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## **EQUESTRIAN CANADA RULEBOOK**

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## SECTION G

### HUNTER, JUMPER, EQUITATION AND HACK

These Rules are to be used in conjunction with the General Regulations of Equestrian Canada.

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## **EQUESTRIAN CANADA**

Equestrian Canada is the national governing body for equestrian sport in Canada, with a mandate to represent, promote and advance the sport in Canada, and to represent, promote advocate for and advance all related equine and equestrian interests, including recreation, industry and equine health and welfare.

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## **THE EQUESTRIAN CANADA RULE BOOK**

Knowledge of the rules of any sport is required of each participant, and the competitor at an EC-sanctioned competition must accept this responsibility. Both a complete knowledge of and compliance with the rules are essential, and all participants must be fully cognizant of all rules as well as class specifications in the discipline/breed sport in which they compete.

It is not possible to provide for every conceivable eventuality in these rules. If there is no rule to deal specifically with a particular circumstance, or if the nearest interpretation of the pertinent rule would result in an obvious injustice, it is the duty of those responsible to make a decision based on common sense and fair play, thus reflecting as closely as possible the intention of the rules and regulations of Equestrian Canada.

### **Organization of the Rulebook**

The EC Rulebook is divided into multiple sections, grouped by disciplines and breed sports. Section A covers general regulations that apply to all EC members, competitors, officials, owners, equines, organizers and persons responsible unless superseded in other sections of the Rulebook.

### **“Evergreen Rules Process”**

The Equestrian Canada rulebooks are updated annually effective January 1st. The official rulebook for any given year will be as published on the EC website and may be amended as follows.

### **Amendment of the Rules**

It is the right of every sport licence holder of Equestrian Canada to propose amendments to the rules, subject to the current policies, procedures and schedules. The deadline for Rule Change Suggestions (RCS) shall be May 31 each year in accordance with the procedures outlined on the EC Rule Change page. Suggestions will be reviewed by the appropriate discipline/breed sport EC committees who will consider all suggestions and put forward those they recommend as Rule Change Proposals (RCPs). RCPs will be posted on the EC website to allow for a 30-day review period. The EC committees will consider all comments and make any necessary revisions. Rule changes will be posted on the EC website in December to be effective January 1 the following year.

The amendment process will be strictly followed. Extraordinary rule amendments will be permitted only for FEI rule changes, safety, monetary, clarification, ethical and equine welfare reasons at the discretion of the National Rules Committee using the following protocol. Extraordinary rule amendments will be effective when published by EC on its official website. FEI Rules, applicable to EC-sanctioned competitions, are effective upon publication by the FEI.

### **Extraordinary Amendment Process**

- 1. Proposal** – An Extraordinary Rule Amendment (ERA) is composed by the EC discipline/breed committee, EC staff or National Rules Committee (NRC) with supporting rationale.
- 2. Authorization** – The applicable discipline or breed committee must authorize each ERA, note it in their minutes and forward it to the NRC.
- 3. Approval** – The NRC is responsible for confirming the ERA criteria (FEI rule change, safety, monetary, clarification, ethical or equine welfare) have been satisfied
- 4. Posting** – EC will translate and post the amendment and show changes to both change visible and clean copy online Rulebooks. The amendments display the date of the NRC approval for consistency.
- 5. Effective** – An ERA is effective when published on the EC website. The file reference shall retain the original approval date.

### **Interpretation of the Rules**

Please read all cross-references carefully and refer to the EC website for rule changes and/or clarifications. Should the English and French versions differ, the English version shall prevail. In the case of conflict between General Regulations and the regulations of the disciplines/breed sports, the discipline/breed sport rules will prevail.

## **PART ONE**

### **GENERAL RULES PERTAINING TO HUNTERS AND JUMPERS**

#### **CHAPTER 1**

##### **GENERAL RULES FOR NATIONAL HUNTERS AND JUMPERS**

###### **ARTICLE G100 RULE CHANGES**

1. Persons and associations wishing to recommend any revision to these rules may do so in accordance with the process for amendment set out in the Rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A, General Regulations.
2. Competition Terminology: In 2008, primary competitions are replaced by Bronze; provincial by Silver; and national by Gold. In addition, there is a Platinum level for combined EC/FEI competitions.
3. PILOT PROJECTS: At the request of any EC committee, or of any geographic region in Canada, the EC Jumping Committee may introduce a pilot project to try out a new rule or process for a period of one or two years. At the end of the trial period, the Rules Committee will assess the impact of the project, with input from the field. Depending on the final assessment, the pilot will then either become part of the Hunter Jumper Rules or be cancelled.

###### **ARTICLE G101 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

It is mandatory that all EC-sanctioned Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze competitions have on site emergency medical services with a minimum of advanced first aid and basic cardiac life support (BCLS). A crisis response plan must be submitted to the steward with the prize list for approval. Jumping in competition and warm-up areas must be suspended if the sole medic on site is handling an emergency they cannot leave.

###### **ARTICLE G102 HEADGEAR**

1. At all EC-sanctioned competitions, anyone mounted on a horse on the competition grounds, including foreign competitors, must wear approved equestrian headgear (see Glossary in General Regulations, Book A, for a complete list of approved equestrian headgear standards), with safety harness correctly fastened, at all times.
2. Juniors showing any horse in a jog for soundness must wear approved protective headwear with the attached safety harness fastened.
3. Failure to comply with G102.1 or G102.2 in the exercise area and/or the competition arena will result in the following penalties:
  - a) 1st violation at competition: warning.
  - b) 2nd violation at same competition: disqualification from the competition and forfeiture of all fees and prize monies.
4. EC makes no representation or warranty expressed or implied about any protective headgear and cautions riders that serious injury or death may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and adds no protective headgear can protect against all foreseeable injuries.
5. All violations which occur outside the competition arena will be reported to the judge/jury who will levy the applicable penalty.

6. All violations which occur in the competition arena will be acted upon by the judge(s) who will levy the applicable penalty.
7. For all competitors, if the harness comes undone or the hat falls off, the rider must retrieve and/or do up the hat, with assistance if necessary, before the next obstacle is taken. There will be no penalty other than the loss of time. Failure to do up the harness or retrieve protective headgear immediately results in elimination.

## **ARTICLE G103 FALLS**

1. After being eliminated for a fall, the rider may not remount in the ring. Any rider who does remount in the ring after a fall will be eliminated from all classes in that ring for the remainder of the day. A rider who remounts after a fall and takes another obstacle will be disqualified from the remainder of the competition.
2. In the case of a fall of a horse or pony, Article A517.4 will apply. The officiating steward, judge, technical delegate, president of the ground jury or appointed competition veterinarian has the authority to remove a horse from the event for a period of up to 24 hours, if in their reasonable opinion the horse is unfit to compete, or where, in their reasonable opinion, there is a safety concern regarding the horse. The official's decision is final and cannot be appealed.
3. In the case of a fall of an Athlete anywhere within the grounds of the event during the hours of competition operation, the Athlete must be checked by the Competition's medical service, before the Athlete may continue to compete in the next round or Competition.  
The competitor is solely responsible for ensuring the onsite medical assessment takes place.  
This rule is applicable to all competitors (including foreign) at EC sanctioned events and applies to falls/accidents that occur at the event location.

## **ARTICLE G104 IN-GATE**

In all classes, trotting or cantering through the in-gate without prior permission is forbidden. The penalty for contravening this rule is either a fine or elimination from the class, at the discretion of the judge. Under special circumstances, a steward or judge may give permission for a horse to trot or canter into the ring, but not out of the ring.

## **ARTICLE G105 STALLIONS**

1. Junior "B" and "C" riders must not ride or handle stallions anywhere on the competition grounds. Junior "A" riders may ride manageable stallions in Jumper classes only. A stallion ridden by a Junior must be accompanied at all times by a competent adult/handler Person(s) responsible.
2. Manageable stallions ridden by seniors are eligible for all senior classes.
3. Decisions as to the manageability of stallions are at the discretion of the judge or steward. Unmanageable stallions must be excused from the ring and/or warm-up ring.
4. Stallions may not be ridden in Pony Jumpers.

## ARTICLE G106 COMPETITIONS

- At Bronze hunter jumper competitions, or at hunter jumper divisions in Bronze competitions, the total prize money must not exceed \$5,000.
- All Gold or Platinum EC hunter jumper competitions will remit the applicable Jump levy per horse entered.
- EC Sanctioned competitions may not be run in conjunction with non-sanctioned competitions at the same venue on the same date.

### 4. HUNTER JUMPER COMPETITION CHART

Sport Licence	Platinum	Gold A	Gold B	Gold C	Silver	Bronze
Sanctioning Fees for all categories as per Section A, Article A308 Competition Licensing Fees Summary						
Prize Money	Min \$100,001 No Limit	Min \$100,001 No Limit	Min \$35,001 to \$100,000	Max. \$35,000	Max \$10,000; Max \$15,000 Provincial Championships	Max \$5,000
NOTE: Prize money totals must include all miscellaneous classes and add backs						
Days of Operation	Maximum 7 days				Maximum 5 days	Maximum 5 days
Passports	FEI or EC as applicable	EC Horse Recording	EC Horse Recording	EC Horse Recording	EC Horse Recording	None
Drug Testing	FEI or EC as applicable	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Rules	FEI or EC As applicable	EC rules	EC rules	EC rules	EC rules	EC rules
Discipline Levy	Required	Required	Required	Required	Not Required	Not Required
Medical	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Judges * Please see G703	FEI, EC Senior as applicable	EC Senior or recorded as applicable	EC Senior or recorded (see G106.7 for exceptions)			
NOTE: EC recorded judges are permitted to judge alone in non-point miscellaneous classes only						
Course Designers	FEI, EC Senior as applicable	EC Senior	EC Senior	EC Senior	EC Senior or recorded	EC Senior or recorded (see G106.7 for exceptions)
NOTE: EC recorded course designers are permitted to course design alone in non-point misc. classes only						
Stewards (see Article G704 for exception)	FEI, EC Senior as applicable	EC Senior	EC Senior	EC Senior	EC Senior or recorded	EC Senior or recorded

