers must be selected from the International lists of Officials.

(See Rule Book for Table)

The FEI Judge ("I" or "C") must be appointed as President of the Ground Jury if there is a national Judge as second Judge.

If there is an "I" Judge appointed for an event, he should be recommended as President over the "C" Judge.

9. Number of TDs per event

One TD can officiate at maximum 2 categories per event. If one or two additional categories are included, 1 additional TD must be appointed. Should 5 categories be organised at the same event, 2 additional TDs must be appointed. The status of additional TDs can be national.

10. Course Designer

The Course Designer must be present for the Cross Country Course Inspection with the Ground Jury for the event's Cross-Country test he is responsible for. If for any serious reason, the appointed Course Designer cannot be present also during the Cross Country test, a qualified CD of at least "Candidate" status, familiar with the course, can be appointed to replace him/her. Any infringement of this article will be reported to the FEI Secretary General for action to be considered by the FEI Tribunal.

Article 551 JUDGES

2. Qualifications of Judges

2.1 Candidate Judge

The qualifications of a Candidate Judge are as follows:

- To have regular practice as a National Judge over a period of at least two years, including acting as the President or a member of the Ground Jury at a minimum of two CICs conducted under FEI Rules or two International Events (CCI 2/1*/CIC) of which at least one must be a CCI.
- To have successfully completed an FEI approved course for Candidate Judges, including demonstration of sufficient knowledge of the rules and conduct of Eventing and a satisfactory ability to judge dressage and jumping, and be recommended for promotion by the Course Director.
- To understand English, the official language.
- To be listed as a National Approved Dressage Judge in own country.
- To be familiar with and to fully understand the "Training Scale" as per the Rules for Dressage.

All requirements must be clearly documented by the NF responsible and be submitted to the FEI with the application to become a Candidate Judge.

2.2 International Judge

The qualifications of an International Judge are as follows:

- To have judged regularly at both national and international competitions with a minimum of four International Events (CCI/CIC) during the current or preceding two years.
- To have completed successfully an FEI approved course for International Judges within the past three years and to be recommended for promotion and/or continuation on the list by the Course Director.
- To understand and speak English.
- To be not more than 70 years of age.
- To have gained experience in judging on Medium level Dressage Tests including collection in walk, trot and canter; single changes; half-passes and shoulder-in. If it can be documented by the National Federation that a national Eventing officials programme is on the same level and standard as mentioned above, this will also be regarded as fulfilling experiences and education.
- To have officiated as a Shadow Judge, at least 3 times, at National/International 3 Star Eventing events or at Dressage National/International competitions of at least FEI Prix St.-George Level.
- Or alternatively, to have currently judged, at least 3 times, at National/International 3 Star level Eventing events or at Dressage competitions of at least FEI Prix St-George level (National/International).

All requirements must be clearly documented by the NF responsible and be submitted to the FEI with the application to become an International Judge.

4. Fulfillment of Requirements

4.1 Candidate Judges who do not meet the requirements for Candidate Judges will be dropped from the FEI Judges list.

Candidate Judges who do not meet the requirements for an International Judge may continue on the Candidate Judges list at the discretion of the Eventing Committee, provided they continue to fulfill the requirements of a Candidate Judge.

4.2 International Judges or Official Judges who do not meet the requirements for an International Judge may be moved to the Candidate Judges list or dropped from the list, at the discretion of the Eventing Committee.

Article 552 TECHNICAL DELEGATES

- To understand English, the official language.

4. Fulfillment of Requirements

4.1 Candidate Technical Delegates who do not meet the requirements for Candidate Technical Delegate will be dropped from the FEI Technical Delegate list.

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Article 553 COURSE DESIGNERS - EVENTING

2.1. Candidate Course Designer

To understand English the official language.

2.2. International Course Designer

To understand, and preferably to speak English.

4. Fulfillment of Requirements

4.1 Candidate Course Designers who do not meet the requirements of Candidate Course Designers will be dropped from the FEI Course Designer List