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# CODE OF CONDUCT

## FOR THE WELFARE OF THE HORSE

The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI expects all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI's Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

1. At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery and tack, and transportation.
2. Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of aids.
3. Events must not prejudice horse welfare. This involves paying careful attention to the competition areas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, site safety and fitness of the horse for onward travel after the event.
4. Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive proper attention after they have competed and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over. This covers proper veterinary care, competition injuries, euthanasia and retirement.
5. The FEI urges all involved with the sport to attain the highest levels of education in their areas of expertise.

## PREAMBLE

The present “Rules for Eventing” are effective from 1st January 2006. As of this date, all other texts of the Rules or amendments to them dated prior to this date are superseded. Any modifications to these Rules caused by changes in the General Regulations, Veterinary Regulations or Special Regulations will only come into force after specific adoption by the Eventing Committee, confirmed by publication in the FEI Bulletin.

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”.

# Chapter I GENERAL

## Article 500 INTRODUCTION

### 1. General

Eventing constitutes the most complete combined competition, demanding of the competitor considerable experience in all branches of equitation and a precise knowledge of his horse's ability, and of the horse a degree of general competence, resulting from intelligent and rational training.

### 2. Responsibility

A competitor is ultimately responsible for knowing these rules and complying with them. The appointment of a steward or official, whether or not provided for in these rules, does not absolve the competitor from such responsibility.

## Article 501 DEFINITION

### 1. CCI - Three Day Event

A Three Day Event comprises three distinct tests, taking place on separate days, during which a competitor rides the same horse throughout, namely:

### 2. Dressage

A Dressage Test spread over one or more consecutive days, depending on the number of competitors, directly followed on the next day by:

#### *2.1. Cross-Country*

A Cross-Country Obstacles Test, which may, at the discretion of the Organising Committee, be preceded by Phases A & C, Roads and Tracks, and Phase B, Steeple-Chase If there is no Phase B, there must not be any Phase A or C.

The Cross-Country will be directly followed on the next day by:

#### *2.2. Jumping*

A Jumping Test

### 3. CIC

CIC Events comprise~~s~~ the same three tests, but the Cross Country Test does not include Phases A, B & C. The event may take place over 1, 2 or even 3 days. The Dressage Test always takes place first. Either the cross country or the show jumping may form the last test.

### 4. 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

### 1. Classification in the Three Tests

1.1. In the Dressage Test, each competitor's good marks awarded by the judges are converted into penalty points. They are recorded for inclusion in the final classification and published.

1.2. In the Cross-Country Test, each competitor's penalties for faults at obstacles are added to the penalties that he may have incurred for excess time on Cross country or any of the four phases. They are recorded for inclusion in the final classification and published.

1.3. In the Jumping Test, each competitor's penalties for faults at obstacles are added to the penalties that he may have incurred for excess time. They are recorded for inclusion in the final classification and published.

### 2. Individual Final Classification

2.1. The winning individual is the competitor with the lowest total of penalty points, after adding together, for each competitor, the penalty points incurred.

2.2. In any International Event, in the event of equality between two or more competitors, the classification is decided by the best cross-country obstacle score including faults at obstacles and time penalties. If there is still equality, the classification is decided in favour of the competitor whose cross-country time was closest to the optimum time. If there is still equality, the classification will be decided in favour of the competitor with the best percentage score in the Dressage Test. If there is still equality the tie will remain in the Final Classification

### 3. Team Final Classification

3.1. The winning team is that with the lowest total of penalty points, after adding together the final scores of the three highest placed competitors in the team. For the purposes of Team Classification only, a competitor who fails for any reason to complete the entire competition will be awarded 1000 penalty points.

3.2. In the event of equality between any two or more teams, the classification will be decided by the best combined highest three placings – e.g. a team with riders ranked individually 2nd, 8th and 12th, team total 22, will beat one with riders ranked 1st, 7th and 15th, team total 23. Should these figures be equal, a tie shall be declared.

### 4. Disqualification or Elimination

Disqualification or elimination from one of the tests entails disqualification or elimination from the final classification.

## Article 503 CATEGORIES & LEVELS OF EVENTS

1. International Events are denoted by their category and their level, for example: a CCI 2* is an International Three Day Event at the Two Star level.

2. Categories indicate the type of competition and the extent of foreign participation in an Event. The four categories of events are:

2.1. National Events (CCN/CNC) - normally limited to national competitors, a CCN may be open to a maximum of six competitors not resident in the host country from not more than two foreign nations.

2.2. International Events (CCI/CIC) - open to competitors from the host nation and to competitors from an unlimited number of foreign nations.

2.3. Official International Events (CCIO/CICO) - open to competitors from an unlimited number of nations, with an official team competition.

2.4. Championships (CH) - with an official team competition,(unless specifically agreed by the Secretary General and the Chairman of the Eventing Committee) open to competitors from an unlimited number of nations, but may be confined to a continental or regional area.

3. Events limited to Seniors are indicated by the letters noted above, for example: CCI 3*. Events limited to Young Riders are indicated by the addition of the letter "Y", for example: CCIOY 2*. Events limited to Juniors are indicated by the addition of the letter "J", for example: CCIJ 1*.