Classes Permitted	All classes permitted under Gold Levels & FEI Classes	National Hunter, Jumper & Equitation Classes, National Medal Classes, Talent Squad, Medal Finals, any non-point misc. classes	Provincial or any non-point misc. classes (See Chapter 11 for exceptions)	Local, or any non-point misc. classes (See Chapter 11 for exceptions)
FEI breakaway track systems with adaptors See Article G116				
Competitio n Point Multiplier (see Article G113.3)	Hunter Prize Money Up to \$2,500 = 2 \$2,501 to \$5,000 = 4 \$5,001 to \$10,000 = 6 \$10,001 to \$15,000 = 10 \$15, 001 or above = 15	Jumper Prize Money Up to \$2,500 = 2 \$2,501 to \$5,000 = 4 \$5,001 to \$10,000 = 6 \$10,001 to \$30,000 = 8 \$30,001 to \$50,000 = 10 \$50,001 and above = 15		

5. A Hunter/Jumper competition with no more than two competition rings will be permitted to be sanctioned concurrently Bronze, Silver or Gold. Sport Licences required for competitors shall be based on the classes entered. The Prize List must state which classes are Bronze, Silver or Gold.
6. EC officials may officiate at the above categories of competition only. EC Senior or Recorded officials may not officiate at non-sanctioned competitions. **Exception:** EC officials may officiate at PTSO sanctioned competitions, provided they hold current PTSO officials' status.
7. Officials for Bronze Competitions:
  - a) Provincial officials from Participating PTSO's with EC approved official programs may also officiate in the ring for which they are qualified at any Bronze competition.
  - b) Senior course designers may design up to 3 rings in total but only one of those rings can be a jumper ring. All other course designers are subject to Article G404 and G702.
8. The prize list must specify that FEI schooling rules will be in force.
9. Each competition may make its own rules regarding the permissibility of entries leaving the show grounds during the competition. Such rules must be stated in the prize list. FEI rules will apply for FEI-sanctioned events.

## ARTICLE G107 ENTRIES

1. Any owner and/or rider whose horse competes in a class for which the horse is not eligible to compete will not be awarded points toward National Rankings and will be subject to disciplinary action by EC.
2. In the event of an improper entry, the first class in which an entry shows will establish eligibility for that competition, providing that entry is eligible for said first class.
3. For entries from Foreign countries including the United States, see Article G110.7.
4. National Rankings points will be tabulated only from the date that payments and applications are received. These include, but are not limited to: CET Medal membership; PTSO membership; EC Sport Licence; and any other EC Jumping

Programs. Horses must hold valid EC Horse Recording (see General Regulations Article A402) Points are not retroactive.

Note: For Provincial Hunter/Jumper points and awards, refer to your Provincial organization.

5. All riders must have a valid EC sport licence. Exception: Lead Line riders.
6. All coaches must hold a valid Sport Licence (SL) in good standing at a minimum of the Bronze Level. They are only required to hold a Sport Licence equivalent to the competition level if they are also competing or participating as horse owners.

## **ARTICLE G108 AMATEUR STATUS**

1. All seniors competing in amateur classes at EC-sanctioned competitions must possess a current EC amateur card. Competitors in FEI-sanctioned competitions must comply with the FEI definition of amateur.
2. A person competing in EC amateur classes must hold a valid EC senior sport licence, have a current amateur card and adhere to the following guidelines:
  - a) An EC amateur may hold a current Equestrian Canada NCCP Instructor Certificate and teach within the context of the EC NCCP Instructor Certificate.
  - b) An EC amateur may accept remuneration for instruction or coaching of athletes with physical and/or visual impairments.
  - c) An EC amateur may not accept remuneration for training a horse or for showing a horse at any EC-sanctioned competition. See Glossary for definition of "Remuneration".
  - d) An EC amateur may not accept remuneration for coaching any person to ride or drive a horse, including riding or driving clinics and seminars (see Article G108.2b for exception).
  - e) An EC amateur may not train or show a horse, or instruct a rider or driver, when remuneration for this activity will be given to a corporation or farm which they, or their family, owns or controls.
  - f) An EC amateur may not act as an agent nor accept commissions for the sale, purchase and/or lease of a horse.
  - g) EC Amateurs may not use their name, photograph or any form of a personal association as a horse person in connection with any advertisement or article sold. This does not apply to remuneration earned as a Social Media Influencer or as a Social Media Brand Ambassador.
  - h) An EC amateur may not enter into any form of sponsorship agreement that is in conflict with the provisions of this article.

See division rules for further information governing amateur status within divisions.

3. Persons who have not engaged in any of the activities in Article G108.2 (c-h) during the preceding two (2) calendar years may request reinstatement as amateur competitors.
4. Application for Equestrian Canada amateur status:
  - a) Amateur status is issued by EC.
  - b) For EC members, certification of amateur status is issued annually on EC sport licence cards.

- c) All persons wishing EC amateur status must complete and sign the amateur declaration, which is on the sport licence application/renewal form, affirming their eligibility.
- d) Eligible amateurs who are not members of EC may receive amateur status issued by EC.

5. Any person who has ridden on a Jumping 5\* Nations Cup or a Jumping Major Championship Team is not eligible to compete in the amateur division for a period of two years from the date of the last competition at which the athlete rode on that Team.
6. Also see The Rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A, General Regulations, A902.

#### **ARTICLE G109 DRESS, TACK AND EQUIPMENT**

1. All competitors must be properly dressed in the confines of the arena. This includes the inspection of the course and at the presentation of prizes.
2. Competitors should be neatly and suitably dressed in coat, shirt and tie, choker or stock, breeches or jodhpurs and traditional black or brown boots. Black or brown smooth leather or leather like half chaps are permissible providing they match the boot colour. Only approved headgear (see Article G102) of a conservative color are allowed.
3. If competitors are not suitably dressed, the judge may refuse to allow them to compete.
4. In hunter competitions, in extremely hot or inclement weather, riding jackets are optional at the discretion of the Competition Organizing Committee.
5. In jumper competitions, riders may, at the discretion of the Competition Organizing Committee, be permitted to wear dress or riding shirts with or without chokers and ties or open-neck polo shirts without jackets; no sweatshirts, t-shirts, tank tops or other similar dress will be permitted. Shirts must be neatly tucked into riding breeches.
6. At all EC-sanctioned competitions, anyone mounted on a horse must wear the required headgear (see Article G102.1) as well as safe, appropriate footwear.
7. Rowel spurs - spurs with a notched or serrated rotating disc - are not permitted anywhere within the grounds of EC hunter Jumper Competitions (Bronze, Silver, Gold); spurs with a rotating disc that is not notched or serrated are allowed.
8. Plastic shields that cover the horse's eyes (i.e. glasses or sunglasses for horses) are forbidden at any time when mounted or when exercising the horse, including when lungeing. They may be used in the stable area and grazing areas.
9. For any tack, equipment or dress not specifically covered in these Rules, the current FEI Jumping Rules and the FEI Tack, Equipment & Dress Database (hereinafter referred to as "the Database") are in effect. In case of any incompatibility, conflict or divergence between the Database and a provision of the FEI Rules, the provision of the FEI Rules will prevail.
  - The current FEI Jumping Rules are available on the FEI website at <https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/jumping/rules>.
  - To access the Database, the FEI Tack App can be downloaded for free to Android or Apple devices at <https://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/it>

[services/mobile-apps/fei-tack-app or the database can be accessed online at https://tack.fei.org.](https://tack.fei.org)

## **ARTICLE G110 PASSPORTS AND HORSE RECORDINGS**

1. Horse Recordings, EC National Passports or FEI Passports are mandatory for all horses in the Hunter, Equitation and Jumper Divisions at Silver, Gold and Platinum competitions.
2. All regulations in Section A, General Regulations, Chapter 4 apply to hunters and jumpers competing in EC recognized competitions.
3. Owners of imported hunter and jumper horses must provide official confirmation of status from the country of origin and submit it with the Horse Recording application. This confirmation must include the horse's complete performance record to the date of sale. Failure to provide this confirmation with application for a new Horse Recording will result in automatic classification as an open horse.
4. Failure to provide official confirmation of status with application to record a change of ownership for a horse that may have an EC Horse Recording or FEI passport will also result in automatic classification as an open horse.
5. The official confirmation (noted in Article G110.3 and G110.4 above), or valid copy thereof, must accompany the horse at all times.
6. Owners of horses originating in Canada must have a letter signed by the vendor stating the horse's status and proof of ownership before a Horse Recording will be issued. This letter must also detail the horse's performance record to the date of sale. Failure to include this letter with the Horse Recording application or with application to record a change of ownership will result in automatic classification as an open horse.
7. Persons responsible for US or other foreign-owned/leased horses competing in EC-Sanctioned Competitions must complete an affidavit stating that their horse(s) are eligible to compete as entered and must declare the jumper registration number(s) that have been assigned by their respective national federation. In the event that a national federation does not have jumper registration numbers, the responsible person must provide a dated letter from their national federation, which outlines and confirms the complete performance record for the horse(s). Foreign-owned/leased jumper horses that are not registered with their national organizations or for which the confirmation of status is not available may compete in Open Jumper Divisions only.
8. In competitions that require Horse Recording numbers, all Canadian entries are required to hold an EC Horse Recording and have paid the EC Horse Recording annual Activation Fee to compete.

## **ARTICLE G111 PONY MEASUREMENT**

1. EC officials will conduct random measurement of ponies during the competition year, regardless of whether or not a pony has a permanent measurement card. The Official Pony Measurement Card will supersede all other measurements. All animals presented for measurement of any kind may be subject to equine medication control.
2. A competition may appoint any EC official, none of whom can be the owner of the horse or pony, to be a T.D. to assist in measuring ponies with the Steward.

3. To obtain a measurement card, a horse must be measured at an EC-sanctioned competition in which it is competing. Blank cards are available from the Participating PTSO or the competition office.
4. Ponies eight years and over that have been officially measured in this process will be issued an official measurement card.
5. Ponies under eight years of age must be measured annually and will be issued a temporary measurement form. (See Section A, General Regulations, Article A1104)
6. All ponies entered in a national final (e.g. The Royal Horse Show) will be measured at that competition if they do not have a valid current measurement card. To be exempt from measurement at the final, the owner must present the current measurement card. No measurement card dated earlier than 2009 will be accepted.
7. Ponies may be measured barefoot or shod. If shod, the depth of the shoe shall be noted on the measurement page and subtracted from the height (See A1111.2).
8. EC sanctioned competitions will only accept valid EC measurement cards. To compete in classes restricted by height, a foreign horse or pony must have an EC measurement card.

