Chapter VI Games, Championships & Cups

Article 540 OLYMPIC GAMES

Every four years, Eventing in the Olympic Games will be organised under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee. The Olympic Three Day Event is for Seniors. It will be conducted at the Four Star level in accordance with the "Special Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games".

Article 541 WORLD INDIVIDUAL & TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Organisation

1.1. Every four years, in the even year between the Olympic Games, the World Individual and Team Eventing Championship will be organised under the authority of the FEI.

1.2. Applications to host the World Championship shall be directed to the FEI in accordance with the "General Regulations", **Art. 110**.

1.3. The World Championship is for Seniors. It will be conducted at the Four Star level, except as noted below. The dressage test will be the most recent Four Star Dressage Test.

1.4. Officials will be appointed in accordance with **Art. 550**. Their expenses will be paid in accordance with the "General Regulations", **Art. 159**.

1.5. World Championships can only be held if at least six NFs are represented. As an exception to the "General Regulations", an NF that withdraws after the definite entries have been submitted, but before the First Horse Inspection, is considered as represented.

2. Invitations

Invitations shall automatically be sent to all NFs represented at Three and Four Star competitions during the previous two years. They will also be sent to any other NF upon request.

3. Qualifications

Competitors and horses must qualify as a combination at Three or Four Star competitions in accordance with Art. **506.7.2.**

4. Participation

4.1. If the World Championship is conducted as a separate competition, the number of competitors will be in accordance **with Art. 503.2.3** for Championships. If Eventing is conducted at the same time as other World Championships, for example as part of the World Equestrian Games, then the host nation will be limited to the same number of competitors and horses as foreign countries.

4.2. A competitor may ride only one horse in a World Championship.

5. Expenses & Privileges

The Organising Committee will be responsible for travelling, accommodation and living expenses of competitors, grooms, horses and additional officials in accordance with **Art. 508.2** - Championships.

Article 542 WORLD CUPS FOR INDIVIDUALS

The FEI may authorise the organisation of World Cups for Individuals. The World Cup will be for Seniors. Separate Rules, qualification and participation must be approved by the FEI Eventing Committee.

Article 543 CONTINENTAL GAMES

In certain parts of the world, Eventing at Continental Games (such as the Asian Games and Pan American Games) may be organised under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee and Regional Games Associations. The particular regulations for these events must be approved by the Secretary General and by the Chairman of the Eventing Committee. In principle, they will be organised in accordance with **Art. 544** - Continental Championships.

Article 544 CONTINENTAL INDIVIDUAL & TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Organisation

1.1. Continental Individual and Team Eventing Championships will be organised under the authority of the FEI as follows:

1.1.1. Seniors	every two years, in the odd years between Olympic Games
1.1.2. Young Riders	every year
1.1.3. Juniors	every year

1.2. Applications to host these Championships shall be directed to the FEI in accordance with the "General Regulations", **Art. 110.3.**

1.3. The level of the Championships will be decided by the FEI after discussion with the relevant NFs.

1.4. Officials will be appointed in accordance with **Art. 550**. Their expenses will be paid in accordance with the "General Regulations", **Art. 159**.

1.5. Continental Championships for Seniors can only be held if at least three NFs and/or Regional Teams are represented at the First Horse Inspection.

1.6. Continental Championships for Young Riders and Juniors can be held in Europe only if at least three NFs are represented. Outside Europe, they may be held with any number of Regional Teams from at least two NFs. An NF that withdraws after the Definite Entries have been submitted, but before the First Horse Inspection, is considered as represented.

2. Invitations

In principle, Continental Championships are open only to competitors from NFs in the continent concerned. Invitations will automatically be sent to the NFs involved. However, with the approval of the FEI, and with the exception of Senior Championships in Europe, Organising Committees may invite NFs from outside the continent to send competitors.

An NF taking part in a Continental Championship outside its continent will not have the right to organise the following Championship should it be successful. However, it has the right to win the Individual or Team medals.

3. Qualifications

Competitors and horses must qualify in accordance with **Art. 506**, appropriate to the level of the Continental Championship.

4. Participation

4.1. Competitors and horses may only take part in either a Junior or a Young Rider or a Senior Championship in any calendar year.

4.2. A competitor may ride only one horse in a Championship.

5. Expenses & Privileges

The expenses and privileges for competitors and officials will be in accordance with the following articles: **Art. 507.3. & 508.2** - Seniors, **Annexe 8** - Young Riders & Juniors.