4. The levels of Events are indicated by stars, ranging from One Star to Four Star. The Four Star Three Day events are those that require the highest level of training and experience from both horse and rider. The levels of CIC Events range from One Star to Three Star.

CCIs may be offered at any level. CCIOs may be offered at One, Two or Three Star level. The location, dates and levels of CCIOs must be approved by the Secretary General and the Chairman of the Eventing Committee. Each NF may only organise one CCIO in any calendar year. For the levels of competition at Games, Championships and Cups, see Chapter VI. NFs are encouraged to use stars to denote levels of CNs.

5. The proposed dates for a CIC must not, in the opinion of the FEI, damage CCIs, CCIOs, Games or Championships.

## Article 504 INDIVIDUAL & TEAM COMPETITION

### 1. CCIs/CICs

There may be a team competition, an individual competition or both. When there are both, each member of a team will automatically be considered also as an individual competitor.

### 2. CCIOs/CICOs, Games & Championships

There must always be a team and an individual competition, unless specifically agreed by the Secretary General and the Chairman of the Eventing Committee.

### 3. Teams

Teams will always be composed of competitors from the same nation. Teams will consist of either three or four competitors. Where there are four, the three best will be counted for the final classification. At CIs, the number of teams from each nation is at the discretion of the Organising Committee. At CIOs, Games and Championships each nation may enter only one team, except where additional regional teams are permitted by these Rules.

### 4. CICs

Unless otherwise agreed by the FEI, there must only be an individual competition.

## Article 505 PARTICIPATION OF COMPETITORS & HORSES

### 1. Age of Competitors

#### *1.1. Juniors*

A person may compete as a Junior from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 14 (fourteen) until the end of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 18 (eighteen). See also Annex 8 - Special Rules for Young Riders and Juniors.

#### *1.2. Young Riders*

A person may compete as a Young Rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 16 (sixteen) until the end of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 21 (twenty-one). See also Annex 8 - Specific Rules for Young Riders and Juniors.

#### *1.3. Seniors*

A rider may compete as a Senior from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 18 (eighteen). With the express permission of his NF, a rider may compete as a Senior in a Two Star competition from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 16 (sixteen). With the express permission of his NF, a rider may compete as a Senior in a One Star competition from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 14 (fourteen).

### 2. Age of Horses

#### *2.1. One / Two Star level CCI and Championships*

A horse may compete in an International Three Day Event or CCIO or Championships of a One and Two Star level from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of six.

#### *2.2. Three / Four Star Level Events*

A horse may compete in an International Event or CCIO of a Three or Four Star level from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of seven.

#### *2.3. Three / Four Star Level Championships*

A horse may compete in a championship of a Three Star level from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of seven (7), and in a championship of a Four star level from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of eight (8).

#### *2.4. One / Two Star Level CICs*

A horse may compete in a CIC Event at the One or Two Star level from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of five; and at the Three Star level from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of six.

### 3. Nationality of Competitor & Owner

Competitors may take part in all competitions (Championships, CCIOs, and other International Events, including Juniors, Young Riders or Seniors) except Olympic Games with horses belonging to owners of a different nationality (see "General Regulations", Art. 141.5).

### 4. Number of Horses per Competitor

4.1. In a Championship, a competitor may only ride one horse.

4.2. At a CCIO or where there is a team competition at a CCI, a competitor may ride only one horse as a member of a team and may ride in only one team.

4.3. There is no limitation to the number of horses a competitor may ride in an individual Three Day or CIC Event, with the following exceptions:

4.3.1. The Organising Committee may impose a limitation, in its absolute discretion, whether for time-tabling or any other reason. Such a limitation must be published in the Schedule.

4.3.2. Where any event has more entries than it can accommodate, no competitor may ride more than two horses (or one horse if so decided by the OC).

4.3.3. No competitor may ride more than 4 horses in any one day of cross country at a Three Day Event.

Where a competitor has a horse in a team competition, he must always ride that horse before a horse in the individual competition.

### 5. Young Horse Classes

Classes may be organised that are confined to Young Horses (six & seven year old) and/or an additional classification for Young Horses within a competition may be organised. Such classes or classifications may only take place at CICs or at CCIs at the One or Two Star level and will be organised strictly in accordance with the rules for that level. Qualification for Young Horse classes/Championships to be established by the Eventing Committee

### 6. Ponies

Senior, Young Rider and Junior Three Day and CIC Events are open equally to horses and ponies, provided they and their riders meet all the relevant qualifications.

### 7. Games, Championships & Cups

For the special requirements to participate in Games, Championships or Cups, see Chapter VI.

### 8. Restriction on Horses

At any International Event, no horse that has completed a Four Star three day event in the current or preceding year may be entered for a One Star or a Two Star event- unless the rider has not completed a Three Star Event or a Four Star Three Day Event.

## Article 506 QUALIFICATION OF COMPETITORS & HORSES

### 1. Principles

In order to compete at an international event, a rider 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 riders, which must be published in the Schedule.

### 2. Definitions

#### *2.1. Type & Level of Qualification*

Type and levels of Events are detailed in Article 503

### *2.2. Qualifying Result (QR)*

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

- not more than 75 penalty points in the Dressage Test; and
- not more than 20 penalties at obstacles on the Cross Country Test, and 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 as of 2005; and
- not more than 16 penalties at obstacles in the Jumping Test.