**Exception:** EC recognizes valid USEF measurement cards for all divisions for American-owned horses or ponies recorded with USEF.

## ARTICLE G112 PROTESTING MEASUREMENT

1. In the event that the height of a horse and/or pony eight years of age or over is questioned, it must be immediately re-measured with two (2) officials present (i.e. veterinarian, steward, judge or any combination of these). (See the Rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A, General Regulations, Article A1112 for protest procedure).
2. The standard form is to be signed by all officials, with one copy sent to EC and a copy retained by the horse/pony's owner.
3. Once a horse/pony has been re-measured as above, the horse/pony measurement cannot be protested again. (See the Rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A, General Regulations, Article A1115 re measurement appeal).
4. Regarding ponies under the age of eight (8), see the Rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A, General Regulations, Chapter 11, Article A1104.

## ARTICLE G113 EC AWARDS & NATIONAL RANKINGS

1. These rules must be used in conjunction with Section A, General Regulations, Chapter 15, EC Awards & National Rankings.
2. a) Points used to determine standings in hunter classes will be based upon the total hunter prize money actually awarded at each EC Gold competition. Jumper points will be based upon the total jumper prize money actually awarded at each EC Gold competition.
- b) Points used to determine standings in hunter or jumper equitation and medal classes will be awarded as follows: points value of placing x number of horses in the class (i.e. 2nd place rider in a class with 28 horses:  $7 \times 28 = 176$  points)

Exception: CET Medal and JC Hunter Medal, see Article G1110

3. The points will be determined using the following formula: Placing in the class (as stipulated below) multiplied by the number of horses competing in the class (as determined by a count of the judges card, or, if this is not available, then by the secretary's count) multiplied by the factor according to the total prize money actually awarded in all hunter classes in the competition for the hunter points and all jumper classes in the competition for the jumper points.

**Placings are valued at:**

First Place	8 points
Second Place	7 points
Third Place	6 points
Fourth Place	5 points
Fifth Place	4 points
Sixth Place	3 points
Seventh Place	2 points
Eighth Place	1 point

4. Multiplying Factor (IN EC SANCTIONED HUNTER CLASSES)

<b>Total Hunter Prize Money</b>	<b>Factor</b>
\$15,001 or above	15
\$10,001 to \$15,000	10
\$5,001 to \$10,000	6
\$2,501 to \$5,000	4
Up to \$2,500	2

*Example: Calculation for second place horse, class of 27 horses; competition offers \$8,500 hunter prize money: 7 points X 27 horses X 6 (multiplying factor) = 1134 points*

Multiplying Factor (IN EC-SANCTIONED NATIONAL JUMPER CLASSES)

<b>Total Jumper Prize Money</b>	<b>Factor</b>
\$50,001 and above	15
\$30,001 to \$50,000	10
\$10,001 to \$30,000	8
\$5,001 to \$10,000	6
\$2,501 to \$5,000	4
Up to \$2,500	2

*Example: Calculation for second place horse, class of 27 horses; competition offers \$15,000 jumper prize money: 7 points X 27 horses X 8 (multiplying factor) = 1512 points*

In the event of a tie, duplicate awards must be made.

The competition management is responsible for informing EC of the number of horses per class.

The competition management must forward a copy of its prize list along with the digital results submission to the National and Provincial offices where the Provincial Standings and National Awards & Rankings are compiled.

It is advisable for competitions to keep score cards for a minimum of one calendar year.

Points won in a combined hunter division will be credited to the number of placings in that class and counted according to the height of fences jumped (e.g. junior and amateur-owner hunter, combined points won by junior hunters will be credited to the junior hunter division, and amateur-owner to the amateur-owner division).

Points will be tabulated only from the date that payments and applications are received for all required memberships. These include, but are not limited to: Participating PTSO membership; EC Sport Licence; CET Medal membership; provincial hunter/jumper membership. Points will not be retroactive.

Only those restricted classes that are primarily limited based on selection from the National Rankings to determine qualification will accumulate points toward EC awards. These conditions must be clearly stated in the prize list.

#### **ARTICLE G114 COMMUNICATION AND VIDEO DEVICES**

1. Personal communication devices may not be used to assist someone in competition. The penalty for contravening this rule is elimination. See also the Rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A, General Regulations, Article A904.
2. For safety reasons it is not recommended to wear these devices or cell phones whilst riding.
3. Safely mounted headgear cameras may be worn by an adult in the jumper ring with the permission of the steward. Footage from a headgear camera is not considered official video recording and is not to be used for determination of a rule protest.
4. **EARPHONES/Earbuds**  
Earphones/Earbuds and/or other electronic communication devices are strictly prohibited in the competition arena, and such usage is penalized by elimination. The use of only one earphone/earbud is allowed while mounted everywhere within the grounds of the Event except the competition arena.

#### **ARTICLE G115 ABUSE**

1. Abuse of the horse is strictly forbidden. Abuse includes, but is not restricted to, excessive use of spurs, abuse of the whip (see Article G115.2) and brutal use of the reins during halts or rein backs, repeated tugs on the horse's mouth.
2. Excessive use of the whip: the whip may not be used to vent an athlete's temper. Such use is always excessive. The use of a whip on a horse's head is always excessive use. A horse should never be hit more than three times in a row. If a horse's skin is broken, it is always considered excessive use of the whip. The whip is not to be used after elimination. A person identified as misusing or excessively using the whip will be disqualified and may be fined at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

Also see EC Section A, General Regulations, A517.

#### **ARTICLE G116 JUMP CUP REQUIREMENTS**

1. All jumper, hunter, and equitation arenas and all warm up arenas: FEI approved keyhole breakaway track systems (metal or plastic) are mandatory on the back rails of oxers, middle and back rails of triple bars, and all rails over water.
2. For jumper competition and warm up arenas, the maximum depth of the safety cups for the top back pole of a spread obstacle and the top pole of a vertical over water is 18 mm; safety cups used for the center poles of a triple bar or for lower poles of other obstacles may have a maximum depth of 20 mm.

## **PART TWO** **NATIONAL HUNTER DIVISION**

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### **CHAPTER 2** **HUNTERS**

#### **ARTICLE G201 GENERAL**

1. Entries in hunter classes shall be over 14.2 hands except:
  - a) in pony hunter divisions restricted to juniors
  - b) in Adult Amateur classes where fences do not exceed 3' (0.90 m), Adult Amateurs may ride large ponies.See also: Articles G306.2, and G309.4 regarding cross-entry restrictions for ponies.
2. This is a 1 year pilot program for 2026.
  - a) Adults are permitted to show (be judged) on ponies in miscellaneous non-rated EC sanctioned classes not limited to juniors.
  - b) Adult Amateurs may ride large ponies in Adult Amateur classes where fences do not exceed 3' (0.90m). See G309, G310
  - c) A pony shown in any judged class(es), either hunter or jumper, by an adult may not be shown in judged classes by a junior on the same day.
  - d) An adult competing on a pony in miscellaneous non-rated EC sanctioned classes must not compete higher than the pony's appropriate obstacle height as per G302.
  - e) Suitability of the pony to the rider and manners of the pony must be emphasized in all classes. Judges must penalize but not necessarily eliminate an entry not having such suitability and manners.
3. No horse or pony will be allowed to show "hors concours" in any hunter classes or divisions.
4. A horse/pony is limited to one round per class.
5. For Schooling Rules for Hunters, refer to Annex 1 NATIONAL SCHOOLING RULES FOR HUNTERS AND JUMPERS. It is strongly recommended that jump cup depth on the top and back rails of fences in the hunter and equitation rings should be at least 37 mm.
6. **EARPHONES/Earbuds**  
Earphones/Earbuds and/or other electronic communication devices are strictly prohibited in the competition arena, and such usage is penalized by elimination. The use of only one earphone/earbud is allowed while mounted everywhere within the grounds of the Event except the competition arena.

#### **ARTICLE G202 HUNTER TACK AND EQUIPMENT**

1. When required to return to the ring for conformation or soundness, entries must be presented in a bridle.
2. Bitless bridles are not permitted in the hunter ring.

3. Bridle: The bridle may be double, pelham, single (snaffle) or kimberwick. It must be leather (not rubber covered), rolled or plain and may be buckled, sewn or studded (not snapped).
4. Bits: All bits must be humane in nature. Snaffle bits may be with or without cheeks. Wire snaffle bits, either single or double are permissible. It is permissible to use a snaffle with fixed slots for cheek pieces and/or reins. Bit guards are not permissible.
5. Gimmicks: Any gimmicks (e.g. nerve lines, tongue ties, gag bits, any bit that acts as a gag, tack nose bands etc.) are illegal. Nose nets are permissible.
6. Reins: entirely leather of any description, buckled, studded or sewn; single rein pelham with pelham converters are allowed to be used by junior and amateur athletes in 3' (0.90m) or below. In the case of bad weather, at the discretion of the judge, steward and/or competition committee, rubber reins may be allowed. Loop reins are not permitted (see Article A215 for exceptions).
7. Browbands: All leather of any description but not coloured or jeweled.
8. Cavessons: drop nosebands below bit are not permissible. Cavessons must be leather and may be soft padded over bridge of nose; nothing else is permissible.
9. Conventional standing and running martingales (with rein stops): optional except in hunter hack and hunter under saddle classes in which they are not permissible.
10. Hunting Breastplates: optional; sheepskin on breastplate permissible.
11. Saddles: saddles of English or forward seat type, black or brown in colour.
12. Saddle Pads: White saddle-shaped pads or sheepskins.
13. Stirrup Irons: The stirrup iron and stirrup leather must hang freely from the bar of the saddle and the outside flap; there must be no restrictions or attachments of any kind. Safety stirrups that have an upward metal protrusion are prohibited. Example: Peacock Quick Release Stirrup.
14. Girths: of suitable material in good repair (e.g. leather, leather with elastic ends, white web or string, nylon, neoprene). Sheepskin on girths is permissible.
15. Bandages and Boots: No bandages or boots are allowed; in the case of bad weather, at the discretion of the judge, steward and/or competition committee, tendon, ankle and bell boots may be worn in hunter classes but boots must be removed before the horse jogs in front of the judge for conformation and/or soundness.
16. Ear plugs are permitted.
17. Draw reins are not permissible in hunter classes.
18. Whips not more than 75cm in length are permitted in hunter hack or hunter under saddle classes.