Article 545 CONTINENTAL CUPS FOR INDIVIDUALS

The FEI may authorize the organisation of Continental Cups for Individuals.. The regulations for organisation and participation must be approved by the FEI.

Article 546 REGIONAL GAMES

In certain parts of the world, Eventing at Regional Games (such as the Central American, Caribbean Games or the Mediterranean Games) may be organised under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee and Regional Games Associations. The particular regulations for these events must be approved by the FEI Eventing Committee. In principle, they will be organised in accordance with **Art. 544** - Continental Championships.

Article 547 REGIONAL INDIVIDUAL & TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

In certain parts of the world, Regional Individual and Team Eventing Championships (such as Alps, Amazon, Balkan, Scandinavian, Tasman, Rural etc.) may be organised under the authority of the FEI in accordance with the "**General Regulations", Art. 110.4.** In principle, they will be organised in accordance with **Art. 544** - Continental Championships. At least two countries must be represented at the First Horse Inspection.

Chapter VII OFFICIALS AT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Article 548 JURISDICTION OF OFFICIALS

The period of an event commences one hour before the beginning of the 1st Horse Inspection and terminates half an hour after the announcement of the final results (GR Art 101.5)

However, the jurisdiction of the Ground Jury commences when they inspect and approve the cross country course, or at the First Horse Inspection, or one hour prior to the start of the dressage, whichever is earlier.

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 going.

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 The Ground Jury shall consist of the President and two Members in CH/CCI 3*/4*; in CH/CCI 1*/2* & 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 Three Day Events the Ground Jury will conduct the First and Third Horse Inspections with the Veterinary Delegate.

1.5 At CICs when there are Horse Inspections, the Ground Jury will conduct them with the Veterinary Delegate.

1.6 The Ground Jury will judge the Dressage Test.

1.7 Inspection of the Cross Country and Jumping Courses. Unless the Technical Delegate decides that it is impractical the Ground Jury inspects and proves the cross country and jumping courses with the Technical Delegate and Course Designer.

1.8 Cross Country test

- *Cross Country control*. Either the President of the Ground Jury must be in cross country control or if the President of the Ground Jury does not speak or understand the language which is being used for communication purposes, one of the members of the Ground Jury who does speak and understand the language must be there instead. The President shall make this decision.
- *On course*. One Member of the Ground Jury must be on the Cross Country course with the usual responsibilities.
- For CCIs the 3rd Member of the Ground Jury (if there is one) must be at the start/finish area fulfilling the usual role. If the start and finish are in separate locations he/she should be at the start.

- For CICs the 3rd Member of the Ground Jury (if there is one) may also be on the cross country course but must be available to go to the finish at short notice should the Veterinary Delegate at the end of the Cross country course need his/her opinion.
- At all international events, the President and the Members of the Ground Jury shall retain the same task throughout the Cross Country event.

1.9 The Ground Jury will be responsible for determining objections against decisions by technical personnel, including fence judges and timekeepers, on the Cross-Country Test and may substitute their judgement for that of any judge or official, whether in favour of the competitor or not.

1.10 The Ground Jury will be responsible for the judging of the Jumping Test.

1.11 It is essential that the President of the Ground Jury or appointed Jumping Judge be in control of the bell. At CIC, if the Jumping takes place while other phases are also happening, this task may be delegated to a qualified national or international Jumping Judge. At all events at 3 or 4 star level and at all Games and Championships the Ground Jury must be assisted by a qualified and experienced jumping judge while at all other events such assistance is recommended. Should any member of the Ground Jury be also a qualified Jumping Judge, no additional member is required.

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 rider that is unfit to continue and to take action in cases of dangerous riding. There is no appeal against such a decision.

2. Technical Delegate

2.1 The Technical Delegate will approve the technical and administrative arrangements for the conduct of the event, for the examinations and inspections of horses; for the accommodation of horses and riders; and for the stewarding of the event.

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 courses or any obstacles.

2.3 He will supervise the briefing and conduct of all technical personnel.

2.4 He will investigate all enquiries regarding scoring, including penalties awarded, and report to and advise the Ground Jury on any decisions they are required to make.

2.5 Until he has reported to the Ground Jury that he is satisfied with all the arrangements, the authority of the Technical Delegate shall be absolute. Thereafter, he will continue to supervise the technical and administrative conduct of the event and will advise and assist the Ground Jury, Veterinary Commission and the Organising Committee.