## 3. Certification of Qualification for Events

3.1 All NF's, including the host nation, are responsible to certify that riders and horses entered by them in international events are correctly qualified in accordance with all the requirements of the Rules.

3.2 All qualifying events must be identified, and any national events must be certified as of at least the equivalent standard of difficulty as the relevant international star level of competition.

3.3 The Technical Delegate or his nominee shall check that all horses and riders starting at all International events are properly certified as qualified by their NF or duly exempted in accordance with this article.

## 4. Qualifying Period and Deadline

4.1 QRs for CIOs, CCIs and CICs must be obtained in the calendar year in question or the 2 preceding calendar years.

**4.2 A QR at a CCI must be obtained at least 4 weeks before the event for which it is needed; a QR at a CIC must be obtained at least 2 weeks before the event for which it is needed.**

4.3 Qualifications may be achieved as a combination or separately by rider and horse.

4.5 Where a QR at a CIC is specified, one QR at a CCI of the same level is equally acceptable.

## 5. Required Minimum Qualifying Results (QRs) for CIO, CCI & CIC

| | **CCI / CCIO** | **CIC / CICO** |
|---|---|---|
| **1*** | Horses and riders must be certified as competent by their NF. | Horses and riders must be certified as competent by their NF. |
| **2*** | *Minimum 2 QRs required*:<br>1x CCI 1* or 1x CIC 2*<br>plus 1x CIC 2* or 2x CNC 2* | *Minimum 1 QR required*:<br>1x CIC 1* or 1x CNC 2* |
| **3*** | *Minimum 3 QRs required*:<br>1x CCI2*<br>plus 1x CIC 3*<br>plus 1x CIC 3* or CNC 3* | *Minimum 2 QRs required*:<br>1x CIC 2*<br>plus 2x CIC 2* or 1x CNC 3* |
| **4*** | *Minimum 3 QRs required*: | not applicable |

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| | 1x CCI3*<br>plus 1x CIC 3*<br>plus 1x CIC 3* or 2x CNC 3* | |

## 6. Exemptions CCIO/CCI/CIC:

Under exceptional circumstances, the FEI may, with the agreement of the Organising Committee of a CCIO/CCI/CIC and the NF of the host country, waive the qualifying standard for a horse, but only at the specific written request of the rider's NF. Such a request must be accompanied by the reasons for the request and a detailed summary of both the horse and rider's performance record, including all the horse's competitions at national and international CIC Events and Three Day Events during the current and previous year. Such exemptions will be considered only for specific selection purposes for Championships/Games.

## 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 competitor and horse are qualified according to the requirements by the date of the nominated entries.

### *7.2. Qualifying Period and Deadline*

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

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 rider and horse.

### *7.3. Required Qualifying Results (QRs) for Championships*

| | |
|---|---|
| CH 1* | 1x CCI 1* |
| CH 2* | 1x CCI 2* |
| CH 3* | 1x CCI 3 |
| CH 4*<br>(WEG / OG) | 1x CCI 4*<br>OR<br>1x CCI 3* + 1x CIC 3* |

### *7.4. Exemptions*

No exemptions will be permitted for Championships

## 8. Permanent Rider Qualification

When a rider has, since January 1st 2002, achieved 5 QRs at a type/level of event, he can compete at that type/level (or lower) for life without further QRs. Exception: Championships where QRs must be achieved as a combination see above.

**Note**: CCIs count towards Permanent Qualification for CICs of the same level, but CICs do not count towards Permanent Qualification for CCIs of the same level. The horse ridden by a 'permanently qualified' rider must still fulfil the qualifying standards.

## 9. Establishment of Qualification

When the rider obtains a QR at the higher level, then he and his horse are "established" (qualified to compete) at this higher level. This "establishment" lasts for the remainder of the year in which it was obtained and the 2 succeeding calendar years.

**Note**: Re-qualification is required when the 2 year period has run out

## 10. Extension of Establishment (maintaining qualification)

### *10.1. CCI*

10.1.1 The "establishment" may be extended by obtaining QRs at other events of the same type and level within the 2 year period stated above, each extension remaining effective for the remainder of the calendar year and the 2 succeeding years. (see 9 above)

10.1.2 If no such extension is achieved the establishment at that level expires, however the same extension can be achieved by obtaining QRs at 2 events (CIC or CNC) of the same level in the 12 month period after expiration of the second year.

10.1.3 When establishment has expired for CCI, it can be renewed at any time (eg 2/3 year later) with 2 CIC/CNC during the 12 months before the event in question.

### *10.2. CIC*

10.2.1 The "establishment" may be extended by obtaining QRs at other events of the same type and level within the 2 year period stated above, each extension remaining effective for the remainder of the calendar year and the 2 succeeding years. (see 9 above)

10.2.2 If no extension is obtained within the duration, the establishment at that level expires.

# Article 507 INVITATIONS

## 1. Invitations

All invitations must be sent to NFs and not to an individual competitor.

## 2. CCIs & CICs

The NFs to be invited, and the number of competitors and horses per NF, are at the discretion of the Organising Committee but must be in accordance with Art. 504.2.

One groom per competitor must be invited.