## **ARTICLE G203 PRIZES**

1. Prize money and ribbons shall be awarded on a ratio of one (1) ribbon for every six (6) horses actually shown in a class whether the class is split or not with prize money in a descending ratio, with last place equal to or more than the entry fee. (e.g. for 48 horses there are 8 placings and 8th place prize money must be equal to or more than the entry fee, for 49 horses there are 9 placings etc.) In the case of a ribbon competition the ratio of ribbons shall be one ribbon for every 6 horses.

**Exception:** For classes with less than \$100.00 prize money, last place may be less than the entry fee.

2. Any EC-sanctioned competition must give ribbons, and prize money if offered, to a minimum of four places.
3. If classes are split, each section must receive full prize money, and notification to split must be made to the competitors one hour prior to the start of the division.
4. For the purpose of allocating prize money, the competition organizer has the discretion to determine a class entry fee within a division that has division entry fees.

## **ARTICLE G204 HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. Except as noted below, a competition may award hunter championships in each EC recognized hunter division providing there is a minimum of two over fences classes and one under saddle or hunter hack class in each division. If a competition offers more than one under saddle and/or hunter hack class in a division, only one may count for the championship unless the under saddle and/or hunter hack class is divided by height, age or breeding. If no under saddle class is held then one hunter hack class shall count and vice versa. The competition must specify in its prize list which full point and which half point classes in each division will count.
2. The following classes do not count towards nor make a horse eligible for a championship: breeding, local, maiden, novice, limit, pairs, teams, miscellaneous classes.
3. Points for championships shall be awarded on the following basis:

PLACING	POINTS
1st	7
2nd	5
3rd	4
4th	3
5th	2
6th	1

4. The champion and reserve titles shall be awarded to two of the four horses which have accumulated the most points performing over a regulation hunter course required in the division in which they are being shown. In addition to these points, only these four horses shall receive half points for ribbons won in a model class and full points for ribbons won in one under saddle class or one hunter hack class.
5. In the case of a tie the championship and/or reserve shall be awarded to the horse that has accumulated the most points over fences. If there is still a tie, the tied horses shall be shown at walk, trot, canter and gallop (pregreen and green hunter not to gallop) to determine champion and reserve. Tossing a coin to break the tie is permissible if all participants agree. This competition shall be judged as an independent hunter under saddle class with conformation, quality, substance, soundness and performance to count as prescribed throughout the appropriate division.
6. In the event that all tied horses are declared unsound, selection of the winner amongst such tied horses shall be left to the discretion of the judge(s).

7. No classes shall count towards a championship unless all horses in the division have an equal opportunity to accumulate points. Any class that limits horse and/or rider should not count towards competition championships unless offset. This does not apply to sweepstakes or classics open to top qualifiers.
8. Points for competition division Championships will be awarded for all classes listed in the prize list as part of the division. In mixed classes (e.g. junior/amateur/children's/adult), points will be counted in their respective divisions (e.g. if the top-placed junior is 6th, they receive 6th-place points). Points will not be awarded for hunter Derby or hunter Classic classes. Exception: when the Classic is listed in the prize list as part of the division and not as a stand-alone class.
9. Points won in one division do not count towards or make a horse eligible for the championship in another division.
10. To maintain awards won in a model class which is included in a division offered at a competition (e.g. conformation hunter), the entry must complete the course in at least one over fences class.
11. When a championship is offered, current standings must be posted at all times.
12. If there are several classes which are split but some with 50 or less entries which are not split, then the points won by the horses in this unsplit class shall be applied to their respective flight class for the calculation of championships. Separate championships must be offered when a majority of classes are divided.
13. If a class is split according to the "California split" (see Article G402) when reckoning championship points, the top eight horses that receive the most points over fences are awarded points in the under saddle/hunter hack/model class(es). The championships are awarded as follows:
 

Horse with the most points	Champion #1
Horse with the second highest points	Champion #2
Horse with the third highest points	Reserve Champion #1
Horse with the fourth highest points	Reserve Champion #2
14. At competitions where a separate championship class is held, horses must have been shown and judged in the qualifying classes.

## **ARTICLE G205 COMBINATION HUNTER CHAMPIONS**

1. Small, all-classification competitions with a limited number of hunter classes, including classes in more than one division (i.e. regular or green working, regular or green conformation) may count points won in such classes toward a combination hunter championship.
2. The method of calculating points will remain as in Article G204 with the championship being awarded to the top two of four horses that have accumulated most points in over fences classes. These horses will also receive full points for one under saddle or hunter hack class and half points for one model class.
3. The competition must state in the prize list which classes will count.

## **ARTICLE G206 GRAND HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP**

If a competition desires to offer a grand hunter championship, the conditions must be clearly stated in its prize list.

## CHAPTER 3

### HUNTER CLASSIFICATION, CLASSES & DIVISIONS

#### ARTICLE G301 GENERAL RULES PERTAINING TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF HUNTER CLASSES

1. Hunter classes/divisions are divided according to the classification of the horse and/or the rider and in the prize lists or catalogues may be divided into the classes/divisions included in these rules.
2. All hunter classes or divisions shall be judged according to conformation or working hunter rules or a combination thereof.
3. Conformation hunter classes are those classes in which conformation is to be considered and are governed by the conformation hunter rules herein.
4. Hunter divisions may be combined or further divided should local conditions warrant; see Article G402.
5. EC-sanctioned competitions may offer as many miscellaneous hunter classes as may be warranted. However, miscellaneous classes are restricted to those classes, which do not meet EC hunter class specifications and horses will not accumulate points towards EC awards or National Rankings. Competitors/owners entering miscellaneous classes should be aware that these classes may affect their horse's eligibility for recognized classes. Miscellaneous hunter classes include, but are not limited to, low, maiden, novice, limit, and short stirrup.
6. EC-sanctioned competitions may offer local hunter classes restricting entries by geographic area. Horses in local hunter classes will not accumulate points towards EC awards.
7. For entries from Foreign Countries, including the United States, see Article G110.7
8. Classes within a regular division that are used to qualify for additional classes restricted by results will be awarded points as per Article G113.

#### ARTICLE G302 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

CLASS/DIVISION	MAX. HEIGHT
Large Pony hunter	2'9" (0.85m)
Medium Pony hunter	2'6" (0.75m)
Small Pony hunter	2'3" (0.70m)
Pre-green first year	3' (0.90m)
Pre-green second year/Junior-Amateur Hunter	3'3" (1.00m)
First Year Green	3'6" (1.10m)
Second Year Green	3'9" (1.15m)
Open/Regular	4' (1.20m)
Adult-Amateur/Children/ 3' Amateur Owner	3' (0.90m)
Amateur-Owner/Junior/	3'6" (1.10m)
Junior/Amateur Hunter Classic	3'6" (1.10m) 1st round
Open & Regular Hunter Classic	4' (1.20m) 1st round

#### NOTE:

1. In all hunter classes, 75% of the fences must be set at maximum heights as long as conditions allow. Minimum height allowed is 3" below the maximum.

2. In any competition where a combined hunter division is offered, the height of the fences shall be according to the specifications for each respective division. See Article G302. Horses entered in the combined division may be shown only once in each class.

### **ARTICLE G303 PRE-GREEN HUNTER**

1. A pre-green hunter is a horse of any age in his first or second year of showing over fences at 3' or higher at any EC/USEF-sanctioned competition. A 1st Year Pre-Green horse is in his first year of showing over fences at 3' or higher and a 2nd Year Pre-Green horse is in his second year of showing over fences at 3' or higher at any EC/USEF-sanctioned competition. A 1st Year Pre-Green horse has never competed over fences of 3' or higher prior to Jan. 1 of the current year at any EC/USEF-sanctioned competition. A 2nd Year Pre-Green horse has never competed over fences higher than 3'5" prior to Jan. 1 of the current year at any EC/USEF sanctioned competition. No Pre-Green hunter may jump 3'6" or higher without jeopardizing their green status.
2. For horses competing in the US, green status will be synchronized to the USEF calendar (December 1 to November 30) without affecting the horse's green status in Canada.
3. Fence heights: First year - 3' Second year - 3'3" No Pre-Green horse may jump 3'6" or higher without jeopardizing their green status.
4. Horses currently showing first year green are not eligible, and a first year green horse may never revert to pre-green status.
5. A horse that does not show at more than three competitions at the regulation height prior to July 1 of the current year will not have its green status affected for that year. However, in order to maintain the same green status (First or Second Year Pre-Green) for the next year of showing, the horse must be withdrawn from competition in classes requiring the horse to jump the regulation height, and the owner must notify the National Office in writing before December 31 in the year of withdrawal. Failure to do so will result in the horse losing its pre-green status for that year. A withdrawal may only be applied for once for First Year Pre-Green and once for Second Year Pre-Green.
6. Competing in combined training events at the training level will result in elimination from pre-green status.

### **ARTICLE G304 GREEN HUNTER**

1. A Green Hunter is a horse of any age in its first year or second year of showing in any classes at EC/USEF-sanctioned competitions in which the specifications require the horse to jump 3'6" or higher, regardless of whether or not the fences are actually set at 3'6" or higher.
2. When shown in Green Hunter a horse in its first year of showing over fences 3'6" or higher must be shown as a First Year Green horse.
3. When shown in Green Hunter, a horse in its second year of showing over fences 3'6" or higher must be shown as a Second Year Green horse.
4. A horse's green status is considered to be broken once it competes over fences 3'6" or higher.
5. A horse that does not show at more than three competitions at the regulation height prior to July 1 of the current year will not affect its green status for that

year. However, in order to maintain the same green status (first or second year) for the next year of showing, the horse must be withdrawn from competition in classes requiring the horse to jump the regulation height, and the owner must notify the National Office in writing before December 31 in the year of withdrawal. Failure to do so will result in the horse losing its green status for that year. A withdrawal may only be applied for once for First Year Green and once for Second Year Green.