3. Course Designer

3.1 The Course Designer is responsible for the layout, measurement, preparation and marking of the route for all phases of the Cross-Country Test.

3.2 He is responsible for the design, construction and marking of the obstacles on Phases B & D.

3.3 He is ultimately responsible for the layout, design and construction of the Jumping Test. This duty should normally be delegated to a Jumping Course Designer, while the Event Course Designer must ensure that the course complies with all current Eventing Rules and Guidelines.

4. Veterinary Commission

4.1 Appointment/Responsibilties

4.1.1 At Games, Championships, Cup Finals, CCIOs and CCIs, the Veterinary Commission, shall consist of two veterinarians, the Veterinary Delegate and the Associate Veterinarian. They will be jointly responsible for approving the veterinary arrangements for the event and individually responsible for the specific duties set out below. At certain major Games &/or multi-disciplinary Championships, the FEI may decide to appoint in addition a President of the Veterinary Commission, who will take responsibility for liaison with the OC for the prior arrangements.

4.1.2 However, at CCI 2/1*, if it is impractical for the OC to appoint an Associate Veterinarian, the Veterinary Delegate may alone constitute the Veterinary Commission. In such a case, there must be an Examining Veterinarian with the appropriate experience to officiate in the Holding Box at the First and Third Inspections (see Veterinary Regulations Art 1003.8)

At CICs, the Veterinary Commission may consist of only the Veterinary Delegate.

4.2 Veterinary Delegate

4.2.1 Together with the Associate Veterinarian, he will be responsible for the First Examination of Horses.

4.2.2 He will review with the Appeal Committee any passport irregularities and make any necessary recommendations on appropriate penalties.

4.2.3 He will be a member of the Committee for the First, Second and Third Horse Inspections.

4.2.4 He will supervise the Control of Medication.

4.2.5 He will be responsible for authorising access to the stables for team or individual competitors' own veterinarians.

4.3 Associate Veterinarian

4.3.1 Together with the Veterinary Delegate, he will be responsible for the First Examination of Horses.

4.3.2 He will assist in the holding area at the First and Third Horse Inspections, examining horses and reporting his findings to the Ground Jury and the Veterinary Delegate.

4.3.3 He will supervise the veterinary services during the event, including the emergency arrangements during the Cross-Country Test.

5. Appeal Committee

5.1 The duties of the Appeal Committee are as laid down in the "General Regulations", Art. 164, 170 to 174 and in the "Veterinary Regulations", **Art. 1011 & 1019**.

5.2 Full Appeal Committees are compulsory for Eventing Championships.

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.

6. Stewards

The duties of the stewarding team are to assist the OC, the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and riders in the conduct of the event according to the Rules, paying due respect to the guidelines defined in the Code of Conduct for Welfare of the Horse. Specifically, but not exclusively, their duties cover planning and supervision of work in all exercise, practice, warm-up, and stable areas, checking of dress and saddlery, assistance with Horse examinations and Inspection. They are expected to work closely with the OC, riders and other Officials.

Article 550 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS

1. Games, Championhships, Cup Finals

1.1 In the case of 3* & 4* 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 List of Officials. International Ground Juries are compulsory.

1.2 In case of 1* & 2* 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.

2. Three Day Events

Judges, Technical Delegates and Course Designers for all international Three Day Events will be appointed in accordance with the table below

CCI (3DE)	4 Star	3 Star	2 Star	1 Star
Ground Jury	3 Judges	3 Judges	Option of 2 or 3 Members	Option of 2 or 3 Members
	All GJ Members must be chosen from FEI lists	All GJ Members must be chosen from FEI lists	1 GJ member must be chosen from FEI lists	Can be national Judges if TD on FEI lists
	Three "I" or "O" judges compulsory	One "I" or "O" Judge compulsory		Either a Member of the GJ or TD to be chosen from FEI lists
	Jumping Judge compulsory	Jumping Judge compulsory	n/a	n/a
Technical Delegate				Either Member of the GJ or TD to be chosen from FEI lists
	TD must be chosen from FEI "I" list	TD must be chosen from FEI "I" list	CD & TD to be chosen from FEI "I" and "C" lists	TD may be national if a Member of GJ from FEI lists
Course Designer	CD must be chosen from FEI "I" list	CD must be chosen from FEI "I" list	CD & TD to be chosen from FEI "I" and "C" lists	CD may be national
	Foreign Member of GJ compulsory	Foreign Member of GJ compulsory	Foreign Official compulsory	