## 3. CCIOs

Invitations must be in accordance with the "General Regulations". The OC may only restrict the number of nations to be invited with the agreement of the Secretary General and the Chairman of the Eventing Committee. At least five foreign nations must always be invited, each one being entitled to start at least six horses (or less if they wish). The number of competitors from the host nation is unlimited.

One groom per competitor and one official per nation must be invited.

## 4. Championships

Invitations must be sent to all eligible NFs. The number of competitors and horses will be in accordance with Art. 510.2.3.

One groom per competitor and one official per team must be invited.

## 5. Games, Championships & Cups

For invitations to these competitions, see Chapter VI.

## Article 508 EXPENSES

### 1. CCIs & CCIOs & CICs

The scale of expenses to be offered is at the discretion of the Organising Committee. However, all competitors from the host nation, including foreign competitors resident in the host nation, must be offered the same scale of expenses. All other foreign competitors must be offered the same scale of expenses. However, this may be a different scale from that offered to national or resident foreign competitors.

### 2. Championships

The Organising Committee of World and Continental Championships is responsible for meeting travelling and living expenses of the invited competitors, 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.

### 3. Games & Cups

For the expenses and privileges of these competitions, see Chapter VI.

## Article 509 SCHEDULE and RESULTS

Except for CIC 1* and CCI 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 CIC 1* and CCI 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 (preferably by electronic format).

## Article 510 ENTRIES

### 1. CCIs & CCIOs & CICs

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 competitor can be substituted up to the time announced for the declaration of starters.

### 2. Championships

Entries must be made by the NFs in three phases as follows. In each case, the exact dates by which entries must be received will be published in the schedule of the competition. Entries received after the due date may be refused.

#### *2.1. Entries in Principle*

At least eight weeks before:

Each NF must inform the Organising Committee of its intention to send a team and/or individual competitors without giving the names of horses or riders. The NF must specify how many horse/rider combinations it wishes to take part in the event.

### *2.2. Nominated Entries*

At least four weeks before:

2.2.1. Each NF that has made an entry in principle, including the host NF, may enter up to three times the number of horses and competitors that are entitled to start. Within this limit, there is no restriction on the number of horses that may be entered for any competitor.

2.2.2. The rider registration number and the horse passport/registration number for all nominated riders/horses must be included with the entries.

### *2.3. Individuals in Addition to Teams*

The following maximum number of individual competitors authorised to take part in addition to each team is fixed as follows: NFs will be advised by the Organising Committee at the closing of nominated entries.

- Seven or more teams entered: two individuals per nation plus a further six individuals from the host nation.
- Five or six teams entered: three individuals per nation plus a further eight individuals from the host nation.
- Four or less teams entered: four individuals per nation plus a further ten individuals from the host nation.

If there are less than 35 entries in total, the number of individuals entered from each nation may be increased proportionally.

### *2.4. Definite Entries*

They must reach the OC by letter or telecommunication by noon, at the latest four days before the First Horse Inspection of the event. After the definite entries have been sent in, substitutions of competitors and/or horses from the list of nominated entries may only be made with the express permission of the OC, but never less than two days preceding the beginning of the event.

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.

2.4.2. These are the competitors and horses that will travel to the competition.

## 3. Declaration of Starters

3.1. The Declaration of Starters will take place at a time to be announced by the Organising Committee. It will be after competitors have inspected the courses of the Cross-Country Test and after the First Horse Inspection.

3.2. If there is only an individual classification, the Organising Committee may announce that presentation at the First Horse Inspection will be assumed to be a declaration to start.

3.3. When there is a team classification, Chefs d'Equipe must declare as part of the declaration of starters, in writing, the composition of the team, the starting order of the competitors within the team and, in the case of a team with three members, which starting position shall remain vacant.

3.4. When a competitor has presented at the First Horse Inspection more horses than he is allowed to ride, the competitor, or his Chef d'Equipe where applicable, must declare in writing the names of the horse(s) or horses definitely starting.

### 4. Substitutions

After the Declaration of Starters, a change in the composition of a team or a change of which horse a competitor will ride must comply with the following:

4.1. The substitution must be made at least one hour before the first competitor is scheduled to perform his dressage test on the day on which the competitor in question has been drawn to take part.

4.2. In the event of an accident or illness of a competitor, a certificate from an officially recognised doctor must be presented.

4.3. In the event of lameness or illness of a horse, permission from the Veterinary Delegate must be obtained.

4.4. Any horse that is to be substituted for a declared horse must have been presented and passed at the First Horse Inspection.

4.5. The Technical Delegate, in consultation with the Ground Jury, must approve the substitution.

## Article 511 REGISTRATION OF RIDERS AND HORSES

### 1. Riders

All riders must be annually registered with the FEI

### 2. Horses

2.1. All horses must be annually registered with the F.E.I

2.2. Every horse entered at CCNs, CICs 2*/1* and CCIs 2*/1* in a foreign country, and all horses entered for CICs 3* and CCIs 3*/4*, CCIOs, Championships, Regional and Olympic Games, whether at home or in foreign countries, must have an Official FEI Passport or a National Passport approved by the FEI, as a means of identification and to establish ownership.