6. For horses competing in the US, green status will be synchronized to the USEF calendar (December 1 to November 30) without affecting the horse's green status in Canada.
7. Competing in combined training events at the training level will not eliminate a green hunter from first or second year status.
8. See Article G302 for heights.

#### **ARTICLE G305 OPEN/REGULAR HUNTER**

1. An open hunter is a horse of any age, and is not restricted by previous showing in the hunter division.
2. See Article G302 for heights.

#### **ARTICLE G306 PONY HUNTER**

1. Open to ponies ridden by junior riders subject to the following restrictions:
  - a) Junior "A" riders may ride large ponies only
  - b) Junior "B" and Junior "C" riders may ride ponies of all heights
  - c) Large ponies exceed 13.2 hands but do not exceed 14.2 hands
  - d) Medium ponies exceed 12.2 hands but do not exceed 13.2 hands
  - e) Small ponies do not exceed 12.2 hands
2. This is a 1 year pilot program for 2026.
  - a) Adults are permitted to show (be judged) on ponies in miscellaneous non-rated EC sanctioned classes not limited to juniors.
  - b) Adult Amateurs may ride large ponies in Adult Amateur classes where fences do not exceed 3' (0.90 m). See G309, G310.
  - c) A pony shown in any judged class(es), either hunter or jumper, by an adult may not be shown in judged classes by a junior on the same day.
  - d) An adult competing on a pony in miscellaneous non-rated EC sanctioned classes must not compete higher than the pony's appropriate obstacle height as per G302.
  - e) Suitability of the pony to the rider and manners of the pony must be emphasized in all classes. Judges must penalize but not necessarily eliminate an entry not having such suitability and manners.
3. Juniors of any age may be judged with any height of pony in miscellaneous non-point classes and Green Pony Hunters.
4. See Article G302 for heights allowed in pony hunter classes. Maximum spreads for ponies are identical to maximum heights.
5. See Articles G111 and G112 regarding measurement of ponies.
6. Combined Pony Hunter:
  - a) Jumps shall be raised and spread to the respective heights and spreads for the size of ponies and distances in combinations altered.

- b) When hunter ponies of a different height (e.g. small and medium) show against each other in the same class, any distance between the fences which is less than 72' (22m) (five strides) must be adjusted for the smaller ponies. (i.e. if the distance is three strides for the medium ponies, then the distance must be shortened enough so that the small ponies can do three strides.)
- 7. Green Pony Hunter
  - a) A green hunter pony is a pony of any age that is in its first year of showing in any class at EC/USEF-sanctioned competitions requiring entries to jump at pony heights: large, 2'9" (0.85m); medium, 2'6" (0.75m); small, 2'3" (0.70m). Ponies that have been shown previously over fences lower than these heights are still eligible for green hunter pony classes.
  - b) A pony that does not show at more than three competitions at the regulation height prior to July 1 of the current year will not affect its green status for that year. However, in order to maintain the same green status for the next year of showing, the pony must be withdrawn from competition in classes requiring the pony to jump at regulation pony heights (see Article G302), and the owner must notify the National Office in writing before December 31 in the year of withdrawal. Failure to do so will result in the pony losing its green status. A withdrawal may only be applied for once.  
It is recommended that the heights for green pony hunters to be as follows:
    - Small - not to exceed 2'
    - Medium - not to exceed 2'3"
    - Large - not to exceed 2'6"
- c) For ponies competing in the US, green status will be synchronized to the USEF calendar (December 1 to November 30) without affecting the pony's green status in Canada.

- 8. Pony Hunter riders are ineligible for the CET medal on ponies.
- 9. Riders may use another age-appropriate junior rider to exhibit their entry in the under saddle class.

## **ARTICLE G307 CHILDREN'S HUNTER**

- 1. Open to horses ridden by a junior.
- 2. Riders entering this division are not eligible for JC Hunter and CET medal classes or any other classes requiring horses to jump, with the exception of the following classes.  
Riders in Children's Hunter may enter:
  - ) hunter equitation over fences not exceeding 3'3" (1.00m)
  - a) pony hunter classes;
  - b) jumper classes where the fences do not exceed 3'5" (1.05m).
  - c) hunter classes where the height of the fences does not exceed 3'3" (1.00m). (Exception: Canadian Hunter Derby to a maximum height of 3'5").
- 3. Course to consist of eight or more hunter-type fences. See Article G302 for allowed heights.
- 4. Riders may use another junior rider to exhibit their entry in the under saddle class.

### **ARTICLE G308 JUNIOR HUNTER 3'6"**

1. Open to a horse of any age and/or height ridden by a junior. If a pony hunter class is offered at a competition then the pony may not enter the junior hunter classes at the same competition.
2. Judging similar to conformation and working hunter classes.
3. See Article G302 for class specifications.
4. Riders may use another junior rider to exhibit their entry in the under saddle class.

### **ARTICLE G309 ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER 3'**

1. Open to senior riders who are amateurs as per Article G108 and who possess a current EC amateur card.
2. Riders need not own their own horse(s).
3. Riders are restricted to riding 3 horses only in the Adult-Amateur Hunter division.
4. Horse/rider combinations may not cross enter into the Amateur Owner Hunter 3' or Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" at the same competition.
5. The horse may cross enter into any other division of the competition if eligible except the Amateur Owner Hunter 3'.
6. Riders entered in the Adult Amateur Hunter may not compete in any other class in which obstacles are required to exceed 3'9" (1.15m) at the same competition.
7. Large ponies may be ridden if eligible. Distances will not be changed or adjusted. A pony competing in Adult Amateur Hunter at 3' may not compete with a junior at the same competition (see article G201.1).
8. Riders may use another amateur rider to exhibit their entry in the under saddle class.

### **ARTICLE G310 AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER 3'**

1. Open to senior competitors who are amateurs as per Article G108 and who possess a current EC amateur card.
2. Horses must be owned by the rider or a member of his/her immediate family. Multiple ownership is not permitted unless all owners are members of the same immediate family and are individual members of EC or the USEF. See Section A glossary for definition of immediate family.
3. Anyone showing in the Amateur Owner Hunter division may not ride a horse owned by another competitor in any other hunter or jumper class at the same competition excepting in hack or under saddle classes and Adult Amateur jumper classes.
4. Horse/rider combinations may not cross enter into the Adult Amateur 3' or Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" at the same competition.
5. Riders may cross enter at the same competition into the Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" on another owned horse if eligible.
6. Riders in the Amateur Owner Hunter 3' may not cross enter into the Adult Amateur Hunter 3'.
7. The horse may cross enter into any other division of the competition if eligible except the Adult Amateur Hunter or the Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6".

8. Riders entered in the Amateur Owner Hunter 3' may not compete in any other class in which obstacles are required to exceed 3'9" (1.15m) at the same competition.
9. Large ponies may be ridden if eligible. Distances will not be changed or adjusted. A pony competing in Amateur Owner Hunter at 3' may not compete with a junior at the same competition (see article G201.1 and G306.2).
10. Riders showing more than one horse may use another amateur rider to exhibit their additional horse(s) in the under saddle class.
11. See Article G302 for heights.
12. See the Rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A, General Regulations, Article A818 for leases.

#### **ARTICLE G311 AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER 3'6"**

1. Open to senior riders who are amateurs as per Article G108 and possess a current EC amateur card.
2. Horses must be owned by the rider or a member of his/her immediate family. Multiple ownership is not permitted unless all owners are members of the same immediate family and are individual members of EC or the USEF. See Section A glossary for definition of immediate family.
3. Anyone showing in the amateur owner hunter division may not ride a horse owned by another competitor in any other hunter or jumper class at the same competition excepting in hack or under saddle classes and adult amateur jumper classes.
4. Horse/rider combinations may not cross enter into the Adult Amateur Hunter or Amateur Owner Hunter 3' at the same competition. Riders may cross enter into the Amateur Owner Hunter 3' division on another owned horse at the same competition if eligible.
5. Riders showing more than one horse may use another amateur rider to exhibit their additional horse(s) in the under saddle class.
6. In amateur-owner model hunter classes, horses must be shown on the line by an amateur.
7. The split of amateur-owner classes (over 50 entries) may be done by age, numerically, by random draw or the California split (see Article G402). If the split by age is used, where possible, an over 30 or 35 years of age should be encouraged. Entry blanks must require the age of the rider.
8. See Article G302 for heights.
9. See the Rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A, General Regulations, Article A818 for leases.

#### **ARTICLE G312 JUNIOR-AMATEUR HUNTER 3'3"**

1. Open to a horse of any age and/or height ridden by a junior or amateur. Amateur riders are classified as per Article G108 and must possess a current EC amateur card.
2. Ponies are not eligible.
3. Judging similar to conformation and working hunter classes.
4. See Article G302 for class specifications
5. Riders may use another junior or amateur rider to exhibit their entry in the under saddle class.

6. Horses showing in this division will be required to jog.

#### **ARTICLE G313 COMBINED HUNTER DIVISIONS**

1. In competitions with limited entries where a combined hunter division is offered, (e.g. combined green and open conformation hunters, pre green and green hunters) at least 75% of the fences must be raised for the division(s) according to the specified heights for the respective combined divisions but the complexion of the jumps may not be changed. See Article G302.
2. Horses entered in the combined division may be shown only once in each class.
3. Points won in hack, under saddle and model classes will be counted as in the other hunter divisions.
4. Providing the divisions combined are EC hunter divisions, a competition may award one championship only per combined division.
5. Regarding points for EC provincial awards or National Rankings, see Article G113.

#### **ARTICLE G314 HUNTER CLASSICS**

1. Open to horses, as per class conditions, that have shown in at least one other EC-rated hunter class in the competition unless the classic is the only hunter class in the competition. It is recommended that time be allowed to walk the course for a hunter classic.
2. Hunter classic must never be divided.
3. Prize money and ribbons must be awarded on a ratio of one award to six horses. See Article G203. It is suggested that prize money be awarded to at least ten placings with first place money not to exceed 25% of the total prize money.
4. May be shown over two rounds with each horse being given a numerical score; the first round to be about 12 or more fences and the second round to be held over a shortened course. See Article G302 for specified heights. The number of horses to return in the second round is left to the discretion of the organizing committee but the horses will return in the reverse order of the placing achieved in the first round. Final placings will be on the accumulated points over two rounds.
5. Horses in hunter classics must be sound.
6. Hunter classics will count for points. In mixed classics, points shall be counted in their respective divisions (see Article G204.8). Classics in which juniors, amateurs, and professionals are combined do not count for points.

