ANNEX 8

YOUNG RIDERS AND JUNIORS EVENTS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

This Annex contains the Young Riders & Juniors Administrative Rules.

The Competition Rules for Young Riders are held under the "Rules for Eventing" at the One, Two or Three Star level as determined by the FEI Eventing Committee.

The competition rules for Juniors are held under the "Rules for Eventing" at the One or two Star level. CICs for Juniors.

Article YJ1 - DEFINITION & QUALIFICATIONS OF A YOUNG RIDER & JUNIOR (Art. 124)

1. Age

1.1 A rider 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).

1.2 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 year in which he reaches the age of 18 (eighteen).

2. Participation

2.1 Young Riders may take part in Three and Four Star level events for Seniors from the year in which they reach their 18th (eighteen) birthday. With the express permission of their NF, they may take part in Two Star level events for Seniors from the year in which they reach their 16th (sixteen) birthday.

They may only compete in a Junior or Young Rider or Senior championship in the same year (Art. 505).

2.2 Juniors may compete in Three and Four Star level events for Seniors from the year in which they reach their 18th (eighteen) birthday. With the express permission of their NF, they may take part in Two Star level events for Seniors from the year in which they reach their 16th (sixteen) birthday. With the express permission of their NF, they may also take part in One Star level events for Seniors from the year in which they reach their 14th (fourteen) birthday. They may only compete in a Junior, Young Rider or Senior championship in the same year (Art. 505).

2.3. The participation of a Young Rider in a championship in one discipline for Young Riders does not exclude the same rider on another horse from participating in a championship for seniors in another discipline, if he has reached the appropriate age.

2.4. Once a competitor has taken part in a championship for Young Riders in any discipline, he can no longer go back to a championship for Juniors in the same discipline.

2.5. Once a competitor has taken part in a championship for Seniors or in a regional and Olympic Games in a particular discipline, he can no longer go back to a championship for Young Riders or Juniors in the same discipline.

2.6. 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.

Article YJ2 QUALIFICATION OF HORSES

1. Age of horses - see Art. 505.2

2. The Junior championships are open to all horses except those which have competed in a CCIO, in an Eventing championship for Seniors or in Eventing at regional or Olympic Games during the preceding or current year

Article YJ3 INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

1. The Following Types of Events for Young Riders & Juniors are established:

- International Events (CCIYs / CCIJs and CICYs / CICJs)
- Official International Events (CCIOYs & CCIOJs)
- Championships (CH-C-Y & CH-C-J)

2. International Events (CCIYs & CCIJs)

2.1 No CCIY or CCIJ may be organised in the two weeks preceding a championship for Young Riders or Junior or a CCIOY / CCIOJ without the specific permission of the Organising Committee of this championship or of this CCIOY/CCIOJ and without the agreement of the Secretary General of the FEI.

2.2 A CCIY or CCIJ is an international event open to individual competitors from the host country and from an unrestricted number of foreign countries (Art. 106).

2.3 At a CCIY or a CCIJ, strictly unofficial team competitions, which may never be described as "Nations Cup", may be organised and must be limited to four competitors per team.

3. Official International Events (CIOYs/CIOJs, Art. 107)

A CCIOY or a CCIOJ is an international event open to three or more countries represented by teams. It must include the official competitions for teams and individuals as specified in the rules of the appropriate championships as laid down in the present regulations.

For Juniors only, at the discretion of the Secretary General of the FEI and the Chairman of the Eventing Committee, a CCIOJ may be allowed into the Calendar during the year provided it does not interfere with any international events for Juniors already inserted in the Calendar.

4. Championships (CH-C-Y & CH-C-J)

4.1. Each year, continental and regional championships should be promoted and organised.

4.2. Championships may be organised by continents or regions. In the case of regions, the territorial scope must be previously approved by the FEI.

4.3. Each year, the FEI invites or authorises an NF to organise individual and team championships in its respective continent or region.

4.4 <u>The championship must be organised in strict accordance with the "General Regulations", the "Rules for Eventing" and as specified hereunder</u>:

4.4.1. Only one team per NF may be invited.

4.4.2. NFs wishing to organise a championship must apply by no later than 1st October, two years before the championship is due to take place, so that the allocation can be decided by the Bureau on the advice of the Eventing Committee prior to the General Assembly.

4.4.3. In principle, championships can only be held if at least four nations are represented, except outside of Europe where they may be held with any number of regional teams from at least two countries (including the host nation). A nation which withdraws after the closing date for the entries and before the start of the championship is, however, considered as represented.

4.4.4. The championship must be restricted to all nations included in the continent or region concerned. However, with the approval of the FEI and the Eventing Committee, Organising Committees are free to invite countries outside the continent or region in agreement with the championship rules of Eventing.

4.4.5. An NF taking part in a championship outside its continent or region will not have the right to organise the next championship.

4.4.6. The championship must be held sometime during the long school holidays.

4.4.7. No entry fee or starting fee may be charged unless cash prizes are awarded.

5. International Events with Borrowed Horses (Art. 116)

5.1. By agreement of the Secretary General and the Chairman of the Eventing Committee, CCIYs or CCIJs may be organised exceptionally using horses provided by the Organising Committee.

5.2. The borrowed horses must be assigned by draw conducted at least 60 hours before the start of the Dressage Test.

5.3. Home competitors will draw first, but should they draw their usual horses, they must draw again.

5.4. Each competitor will be given the opportunity to school the horse obtained in the draw, in at least two riding sessions of one hour each.