2.3. Horses taking part in CCNs, CICs 2*/1* and CCIs 1*/2* in the country in which they are resident are not required to have such a passport as mentioned in Paragraph 2.2 above. All such horses must be properly registered with their NF and identifiable and, unless there is no national requirement for vaccination in the host country and in the country of origin, all horses must have a valid vaccination certificate.

## Article 512 DRAW

### 1. Events with Individual Classification only

If there is only an individual classification, the draw will be conducted by the Organising Committee and the order of starting published in the programme.

### 2. Events with Team and Individual Classifications

2.1. When there is a Team and an Individual Classification, a draw will take place to determine the nations order for the First and Third Inspection. This is also the team running order for competitors in the Dressage and Cross-Country Tests.

This draw will take place prior to the First Horse Inspection, in the presence of the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Chefs d'Equipes. All nations participating in the competition, whether by teams or individuals, will be included in this draw.

2.2 The determination of the starting order for the competition of all the riders will be made after the First Horse Inspection, in the presence of the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Chefs d'Equipe, according to the following method:

2.3 The total starting places will be divided into eight blocks (A to H) and the riders allocated to each block as follows:

Block A: first riders in each team
Block B: 25% of individual riders
Block C: second rider in each team
Block D: 25% of individual riders
Block E: 25% of individual riders
Block F: third rider in each team
Block G: 25% of Individual riders
Block H: fourth rider in each team

2.4 The starting order within each team will be declared by its Chef d'Equipe. A team with only three members shall declare which starting position shall remain vacant. The team positions will be filled first. If a competitor rides one horse in the team competition and one in the individual competition, then he must ride his team horse first.

2.5 The starting order for the Individual competitors will then be determined as follows:

2.5.1 Competitors with a horse in the team competition, second horses will be placed by the Chefs d'Equipe in Block G, free choice in sequence according to the draw as per 2.1 above.

2.5.2 Competitors with 2 horses in the individual competition will be placed by Chefs d'Equipe in Block B and G, free choice in sequence according to the draw as per 2.1 above. Only one such rider's horses may be placed by a Chef d'Equipe until his turn in the sequence recurs.

2.5.3 Individual riders with one horse will now be positioned in any of the remaining unallocated starting places by their Chefs d'Equipe. At each turn in the sequence according to the draw in 2.1 above a Chef d'Equipe may place one horse in one of the blocks B, D, E, or G. The first individuals to be positioned (at this point) will be those without a representative team and this will take place in sequence according to the draw.

2.6 More than one member of a team will be permitted to ride two horses only if there are enough competitors in the event to allow both horses to be fitted into the time schedule in accordance with the above paragraph.

### 3. Approval of Method of Draw

The method of draw must be approved by the Technical Delegate having consulted, if possible, with the Ground Jury. He may also approve rearrangement of the order or number of blocks of teams or individual riders where the number of competitors makes it necessary.

## Article 513 STARTING ORDER

1. At a Three Day Event the drawn starting order will be used for the Dressage and Cross-Country Tests.

2. The starting order in the Jumping Test must follow the reverse order of classification at the end of the Cross-Country Test. The lowest placed competitor will start first, and the last competitor to jump will be the one placed highest. If two horses ridden by the same competitor are classified within eight places of each other, the starting order of the lower placed must be adjusted.

3. At a CIC, the Order of Starting will be drawn and this will be adhered to for the first two tests. The last Test, whether Show Jumping or Cross Country, may be run in reverse order of classification, at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

## Article 514 TIMETABLE

### 1. Dressage Test

A timetable showing each competitor's starting time for the Dressage Test will be available to each competitor. The interval between starting times will be at the discretion of the Organising Committee, with the approval of the Technical Delegate.

### 2. Cross-Country Test

A timetable, showing each competitor's starting time for each phase, will be based on the optimum time for each phase. A copy will be available to each competitor. The interval between starting times will be at the discretion of the Organising Committee, with the approval of the Technical Delegate.

### 3. Jumping Test

A time schedule showing the start and the approximate finish of the Jumping Test shall be published. If the schedule is split, for example between morning and afternoon sessions, the number of competitors that will jump in the second session shall be noted.

### 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 45 minutes 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

### 1. Identification Number

Upon arrival, each horse is issued with an identification number, which must be worn at all times. It may be replaced by the draw number, which must then be worn until the end of the event. Failure to display either number incurs first a warning and, in the case of a repeated offence, a fine imposed on the competitor by the Ground Jury.

### 2. Restrictions on Schooling Horses

2.1. During the three days before the start of the First Horse Inspection or the Dressage Test as applicable and for the entire duration of an International Event, it is forbidden under penalty of disqualification for anyone to school a horse other than the competitor who will ride the horse in the competition.

2.2. A groom, while mounted, is not permitted to school the horse but only to hack it, exercise it or ride from one place to another. A groom may also work the horse in hand or on the lunge.

2.3. Under penalty of disqualification, riding close to steeplechase or 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.

### 3. Exercise Areas

At International Events, appropriate areas suitable for the general exercise of horses must be made available and must be open throughout the hours of daylight. These should include tracks and areas for hacking and for galloping. The Organising Committee must inform competitors of the areas that are available for this purpose. Horses may be exercised only in such designated areas and/or in the practice areas for dressage and jumping.