#### **ARTICLE G315 HUNTER DERBY**

1. Open to horses, as per class conditions, that have shown in at least one other EC-rated hunter class in the competition unless the Derby is the only hunter class in the competition. Exception: horses competing in the Canadian Hunter Derby Series open derbies.  
It is recommended that time be allowed to walk the course for a Hunter Derby.
2. A hunter derby is a class that is a combination of a hunter classic and a handy hunter class. Minimum height is 3 feet. Pony Derbies will be set at the appropriate heights as per Article G302. Derbies may be offered at any Nationally Sanctioned Competitions.

3. The Hunter Derby is to be judged on performance, pace, style, handiness and brilliance. Handiness to be judged on unique turns, direct approaches, and inside turns. The handy ride should be bold and showcase the horse's rideability.
4. The top element of all obstacles must be supported in a manner that permits it to be lowered (i.e. supported by jump cups or block of a wall)
5. Open numerical scoring is required. A base hunter performance score will be given out of 100. Additionally, up to 10 bonus points for handiness and two points per each option jumped on course (maximum 5 obstacles for maximum 10 points) for a total possible score of 120.
6. Course options can be defined as two obstacles offered with a different degree of difficulty. The options must be clearly marked on the course diagram. Height options should be stated in class conditions. A Pony Hunter Derby will not have height options.
7. A Hunter Derby may be one or two rounds. If a second round is held, placings will be determined by combined scores.
8. Horses in a Hunter Derby must be sound.
9. Prizes will be awarded as per Article G203.
10. Hunter Derby classes will not count for points in the divisional National Rankings. A Derby which is a member event of the Canadian Hunter Derby Series open to junior, amateur and professional riders will only accumulate points towards the Canadian Hunter Derby Series standings in the National Rankings.

#### **ARTICLE G316 BREEDING DIVISION – SHOWN IN HAND**

To be judged on conformation, quality, substance, soundness and suitability to become, or apparent ability to beget or produce hunters. Transmissible unsoundness only to be considered in the cases of sires and dams and prospective sires and dams. Horses to be moved on the line.

#### **ARTICLE G317 HANDY HUNTER**

May be offered as one class per division. Course should vary from the normal hunter class routine to include elements that show rideability and handiness. e.g. turn back, trot fences, option lines. Not recommended for green horses or novice rider classes.

#### **ARTICLE G318 OTHER HUNTER CLASSES**

1. Hunter under saddle: to be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring; at least eight horses, at the judge's discretion, if available, may be required to gallop one way in the ring but never more than eight at one time (pre-green and green hunters not to gallop). Light contact with the horse's mouth is permissible. In order to maintain awards, horses must compete and complete the course in at least one over fences class in their respective division. Hunter under saddle classes must never be the first class of a division.
2. Hunter hack: horses may be asked to jump one or two fences not exceeding 3'6" (1.10m) but always limited by the division specifications in Article G302. Horses may be asked to gallop but never more than eight at one time (pre-green and green horses not to gallop). In order to maintain awards, horses must compete and complete the course in at least one over fences class in their respective division. Hunter hack classes must never be the first class of a division.

## CHAPTER 4

### CONDUCT OF HUNTER CLASSES

#### ARTICLE G401 GENERAL RULES PERTAINING TO THE CONDUCT OF HUNTER CLASSES

1. All hunters are judged on their jumping style, manners and way of going.
2. A performance starts when a horse enters the ring and ends when he leaves; at the option of the committee the performance may start with an audible whistle.
3. In order for under saddle and hunter hack classes to count for awards, a horse must have shown in, and completed, at least one over-fences class in the corresponding division. A hunter-under-saddle or hunter hack class must never be the first class of a division.
4. If the competition management allows back-to-back classes, the first course must be ridden first and the second, second.
5. Horses are required to jog for soundness in all except miscellaneous hunter classes. Jog for soundness using either Option A or Option B below. Management must state in the competition prize list which method of jogging will be used. Horses/ponies that are unsound will be eliminated and ineligible for an award in that class. The judge's decision regarding soundness is final.
  - a. Option A: Horses/ponies are required to trot a circle on a loose rein at the end of each over fences performance. Horses/ponies may be asked to return to the ring and trot another circle at the judge's discretion.
  - b. Option B: Horses/ponies will be jogged together with the rider unmounted in the judge's order of preference. Two additional entries in addition to the number of ribbons must jog if there are sufficient entries. Horses/ponies may be asked to re-jog at the judge's discretion. A horse/pony may not leave the ring until the jog has been declared official by the judge, or it will be eliminated. A horse that is unruly, one that breaks away from the handler or one whose actions threaten to endanger the rider, handler, other exhibitors or their entries will be eliminated.
  - c. In EC rated classes where competitors elect to halt after the final obstacle on course, they must then proceed to trot a circle on a loose rein to demonstrate soundness.
6. All horses and ponies showing in junior classes must be jogged by a junior. All horses and ponies showing in amateur classes must be jogged by an amateur.
7. No horse or pony will be allowed to show "hors concours" in hunter classes or divisions.
8. Judges must not keep more than four cards open at a time.
9. No hunter judge may act as course designer in the same competition at which they are the judge.
10. All competitors must wear a visible back number during their performance in the ring. Failure to do so will result in elimination. Bridle numbers may not be worn in competitions for hunters.

#### ARTICLE G402 DIVISION OF HUNTER CLASSES

1. Shows may not split classes with less than 40 entries. Shows are permitted to split classes at 40 or more entries but must split classes at 50 entries. Before the beginning of the first class, the split is divided by every other number and

may not be divided further (optional: dividing by California split - see Article G402.5). Each section must receive full prize money and ribbons. See Article G203, Prizes.

2. When a class has been split because of 50 or more entries, all horses must remain in the same section for the entire competition.
3. When a class is split, the division of entries must be posted in the competition office and announced over the public address system or used in the program, if available.
4. If an owner has more than one entry, each entry must be put into a separate section providing the split is for reasons other than the size of the horse, the age and/or experience of the horse and/or rider.
5. As an option to dividing classes by every other number, competitions may use the California split where all entries are judged as a single class and awarded prizes as follows; however, points will be awarded based on the number of entries in each section after it has been divided:

HORSES PLACING	PRIZE AWARDED
1st	1 <sup>st</sup>
2nd	1 <sup>st</sup>
3rd	2 <sup>nd</sup>
4th	2 <sup>nd</sup>
5th	3 <sup>rd</sup>
6th	3 <sup>rd</sup>
7th	4 <sup>th</sup>
8th	4 <sup>th</sup>
9th	5 <sup>th</sup>
10th	5 <sup>th</sup>
11th	6 <sup>th</sup>
12th	6 <sup>th</sup>
13th	7 <sup>th</sup> (if offered)
14th	7 <sup>th</sup> (if offered)
15th	8 <sup>th</sup> (if offered)
16th	8 <sup>th</sup> (if offered)

6. For calculation of championship points with the California split, see Article G204.13.
7. Hunter classics may never be divided.

## **ARTICLE G403 COURSE DESIGN**

1. Jumps shall simulate obstacles found in the hunting field, such as post and rail, stone walls, chicken coops, hedges, etc. All jumps shall have wings or be of sufficient width to simulate obstacles in the hunting field.
2. Except in the case of inclement weather, broken equipment or similar emergency, a course shall not be altered.
3. A horse must be able to knock down the top element of hunter fences; solid coops or walls without blocks or poles are not allowed.

4. Horses shall be shown over a minimum of eight fences in all recognized classes and no fewer than seven fences in miscellaneous classes. The course shall include at least one change of direction.
5. At least 75% of the obstacles must be at the required height as long as conditions allow. Minimum height allowed is 3" below the maximum. See Article G302.
6. Courses must be posted 30 minutes prior to the start of the class.
7. Course designers must provide distances of lines and combinations.
8. For jump cup requirements in competition and warm up arenas see Article G116. Steel pins and cups are not acceptable. It is strongly recommended that jump cup depth on the top and back rails of fences in the hunter and equitation rings should be at least 37 mm.
9. In and outs
  - a. An in and out is considered as two obstacles in the required number of obstacles. It must never be used at the start of a course.
  - b. An in and out is two jumps set for one or two strides. The distance may be adjusted during a class requiring different fence heights. Exception: The distance must be adjusted in Pony Hunter classes.
  - c. At an in and out, the faults committed at each obstacle are considered separately. In case of a refusal or runout at the 2nd obstacle of an in and out, the competitor may re-jump both obstacles of the in and out.

## **ARTICLE G404 COURSE DESIGNERS**

1. No course designer may be responsible for more than two rings at a competition (see Article G106.7 for exceptions at Bronze competitions).
2. No hunter judge may act as course designer in the same competition at which they are the judge.

## **ARTICLE G405 JUDGING CONFORMATION HUNTERS**

1. The following percentages are permitted:
  - a) **GREEN CONFORMATION**

50% conformation - 50% performance OR  
 40% conformation - 60% performance

    - (i) MODEL: shown in hand; to be judged on conformation, way of moving and soundness.
    - (ii) HACK, UNDER SADDLE, OVER FENCES: to be judged on conformation, way of going and soundness.
  - b) **OPEN CONFORMATION**

40% conformation - 60% performance

    - (i) MODEL: shown in hand; to be judged on conformation, way of moving and soundness.
    - (ii) HACK, UNDER SADDLE, OVER FENCES, OPEN, STAKE to be judged on conformation way of going and soundness.
  - c) **COMBINED CONFORMATION**

40% conformation - 60% performance
2. For scoring, see Article G407.
3. All judges assigned to the conformation division must judge the model class.

## **ARTICLE G406 JUDGING WORKING HUNTERS**

1. Working hunters are judged on their jumping style, manners and way of going. Conformation will not be considered.
2. Horses must be serviceably sound in eye, wind and limb. Horses are required to jog for soundness in all except miscellaneous hunter classes.
3. Horses are judged from the time they enter the ring until the time they leave.