5.5. The Organising Committee will establish the rules governing the schooling sessions.

5.6. Organising Committees may invite individuals from different countries. Such invitations must be sent by the NF of the host country to the NFs of the competitors concerned.

5.7. The Organising Committee may use various formulae, with the approval of the Secretary General and the Chairman of the Eventing Committee in events where the Organising Committee provides the horses.

Article YJ4 ENTRIES FOR CCIOYs / CCIOJs & CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. After the approval of the Secretary General of the FEI, the schedule, together with the invitation, are sent to the appropriate NFs of the continent or region by the NF of the host country. In addition, invitations shall also be sent to any other NF from a different continent should approval have been given by both the FEI and the NF of the organising country.

2. Teams

Each NF may enter one team of not more than four competitors with two horses each, of which only four horses are allowed to travel. However, outside of Europe, the NFs concerned may determine the number of teams and the regional basis for team representation.

A competitor may only ride one horse.

Further, the Organising Committee must extend its invitation to a Chef d'Equipe and to a Veterinary Surgeon who will be given the same privileges as the competitors. No reserve horse may be brought to this championship. Art. 510.2.3 applies to determine the number of individuals per nation in addition to teams.

2.1 Individuals instead of Teams

An NF which cannot enter a team may enter one or two individual competitors, each with two horses of which only one horse is allowed to travel.

Each competitor may only ride one horse in this championship.

Where the individual classification is open to all nations from all continents as the World Individual Young Rider Eventing Championship, the number of competitors and horses that may be entered and started will be decided by the FEI after consultation with the Organising Committee.

Article YJ5 EXPENSES & PRIVILEGES

1. Events

Organising Committees of events open to Young Riders or Juniors are free to offer and negotiate financial and accommodation assistance with the NFs of the invited competitors, either in hotels or youth hostels, or with private families. The "General Regulations" do not apply to these events but may serve as a basis for negotiation by the Organising Committees.

2. Championships & CCIOYs or CCIOJs

a. NFs are responsible for the travelling expenses of their Chefs d'Equipe (also Team Veterinarian for Eventing), competitors, grooms and horses to and from the location of these championships.

b. For the Organising Committees, the same applies as under Para. 1, but with the following minimum:

- Stabling and fodder for the horses. In principle, stabling and fodder are free of charge, but it is left to the decision of the Organising Committee to charge a reasonable fee. If charged, it must be stated in the draft schedule;
- Possibility for the grooms to stay in the immediate vicinity of the stables;
- One main meal, preferably in the evening for riders and Chefs d'Equipes (either on the show ground or otherwise);
- If accommodation is not offered free, then suitable accommodation should be arranged or recommended and prices for same quoted in the schedule;
- Art. 133.1 (owners of horses) to apply;
- 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.

c. In the case of Officials, the "General Regulations" apply.

3. Privileges – Championship sojourn

All privileges are to be awarded from one day before the event or the championship until one day after.

4. Responsibility Chefs d'Equipes

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 competitors are not lodged in private homes, the Chefs d'Equipes must stay with their teams and/or individuals.

5. Appeal Committee

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.

Article YJ6 PRIZES

1. Prize money and/or prizes in kind must be awarded in Young Rider or Junior Events.
2. In all events, except championships, one rosette and a prize in kind or a souvenir, if prize money is not given, must be awarded for each commenced four competitors with a minimum of five prizes. It is recommended that stable plaques should be awarded to the first four individuals.
3. <u>In championships, the following minimum number of awards must be presented</u>:

3.1. Prize money and/or prizes in kind, plaques and rosettes at a rate of one prize for each commenced four competitors with a minimum or five prizes.

3.2. In the team championships, FEI medals (see "General Regulations", Art. 111.5). The FEI cup will be distributed at the General Assembly to the winning NF. In addition, prize money to horse owners and/or prizes in kind, plaques and rosettes for each of the competitors in the teams taking the first four places.

3.3. In the 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 competitors with a minimum or five prizes.

3.4. At championships, the prize-giving ceremony should be given great importance and should be held in the arena with the competitors mounted.

3.5. All Chefs d'Equipe and competitors should be presented with a souvenir or a plaque by the Organising Committee.

3.6. Organisers should award as many extra prizes as possible, as for example:

- Competitor with the best style (possible division as below)
- Best girl competitor
- Best boy competitor
- Most popular
- Sportsmanship
- Veterinary prize to the horse in the best condition at the end of the championship

Article YJ7 SCHEDULE

The Organising Committee should prepare a schedule, which should include the following information:

1. Type of event
2. Description of the competitions
3. Prizes, trophies to be awarded
4. Height, spread of obstacles, distances, times, speeds and jumping efforts for both the Cross-Country and Jumping Tests together with Dressage Test details
5. Type of obstacles
6. List of Judges, Technical Delegates, Course Designers, etc
7. Programme of competitions
8. Programme of social events
9. Lodging of Chefs d'Equipe and competitors which may be in hotel or with private families
10. Arrangements for parents, including a list of hotels where parents can book direct and not through the Organising Committee
11. Accommodation of grooms
12. Stabling of horses
13. Local transportation arrangements
14. Arrival and departure dates, outside which no expenses will be paid
15. Other useful information such as passport and visa requirements, climate, type of clothes needed, etc.
16. Several copies of this schedule should be sent to all NFs at least eight weeks before the start of the event and championship.