### 4. Practice Dressage Arena

At least one practice arena of 60 by 20 metres must be put at the disposal of the competitors two days before the first day of the Dressage Test. If possible, this arena should be of the same consistency as the competition arena.

### 5. Practice Obstacles

The only practice obstacles that competitors may jump are those provided by the Organising Committee. The Organising Committee must provide at least two fixed practice obstacles which must be marked with red and white flags, of which the dimensions may not exceed those of the cross-country phase. There shall be no practice obstacles available on the cross-country day between the start of Phase A and the finish of Phase D at events with Steeple Chase. For any competition without Steeple Chase there will be a practice warm-up area near the start of the Cross Country with both fixed and knock down obstacles, the specifications for the latter being as set out below.

**Jumping Test**:–All obstacles must be marked with red and white flags. No part of the obstacle may ever be held by anyone. These obstacles may not be raised more than 10 cm above the height allowed in the Jumping Test. The spread may never exceed the maximum permitted. The practice obstacles shall only be jumped at times laid down by the Organising Committee. Violation of any of the above provisions relating to practice obstacles is forbidden, under penalty of disqualification (see “Rules for Jumping Events”, Art. 202 & 244).

### 6. Stewards

One or more Stewards must be appointed to ensure that the rules regarding exercising and warming-up are obeyed. A Steward must be present at whatever times the Organising Committee has laid down that practice obstacles may be used. Other practice and exercise areas may be patrolled by Stewards in a random manner.

## Article 516 ACCESS TO COURSES & ARENAS

### 1. Dressage Arena

Unless permission is given by the Jury, it is forbidden for competitors, under penalty of disqualification, to enter the arena mounted at any time other than when performing their test during the competition. The arena may be inspected on foot prior to the start or during breaks in the competition.

### 2. Cross-Country Courses

2.1. It is forbidden, under penalty of disqualification, to inspect the obstacles or the courses before they are officially open to the competitors.

2.2. The course of the Cross-Country Test will be opened to all competitors on the same day before the event begins.

2.3. All obstacles, flags and markers that have to be observed by competitors shall be exactly in position when the course is opened to competitors. Thereafter, they may not be moved or altered by competitors under penalty of disqualification.

2.4. After the courses have been officially opened competitors are allowed to revisit the courses during the hours of daylight and examine the obstacles. This examination must take place on foot only, unless special permission is given by the Jury.

### 3. Jumping Course

3.1. The course for the Jumping Test will be open to competitors not less than 30 minutes before the start of the Jumping Test.

3.2. Competitors on foot will be admitted to the arena before the Jumping Test. Permission to enter the arena will be given by the Ground Jury. An announcement must also be made over the public address system.

3.3. Unless permission is given by the Jury, it is forbidden for competitors, under penalty of disqualification, to enter the arena on foot once the competition has started.

## Article 517 INTERRUPTIONS & MODIFICATIONS

### 1. Interruptions

The timetable may be interrupted due to dangerous conditions. If necessary, the start of any test or phase may be brought forward, postponed or cancelled. The decision to interrupt or cancel a test will be made by the President of the Ground Jury after consultation with the other Members of the Ground Jury and the Technical Delegate, if possible. In the case of an interruption, the event will be resumed as soon as possible at the point of the interruption. Every affected competitor must receive sufficient warning before the resumption of the competition.

### 2. Modifications

After the courses have been officially shown to the competitors, alterations may be made only when exceptional circumstances (such as heavy rain or hot weather) make obstacles or a test unfair or dangerous. The decision will be taken by the President of the Ground Jury

after consultation with the other Members of the Ground Jury and Technical Delegate if possible. He is authorised to make any necessary changes to the test. In such cases, the Chefs d'Equipe and every competitor must be officially and personally informed of the alteration before the start of the phase or the test concerned. Where appropriate, an official must also be stationed at the place where the alteration has been made in order to warn the competitors.

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

### 1. Championships & CCIOs & CCIs

#### *1.1. Examination upon Arrival*

This takes place on the arrival of horses at the stables of the event. It is performed by a qualified veterinarian, normally the Associate Veterinarian, appointed by the Organising Committee. The object is to establish first each horse's identity and veterinary history (vaccination, etc.) and second, each horse's state of health (but not its soundness). The Organising Committee must fix the place and timetable for this examination in agreement with the Veterinary Delegate and inform in advance the Chefs d'Equipe and/or the individuals. Doubtful cases must be reported to the Ground Jury or Appeal Committee as appropriate, as soon as practicable and, in any case, before the First Horse Inspection.

#### *1.2. First Horse Inspection*

This takes place before the Dressage Test, normally the day before. It is conducted by the Ground Jury and the Veterinary Delegate acting together as a committee with the President of the Ground Jury in charge. The horses must be inspected in hand, at rest and in movement on a firm level, clean but not slippery surface. The committee has the right and the duty to eliminate from the competition any horse that they judge is unfit, whether on account of lameness, lack of condition or for any other reason. In a doubtful case the Ground Jury may direct that the horse be put in an officially supervised holding area for examination by the Associate Veterinarian. He will report any findings to the Ground Jury and the Veterinary Delegate, prior to the horse being re-inspected by the committee, should the rider decide to represent the horse. Horses in the holding area will be under the supervision and control of the Associate Veterinarian. In the event of equality of votes within the committee, the President of the Ground Jury will have a second and casting vote, and the decision will be announced immediately.