## **ARTICLE G407 THE SCORING OF HUNTERS**

1. These scoring rules are common to both conformation and working hunters. When an obstacle requires two or more jumps specified on plan of course as an in and out, the faults committed at each obstacle are considered separately. In case of a refusal or runout at second element, entry may jump the previous as well as the following element.
2. An obstacle is considered knocked down when its height is lowered by the horse or rider.
3. If the height of the jump is altered as a result of a horse or rider contacting a wing or post it will be scored as a knockdown.
4. If a jump falls as a result of a horse or rider contacting a wing or post it will be scored as a knock-down.
5. Horse and/or rider falling while in competition incurs elimination, and a rider may not remount in the ring. A competitor is considered to have fallen when, either voluntarily or involuntarily, they are separated from their horse, which has not fallen, in such a way that they touch the ground or find it necessary, in order to get back into the saddle, to use some form of support or outside assistance. A horse is considered to have fallen when at the same time both its shoulder and quarters have touched either the ground or the obstacle and the ground.
6. When a horse avoids an obstacle they are supposed to jump, it constitutes a refusal or runout. The horse must jump the obstacle on the second try or be eliminated. The second cumulative refusal, runout, or bolting on course results in elimination. In the event of elimination, the competitor may jump a single courtesy fence with permission from the judge.
7. Circling a horse once upon entering the ring and once after completing the course is permissible, but any other circling, except to retake a fence in the case of a runout or refusal shall be counted as a disobedience. If an audible signal is used, this rule applies from the time the signal is given.
8. Elimination also occurs when:
  - a) an obstacle is jumped before it is reset;
  - b) a horse bolts from the ring, mounted or riderless;
  - c) the proper course is not followed;
9. Numerical scoring of hunters is posted at the discretion of the organizing committee. Judges are not required to use a numerical system except when the organizing committee wants scores to be announced.

## **PART THREE** **NATIONAL JUMPER DIVISION**

CHAPTER 5	General Rules for Jumpers
CHAPTER 6	Jumper Classification and Divisions
CHAPTER 7	Conduct of Jumper Classes
CHAPTER 8	FEI Rules

These rules are to be used in conjunction with the General Regulations of Equestrian Canada. These rules include Rules from the FEI Rules for Jumping Events, current edition, to be used in conjunction with EC National Jumper Rules. If the competition is conducted solely under FEI (CSI-W, CSIO etc.) the FEI Rules for Jumping Events, current edition, will take precedence. These rules can be found on the FEI website.

### **CHAPTER 5** **GENERAL RULES PERTAINING TO JUMPERS**

#### **ARTICLE G501 HORS CONCOURS**

1. "Hors Concours" entries may be accepted at the competition committee's discretion but are subject to the same rules as a regular entry. Hors Concours may not participate in any jump-off.
2. A horse or pony that has competed "Hors Concours" is not permitted to be judged in the same ring on the same day. A horse or pony may only compete "Hors Concours" once in the same ring on the same day.

#### **ARTICLE G502 JUMPER TACK AND EQUIPMENT**

1. Leather, sheepskin or similar material may be used on each cheek piece of the bridle providing it does not exceed three centimetres (3cm) in diameter measured from the horse's cheek.
2. In the competition arena:
  - a) Blinkers and fly masks that cover the Horse's eyes are forbidden.
  - b) If running martingales are used, they must be unrestricted and each rein must have a single stop between the bit and the ring of the running martingale.
  - c) Reins must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle. Gags and hackamores are allowed.
  - d) EARPHONES/Earbuds  
Earphones/Earbuds and/or other electronic communication devices are strictly prohibited in the competition arena, and such usage is penalized by elimination.  
The use of only one earphone/earbud is allowed while mounted everywhere within the grounds of the Event except the competition arena.
  - e) Standing martingales, German martingales and draw reins properly secured will be permitted in jumper classes where the height of the fences does not exceed 1.15m. Juniors and amateurs may not compete in German martingales or draw reins. See Section G, Annex I National Schooling Rules for Hunters and Jumpers, 4. Headgear, Tack and Equipment.
3. Loop reins are permitted.

## **ARTICLE G503 LOSS OF HAT OR GLASSES**

Handing a hat or glasses to a rider who has lost them will not be penalized other than by loss of time. Juniors see Article G102.7.

## **ARTICLE G504 PRIZES**

1. In all Jumper Classes prizes must be allocated 1 for every 6 entries with last place equal to or exceeding the entry fee. 1<sup>st</sup> prize may not exceed 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the total prize money offered in a class.

**Exception:** For classes with less than \$100.00 prize money, last place may be less than the entry fee.

2. Competitions must give ribbons, and prize money if offered, to fourth place.
3. In the case of any tie for prizes, the prize money will be added together and divided equally amongst tied competitors. For example, if three horses were tied for second place, the prize money for second, third and fourth places would be added together and divided equally amongst the tied competitors. The next placed competitor would receive fifth place prize money.
4. See also General Regulations regarding procedures to be followed in the event of disqualification.
5. Competition Managers have the option of a California Split (see Article G402.5).

## **ARTICLE G505 JUMPER CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. A Jumper Championship and Reserve Championship may be awarded at each competition. The horse accumulating the most points will be Champion and the horse with the next largest number of points will be Reserve Champion. The Championship will be decided upon the basis of points won in any of the three or more full point classes. See also General Regulations.
2. In the case of a tie in a jumper class, each horse will be awarded equal points. For example, if three horses were tied for second place, each would receive second place points. The next placed horse would receive fifth place points.
3. In the case of a tie for the Champion/Reserve, the highest placing in the largest prize money class of the division will be used. If all classes have same prize money, the last class of the division will be used. If there is still a tie for the Reserve, the highest placing in the second largest prize money class of the division will be used, or if all classes have the same prize money, the second last class of the division will be used.
4. Classes for Championship must be listed by number
5. Points for championships shall be awarded on the following basis:

PLACING	POINTS
1st	7
2nd	5
3rd	4
4th	3
5th	2
6th	1

## **CHAPTER 6**

### **JUMPER CLASSIFICATION AND DIVISIONS**

#### **ARTICLE G601 PONY JUMPERS**

1. Open to all ponies but the course will not be altered for medium or small ponies.
2. Ponies to be ridden by a junior rider subject to the restrictions:
  - a) Junior "A" riders may ride large ponies only
  - b) Junior "B" and Junior "C" riders may ride ponies of all heights. For definition of junior riders and ponies see definitions in Section A, General Regulations.
3. Classes must be run under Table A and immediate jump-offs are permitted.
4. No open water permitted but liverpools may be used. See Article G608 for height specifications.
5. For class heights, spreads and jump-off restrictions, see Article G608.
6. Regarding measurement of ponies, see General Rules for Hunters and Jumpers, Articles G111 and G112.
7. A pony entered in a pony jumper class may not be cross entered into any jumper classes exceeding 1.10m at the same competition.
8. Stallions may not be ridden in Pony Jumpers.

#### **ARTICLE G602 JUNIOR ELIGIBILITY**

Before the year of their 18th birthday, junior competitors may not take part in power and skill competitions (including puissance and six bar), grand prix or derby competitions where the height of the fences is over 1.50m.

#### **ARTICLE G603 JUNIOR 1.00m, 1.10m, 1.20m, 1.30m and 1.40m JUMPERS**

1. Open to any horse ridden by a junior rider subject to the restrictions below.
2. Riders showing in these divisions may cross enter into hunter and equitation classes for which they are eligible.
3. A horse/rider combination is permitted unlimited upward movement, but downward movement is restricted to only one level. These movements are based on the level of the first G603 JUNIOR class at the current competition in which they competed.
4. Classes may be combined with Amateur jumpers (e.g. Junior/Amateur Jumper). Should two different height levels be combined, horses will jump at the height in which they are entered.
5. For class heights, spreads, and jump-off restrictions, see Article G608. Classes conducted at alternate heights will be considered miscellaneous classes.

#### **ARTICLE G604 AMATEUR 1.00m, 1.10m, 1.20m, 1.30m and 1.40m JUMPERS**

1. Open to any horse ridden by an amateur rider subject to the restrictions below. Amateur riders must possess a current EC amateur card (see Article G108).
2. Riders showing in these divisions may cross enter only into hunter and equitation classes for which they are eligible.
3. A horse/rider combination is permitted unlimited upward movement, but downward movement is restricted to only one level. These movements are

based on the level of the first G604 AMATEUR class at the current competition in which they competed.

4. Classes may be combined with Junior jumpers (e.g. Junior/Amateur Jumper). Should two different height levels be combined, horses will jump at the height in which they are entered.
5. For class heights, spreads, and jump-off restrictions, see Article G608. Classes conducted at alternate heights will be considered miscellaneous classes.

## **ARTICLE G605 YOUNG RIDERS CLASSES**

Refer to FEI Rules.

### **G606 EC YOUTH — CHILDRENS\**

An Athlete may compete in the Children's category from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 12 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 14.

Obstacles:

Height: 1.20m

Spread: maximum 1.30m

Triple bar: maximum 1.45m

Speed: 350m/m

Table "C" Competitions are not allowed.

For FEI specific competitions, see FEI Jumping Rules.

## **ANNEX XII - RULES FOR CHILDREN'S EVENTS**

### **FEI ARTICLE 255**

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

### **G607 EC YOUTH - JUNIORS**

An Athlete may compete as a Junior from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 14 until the end of the year in which they reach the age of 18.

Obstacles:

Height: 1.40m

Spread: maximum 1.60m

Triple bar: maximum 1.75m

Speed: 350 - 375m/m

For FEI specific competitions, see FEI Jumping Rules.

## **ARTICLE G608 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS**

### **1. HEIGHT, SPREAD AND SPEED REQUIREMENTS N.B.**

Max. Height of Jumps in Classes Open to All	Max Spread	Classes conducted at this Height
1.00m	1.10m	
1.10m	1.20m	4 Year Old Young Horse
1.15m	1.25m	
		5 Year Old Young Horse, EC
1.20m	1.30m	Youth - Childrens
1.25m	1.35m	
1.30m	1.40m	6 Year Old Young Horse
1.35m	1.45m	
1.40m	1.50m	7/8 Year Old Young Horse
1.40m	1.60m	EC Youth - Juniors
1.50m	1.70m	Grand Prix
	2.00m (triple bar 2.20m)	World Cup Qualifiers
Official Max. Height of Jumps for Junior/ Amateur Classes	Max Spread	Classes conducted at this Height
1.0m	1.10m	Pony Jumpers, Junior, Amateur
1.10m	1.20m	Junior, Amateur
1.20m	1.30m	Junior, Amateur
1.30m	1.40m	Junior, Amateur
1.40m	1.50m	Junior, Amateur

- a) Triple bar not to exceed 15cm beyond maximum width.
- b) 75% of Jumps must be set at specified height & width.
- c) Speed for all national classes is 350 metres per minute.
- d) In combined classes height of jumps must be adjusted to each sections specifications.
- e) Competition organizers may schedule any number of miscellaneous classes or divisions. See Article G609.
- f) See also class specifications for any additional requirements.
- g) Any classes that do not meet the prescribed specifications are considered to be miscellaneous non-point classes.