3. CIC Events

CIC	3 Star	2 Star	1 Star
Ground Jury	2 or 3 Members	2 or 3 Members	2 or 3 Members
	Either Foreign TD or Foreign Member of GJ Compulsory		
	All GJ Members must be chosen from FEI lists	At least one GJ member must be chosen from FEI lists	Either Member of the GJ or TD to be chosen from FEI lists
	One "I" or "O" Judge compulsory		Can be national Judges if TD on FEI lists
	Jumping Judge compulsory	n/a	n/a
Technical Delegate	TD must be chosen from FEI "I" list	TD must be chosen from FEI lists	Either Member of the GJ or TD to be chosen from FEI lists
	Either Foreign TD or Foreign Member of GJ Compulsory	Foreign requirement not compulsory, however **one** member of GJ, TD **or** CD must be from "I" list	TD may be national if a Member of GJ from FEI lists
Course Designer	Must be chosen from FEI list	Can be National CD	Can be national CD
(Exceptional Case) AUS & NZL only for cost reasons	Foreign requirement not compulsory, however two members of GJ, TD and CD must be from "I" list	n/a	n/a

4. Veterinarians

4.1 Veterinarians for Eventing at Games, Championships or Cup Finals must be selected from the list of Contact Veterinarians and Event Veterinarians who have experience in Eventing. The appointments must be in accordance with the "General Regulations" and the "Veterinary Regulations".

4.2 Veterinarians for any other International Three Day Event at any level must be selected from the list of Contact Veterinarians and Event Veterinarians who have experience in Eventing. The veterinarians may be from the host country. They will be appointed by the Organising Committee and the National Federation.

5. Appeal Committee

The appointment of the president and members of the Appeal Committee must be in accordance with the "General Regulations", Appointment – **Art.154 & Duties – Art.164**.

6. Stewards

6.1 At all International Events a Chief Steward must be appointed.

6.2 At Championships, CCIOs, CCI 4*/3*/2* and CIC 3* he/she must be selected from the FEI list.

6.3 At CCI 1* and at CIC 2* and 1*, the Chief Steward may be a suitably qualified national official. Other Stewards, under the management of the Chief Steward, must be appointed as appropriate to the Category and level of Event, and to its particular layout and characteristics.

7. Appointment Restrictions

The same combination of members of a Ground Jury may not be appointed by an OC for two consecutive years. No judge may serve as a member of a Ground Jury at more than 5 International Three Day Events (CH, CCIO, CCI) in any calendar year.

No Technical Delegate may officiate at more than 5 International Three Day Events in any calendar year. No Technical Delegate may officiate at one event for more than 3 consecutive years

8. Assistant Technical Delegate

An assistant Technical Delegate must be appointed by the OC for all Games, Championships, Cup Finals, CCIOs and Three and Four Star events (CCI and CIC) and may be appointed at other international events. The assistant TD may be selected from the FEI lists or may be a national TD. At Games, Championships, Cup Finals and all 4 star events the assistant must be of a different nationality to the TD.

Article 551 JUDGES

1. Categories of Judges

International Judges are divided into three categories:

- Candidate Judges
- International Judges
- Official International 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 three years, including acting as the president or a member of the Ground Jury at a minimum of two Three Day Events (CCNs) conducted under FEI Rules or two International Events (CCI 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.
- To understand one of the two official languages.

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) of which at least two must be a CCI 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 one of the two official languages.
- To be not more than 70 years of age.

2.3 Official International Judge

- The qualifications of an Official International Judge are as follows:
- To fulfil and to continue to fulfil the qualifications of an International Judge.
- To have had considerable experience proven by excellent performance as president or member of Ground Juries at major FEI events.
- To be not more than 70 years of age.

3. Promotion of Judges

3.1. Candidate Judge

The FEI maintains a list of qualified Candidate Judges who have been recommended by their NF and who have been accepted by the Eventing Committee. They must meet the qualifications of a Candidate Judge before they may be recommended by their NF.

3.2. International Judge

The FEI maintains a list of qualified International Judges who have been appointed by the Eventing Committee after consultation with the relevant NFs. They must meet the qualifications of an International Judge before they may be appointed.

3.3 Official International Judge

The FEI maintains a list of Official International Judges who were formerly selected by the Eventing Committee from the list of International Judges and approved by the Bureau. No further Official International Judges will be appointed.

4. Fulfilment of Requirements

4.1 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 fulfil the requirements of a Candidate Judge.