#### *1.3. Second Horse Inspection*

1.3.1. In case of a CCI with steeple-chase, this takes place after Phase C, during the Ten-minute halt before the start of Phase D. It is conducted by a member of the Ground Jury and by the Veterinary Delegate. The inspection must be performed carefully but also as rapidly as possible in order to allow each horse as much time as possible for rest and recuperation. The committee has the right and the duty to eliminate from the competition any lame or exhausted horse. In CCIOs and Championships, at least one member of this committee must be a foreigner, preferably the Foreign Veterinary Delegate, who has participated at the First Horse Inspection. In the event of equality of vote within the committee, the member of the Ground Jury will have the casting vote.

1.3.2. At a CCI without Phases A, B and C there will be no Second Horse Inspection. However, there will be a Veterinarian near the start of the Cross Country to report any doubtful cases to the Ground Jury.

#### *1.4. Examination after Cross Country Obstacle Test*

This takes place after the competitor has finished the Cross Country. It is conducted by a qualified veterinarian appointed by the Organising Committee in agreement with the Veterinary Delegate. In addition to carrying out any immediate treatment required by an injured or exhausted horse, this veterinarian will decide if each horse:

- is fit to return immediately on foot to its own stable,
- should remain for further treatment before returning to its stable,
- should be transported by vehicle (which must be available) either direct to its stable or to a veterinary hospital.

This veterinarian has no authority to eliminate any horse from the competition, but must report any doubtful case to the Ground Jury and to the Veterinary Delegate.

### *1.5. Third 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.

### *1.6. Appeal*

At the three inspections where a horse may be eliminated from the competition, there can be no appeal against the decision of the committee concerned. However, if requested, the president must give a reason for the committee's decision after the completion of the whole inspection. The Veterinary Delegate will be a member of the committee present at these three horse inspections.

### *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.

### *1.8. Public*

The Horse Inspections shall be open to viewing by the public.

## 2. CICs

2.1. 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.

2.2. 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.

### *2.3. Veterinary Examination*

2.3.1. At a CIC run over 2 or more days, there will be 2 Veterinary Examinations (1 with Passport/identity/vaccination control prior to a horse starting the competition and 1 at the end of the cross country course); A Horse Inspection must take place before the Jumping test if this is held the day after the cross country.

2.3.2. At a CIC in which the whole event is held on one day, there will be 2 Veterinary Examinations (One examination with Passport/identity/vaccination control prior to a horse starting in either of the Tests that involve jumping and one examination at the end of the cross country course); and a modified Inspection/Observation prior to the last jumping test (i.e. Jumping or Cross Country) when a veterinarian will observe the horse trotted in hand &/or being ridden in the warm up area. 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.

The first Veterinary Examination should be done on a horse by horse basis with the riders bringing their horses to the Veterinary Delegate at an appointed place. The Veterinary Delegate must do a general check for contagious disease during this examination. If the Veterinary Delegate has any doubt as to whether the horse should be allowed to continue in the competition, he must consult the Ground Jury who with the Veterinary Delegate will take the final decision.

2.4. At any time of the competition and specifically during the dressage test at a CIC the Ground Jury has the right and duty to eliminate any horse which in its opinion is not fit to compete. The Jury may if it wishes ask for the horse to be presented to the Veterinary Delegate prior to making a final decision.".

2.5. At a CIC, the Veterinary Examination after the cross country follows the same form as at a CCI. In addition, when the cross country is the final test, any horse that is unacceptably lame must be reported to the Veterinary Delegate and a Ground Jury Member for inspection and consideration of elimination of the horse. The horse may be required to be trotted in hand.

2.6. 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).

2.7. The Veterinary Delegate should liaise with any Treating Veterinarians to know their whereabouts and availability on the Cross Country course at all times. Radio contact is therefore essential.

2.8. 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 & RIDER WELFARE

### 1. Control of Medication of Horses

The Control of Medication of Horses must be conducted in accordance with the "General Regulations" and the "Veterinary Regulations".

### 2. Examination after a fall

A veterinarian and/or doctor as appropriate must examine all horses and riders that have a fall, before they either take part in another test or leave the competition site.

### 3. Dangerous Riding

Any rider who affects the safety of any horse, rider 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 rider in accordance with Art 532.1.3.

## Article 520 ABUSE OF HORSES AND DANGEROUS RIDING

(see also "General Regulations", Art. 143)

Any act or series of actions that in the opinion of the Ground Jury can be defined as abuse of a horse or dangerous riding shall be penalised by disqualification and such other penalties in accordance Art. 532.1 of the present Rules as the Ground Jury may determine. Such acts include, for example:

- rapping
- riding an exhausted horse
- excessive pressing of a tired horse

- riding an obviously lame horse
- excessive use of whip and/or spurs
- dangerous riding

Officials must report such actions as soon as possible to the Ground Jury through the Secretary of the Organising Committee or Control Centre of the event as appropriate, supported where possible by a statement from one or more witnesses. The Ground Jury must decide if there is a case to be answered.

Any individual member of the Ground Jury who observes such actions, has the right and the duty to disqualify the competitor forthwith on his own authority.

## Article 521 DRESS

### 1. Protective Headgear

Wearing a hard hat is compulsory for anyone riding a horse on the flat at the event.

Protective headgear complying with the European (EN), British (PAS), North American (ASTM), Australian/New Zealand tested standards is compulsory for anyone jumping an obstacle.

Failure to wear the appropriate headgear while riding on the flat or jumping any obstacle or with an incorrect or unfastened retention harness shall be penalised by elimination, at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

### 2. Whips

Carrying a whip of any kind during the Dressage Test is forbidden, under penalty of elimination.

If a whip is carried in the Cross-Country and/or Jumping Tests, 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 spurs with round hard plastic knobs are allowed (“Impuls” spur). “Dummy spurs” with no shank are allowed.

See para 5.5 for exception for Dressage Test.

### 4. Boots

In all Tests, boots (other than as part of regulation service dress) must be black, brown or black with a brown top. They must either be long boots in one piece or a full grain smooth leather leg piece and leather boot.

### 5. Dressage Test

5.1. Civilian – compulsory except as indicated in 5.2 & 5.3 below: hunting dress or uniform of a riding club, white shirt and tie, gloves, white, fawn or cream breeches, boots, hunting cap, protective headgear or top hat, and spurs (in accordance with Para. 3 above)

5.2. At CIC 1* and CIC 2*, competitors if they wish may wear a tweed jacket with fawn or beige breeches and black or brown boots.

5.3. At CCI 1* & CIC 1* the wearing of a top hat and tailcoat is not encouraged.

5.4. Members of armed and police forces, members and employees of military establishments and national studs - compulsory: service dress and gloves, regulation headgear and spurs (in accordance with Para. 3 above).

***5.5. Spurs:***

In the CIC/CCI* tests, spurs are not compulsory.

Rowels spurs are allowed for the Dressage Test and when practicing / warming up for dressage. If rowels are used, they must be free to rotate and rowel must be round and smooth (no tines allowed).

5.6. Bits: In the CIC/CCI* tests riding with a curb bit is not allowed.

### 6. Cross-Country Test

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

### 7. Jumping Test

7.1. Civilian - hunting dress or uniform of a riding club, white shirt and tie, white, fawn or cream breeches, boots. Spurs are optional but, if used, must be in accordance with Para. 3 above.

7.2. At CIC 1* and CIC 2*, competitors if they wish may wear a tweed jacket with fawn or beige breeches and black or brown boots.

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 Para. 3 above.

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

### 8. Inspection of Dress

A Steward can be appointed to inspect whips and spurs before any test. He has the authority to refuse permission for any competitor to start, whose whip or spurs contravene this article. He will immediately report the circumstances to the Ground Jury for confirmation.

A competitor who competes with illegal whip(s) or spurs will be eliminated. A competitor who competes with incorrect items of dress is liable to elimination, at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

## Article 522 SADDLERY

### 1. Exercise Areas

The following are compulsory: an English type saddle and any form of bridle, including double bridle, snaffle, gag or hackamores. Running martingales (with snaffle only), Irish martingales, bit guards, boots, bandages, fly shields, nose covers and saddle covers are permitted. Single direct side reins are permitted only while lunging (only with one lunge line) as are running reins and chambons. Other martingales, any other kind of gadget (such as bearing, side or balancing reins, etc.) and any form of blinkers, are forbidden, under penalty of disqualification.

### 2. Dressage Test

2.1. The following are compulsory: an English type saddle and a permitted bridle.

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.

2.3. A snaffle bridle of which the bit is made of metal, leather, rubber or plastic material is also permitted as authorized by the Rules for Dressage. It must be made entirely of leather, except for a small disc of sheepskin, which may be used in the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband. For drawings of permitted bits and nosebands, see Annex 1. Certain tests may specify that only a snaffle bridle is allowed.

2.4. Martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running or balancing reins, etc.), any kind of boots or bandages and any form of blinkers including earmuffs, earplugs, hoods, fly shields, nose covers and saddle covers, are under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden in accordance with the Dressage rules. A breast plate may be used. However, under exceptional circumstances, fly hoods or shields may be permitted by the Ground Jury for all competitors, solely in order to protect horses from insects. False tails are permitted provided they are not weighted or otherwise “enhanced” in any way whatsoever.

### 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. Sheepskin may be used on each cheek piece of the bridle providing the sheepskin does not exceed 3 cm in diameter measured from the horse’s face. The stirrup iron and stirrup leathers must hang free from the bar of the saddle and outside of the flap.

3.2. The following are forbidden: any form of blinkers, side, running or balancing reins; tongue straps and /or tying down the horse’s tongue; any other restrictions, any bit or other item of saddlery likely to wound a horse.

### 4. Inspection of Saddlery

4.1. A Steward can be appointed to check the saddlery of each horse before it enters the arena or starts a test.

4.2. In the Dressage Test, the checking of the bridle must be done with the greatest caution. If the competitor so requests, the bridle and bit may be checked immediately after the test has been completed. However, should the bridle or bit in such a case be found not to be permitted, the competitor shall be eliminated by the Ground Jury.