4.2 International 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

1. Categories of Technical Delegates

International Technical Delegates are divided into two categories:

- Candidate Technical Delegates
- International Technical Delegates

2. Qualifications of Technical Delegates

2.1 Candidate Technical Delegate

The qualifications of a Candidate Technical Delegate are as follows:

- To have regular practice as a National Technical Delegate over a period of at least three years, including acting as Technical Delegate at a minimum of two CCIs 1*, CCNs or CICs/CNCs conducted under the FEI Rules. They are encouraged to gain experience at all levels of CIC Events, as well as Three Day Events (CCN). Specifically, this experience should include work on Organising Committees and with a Course Designer, as well as experience as a Technical Delegate. This requirement may be reduced if the Technical Delegate is an International Judge or International Course Designer.
- To have served as an assistant to an International Technical Delegate at a CCI.
- To have successfully completed an FEI approved course for Candidate Technical Delegates, including demonstration of sufficient knowledge of the rules and conduct of Eventing, the "General Regulations", and the standards of the various levels of Eventing.
- To understand one of the two official languages.

2.2 International Technical Delegate

The qualifications of an International Technical Delegate are as follows:

- To have acted as a Technical Delegate at two International Events of which at least one must be a CCI during the current or preceding year.
- To have successfully completed an FEI approved course for Technical Delegates within the past three years and to have been recommended for promotion and/or continuation on the list by the Course Director.
- To understand and speak one of the two official languages.
- To be not more than 70 years of age.

3. Promotion of Technical Delegates

3.1 Candidate Technical Delegate

The FEI maintains a list of qualified Candidate Technical Delegates who have been recommended by their NF and who have been accepted by the Eventing Committee. They must meet the qualifications of a Candidate Technical Delegate before they may be recommended by their NF.

3.2 International Technical Delegate

The FEI maintains a list of qualified International Technical Delegates who have been appointed by the Eventing Committee after consultation with the relevant NFs. They must meet the qualifications of an International Technical Delegate before they may be appointed.

4. Fulfilment of Requirements

4.1 Candidate Technical Delegates who do not meet the requirements for an International Technical Delegate may continue on the Candidates list at the discretion of the Eventing Committee.

4.2 International Technical Delegates who do not continue to meet the requirements for an International Technical Delegate may either be moved to the Candidates list or dropped from the lists, at the discretion of the Eventing Committee.

Article 553 COURSE DESIGNERS

1. Categories of Course Designers

International Course Designers are divided into two categories:

- Candidate Course Designers
- International Course Designers

2. Qualifications of Course Designers

2.1. Candidate Course Designer

The qualifications of a Candidate Course Designer are as follows:

- To have regular practice as a National Course Designer over a period of at least three years. They are encouraged to gain experience at all levels of CIC Events, as well as at Three Day Events. This requirement may be reduced if the Course Designer has experience as an international rider.
- To have successfully completed an FEI approved course for Candidate Course Designers, including demonstration of sufficient knowledge of the Rules for Eventing and the standards of the various levels, within the past four years.
- To understand one of the two official languages.

2.2. International Course Designer

The qualifications of an International Course Designer are as follows:

- To have regular practice as an International or Candidate Course Designer at CCIs and/or CICs and/or CCNs.
- To have successfully completed an FEI approved course for International Course Designers within the past three years and be recommended for promotion and/or continuation on the list by the Course Director.
- To understand, and preferably to speak, one of the two official languages.
- To be not more than 70 years of age.

3. Promotion of Course Designers

3.1 Candidate Course Designer

The FEI maintains a list of qualified Candidate Course Designers who have been recommended by their NF and who have been accepted by the Eventing Committee. They must meet the qualifications of a Candidate Course Designer before they may be recommended by their NF.

3.2 International Course Designer

The FEI maintains a list of qualified International Course Designers who have been appointed by the Eventing Committee after consultation with the relevant NFs. They must meet the qualifications of an International Course Designer before they may be appointed.

4. Fulfilment of Requirements

4.1 Candidate Course Designers who do not meet the requirements of International Course Designers may continue on the Candidates List at the discretion of the Eventing Committee, provided they continue to fulfil the requirements of a Candidate.

4.2 International Course Designers who do not continue to fulfil the requirements of an International Course Designer may either be moved to the Candidates list or dropped from the list, at the discretion of the Eventing Committee.

4.3 There will be no Official International Course Designer's category for Eventing.