## 2. JUMP OFF

- a) In a jump off the course may be shortened to a minimum of six obstacles, which may be raised and spread. Additional efforts may be in the jump off, providing that the jump off course can be walked before the initial round.
- b) In classes where an immediate jump off is permitted, additional fences may be added, provided that the jump-off course can be walked prior to the initial round.
- c) Immediate jump-offs are permitted for all Table A classes except grand prix and the class with the highest prize money in a competition.

- d) A jump off must take place under the same rules and table as the original class and the rules for jump-offs for that class.

#### **ARTICLE G609 MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES**

EC-sanctioned competitions may offer as many miscellaneous jumper classes/divisions as may be warranted. Miscellaneous classes will not accumulate points towards EC awards or National Rankings. See the Rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A, General Regulations, A503.

#### **ARTICLE G610 ADDITIONAL RESTRICTED CLASSES**

A competition may offer other restricted classes. These classes will not count for points towards Provincial or National awards, or National Rankings (see Article G113 and Article A805.2.c).

#### **ARTICLE G611 COMBINED JUMPER DIVISIONS OR CLASSES**

1. If warranted by local conditions, a competition may combine two or more jumper divisions or class levels (e.g. Junior and Amateur; Junior 1.00m and 1.10m).
2. Where a division combines jumper classes with different height and width specifications, at least 75% of the fences must be raised and spread a minimum of 0.10m (see Metric Height Chart) each division and according to the respective specifications, but the complexion of the fences may not be changed.
3. Horses entered in a combined division may only be shown once in each class.

#### **ARTICLE G612 MATCH THE CLOCK (OPTIMUM TIME)**

##### **COMPETITION**

1. Match the clock or optimum time classes are designed to help developing riders learn the skill of riding a course at the posted speed, rather than with the fastest time. Competitors with equal faults will be placed according to how close their time is to the optimum time, which is based on the course being ridden at the posted speed.
2. Scoring will be under Table A. Optimum time may be used in the first round, the jump off, or a combination of both. Optimum time should be four (4) seconds less than the time allowed. The course designer will calculate the optimum time based on the posted speed.

#### **ARTICLE G613 YOUNG HORSE COMPETITION RIDER AND HORSE ELIGIBILITY**

1. Open to all riders.
2. Open to four, five, six and seven/eight year old horses with proof of age (the proof is the responsibility of the owner and the rider).
3. The breeding of the horses must be shown on the entry form.
4. Horses born after October 1 of the calendar year may compete in the age category of a horse that is born one year later.

#### **ARTICLE G614 YOUNG HORSE COMPETITION CRITERIA AND**

## **SCORING INFORMATION**

### **A. GENERAL CRITERIA**

1. Where possible the Young Horse class should be held in the main competition ring at each competition.
2. The series will be judged under current FEI scoring rules.
3. Boots – only protective boots as described in FEI Jumping Rules may be worn.

### **B. SCORING**

1. 4 Year Old: Jumps to be 1.00 m to 1.10 m. Time allowed at 300 meters per minute.

**Scoring:** Table A, no jump off. Faults will be converted to points for 50% of the score (performance), and 50% of the score will be based on style. Knockdown or first refusal: -5 points off performance score. Time Faults: 1 T.F. = -1 off performance score.

2. 5 Year old: Jumps to be 1.10 m to 1.20 m. Time allowed at 325 meters per minute.

**Scoring:** See FEI Rules.

3. 6 Year Old: Jumps to be 1.20 m to 1.30 m.

**Scoring:** See FEI Rules.

4. 7/8 Year Old: Jumps to be 1.30 m to 1.40 m. Class may be run combined with 1.35m Jumper class.

**Scoring:** See FEI Rules.

## **CHAPTER 7** **CONDUCT OF JUMPER CLASSES**

### **ARTICLE G701 GENERAL RULES PERTAINING TO THE CONDUCT OF JUMPER CLASSES**

1. Horses are to be judged only on performance over a pre-designated course. The competition management must ensure that a plan giving precise details of the course is posted at least 30 minutes before start of competition. Time allowed must be used in all classes in the Jumper Division.
2. Time allowed is based upon actual measurement of length of course but the route should be generous.
3. Identical Courses. No two (2) courses in any jumper division may be identical. Changing the Table and Article of Jumping Faults, does not constitute a different course.
4. When the number of entries in any of the jumping classes warrants it, elimination trials may be held. When certain horses are thus selected to compete for final awards, each horse's score in the elimination trials shall be added to his score in the finals and the total shall be used to determine the winners. At the time of the final contest, the elimination-trial score of each horse competing in the finals shall be announced.
5. When a competition has two or more rings operating at the same time two separate sets of schooling jumps must be available to competitors.
6. The judge may not start a competition until the Course Designer reports to him that all is ready. From then on the Ground Jury takes sole responsibility for running the competition.
7. The rules of the FEI regarding Arenas, Courses, Obstacles, Definitions, Time and Speed, Penalties etc. printed in this rule book shall be in effect.
8. Any event gaining CSI or CSIO or other international status must abide by the complete FEI Rules.

### **ARTICLE G702 COURSE DESIGN**

1. See Article G106 for requirements at each level of EC-sanctioned competition.
2. A course designer may not be responsible for more than two rings at a competition (see Article G106.7 for exceptions at Bronze competitions).
3. No jumper judge may act as course designer in the same competition at which they are the judge.
4. For jump cup requirements in competition and warm up arenas see Article G116.

### **ARTICLE G703 JUDGES**

1. Where competitions have jumper classes in more than one ring, the number and qualifications of judges shall be based upon the total prize money in each class.
2. Classes with total prize money in jumper divisions of less than \$10,000 may use one recognized senior jumper judge plus a time-keeper.
3. Classes with prize money totaling \$10,000 - \$50,000 in the jumper divisions must have at least two recognized judges of which one may have recorded status. In addition, a time-keeper is strongly suggested.

4. Classes with prize money totaling more than \$50,000 in the jumper divisions must have at least two recognized senior jumper judges. In addition, a time-keeper is strongly suggested.
5. No jumper judge may act as course designer in the same competition at which they are the judge.
6. The second judge may also act as timekeeper.

#### **ARTICLE G704 STEWARDS**

When a competition has two or more rings operating simultaneously, the competition must have sufficient stewards in attendance to monitor all schooling/warm-up area. Schooling/warm-up areas which cannot be closely monitored simultaneously MUST have a steward for each area. The additional steward(s) may be recorded.

#### **ARTICLE G705 TIMEKEEPERS**

1. Automatic timing should be adopted where possible but the operation of the time elements is the responsibility of the judge and they must be satisfied that it can be implemented efficiently and fairly.
2. A Judge acting alone shall not act as the timekeeper as well.
3. If automatic timing is not available, two (2) timekeepers must be provided and at least one timekeeper should have recorded or senior jumper judge status.
4. Timekeepers must select alignment at the start and finish which will allow them to start and stop the watches identically for each competitor.
5. A timekeeper may not officiate alone in a class in which a member of the family or any of his/her clients are competing.
6. At least one hand timer must be used when automatic timers are in use.
7. Time may be recorded in thousandths of a second if automatic equipment is available.

#### **ARTICLE G706 ORDER OF GO**

1. In classes where post or late entries are permitted and accepted after the draw is made, the post/late entry shall go first in the class. Late entries or post-entries cannot be accepted after the start of a class. See Article A807.
2. The order-of-go must be posted at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the class.
3. In the case of a rider who is competing in a class with more than one horse, the order of go should provide at least ten horses, when possible, between the rider's horses. The horses will be moved up in the order to satisfy this rule.
4. All horses ridden by a single rider must be ridden in the sequence that appears on the officially drawn jumping order in all rounds of a competition unless class specifications call for a new order for a second round and/or jump-off. If a rider with multiple horses competes out of the drawn sequence of their horses in any class with a drawn jumping order, the remaining out of sequence horses will be eliminated, unless the out of sequence rides are approved in advance by the jury.
5. Voluntary move up's are permitted with the approval of the jury.

## **ARTICLE G707 FINES**

1. A competitor in the arena may jump only obstacles that are part of the current course, regardless of whether those obstacles are flagged or not. The penalty for jumping obstacles not part of the current course is elimination. In addition, a fine of up to \$250 is at the discretion of the ground jury.
2. Any competitor who does not leave the ring promptly at the end of the round or after being eliminated is liable for a fine of up to \$100 and may be disqualified from future classes during the competition at the discretion of the judge(s).
3. After elimination, jumping more than one courtesy fence will incur a fine of \$100.
4. Fines are remitted to the Show Office for forwarding to Equestrian Canada.

## **ARTICLE G708 PROTESTS, COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS**

See the Rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A, General Regulations, Chapter 12 – General Dispute Resolution and Protests at EC-Sanctioned Competitions (violations, hearings, penalties and appeals).

## CHAPTER 8

### FEI RULES

#### PREAMBLE

Although Equestrian Canada does its utmost to print the current FEI Rules each year, please be aware that the FEI Rules can change at any time and therefore may not be the same as the rules written below for the current year. Please avail yourself of the FEI Online version of rules for up-to-date and current interpretations of the rules.

**Note: The FEI fall rules regarding the clearance of the horse do not apply to EC sanctioned competitions. For EC sanctioned competitions, see Article G103, Falls.**

Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these JRs. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the appropriate person or body to make a decision in a sporting spirit, by approaching as near as possible the intention of the JRs and of the GRs. Should there remain any omissions in the JRs, such omission shall be interpreted in a manner compatible to the fullest extent with the other provisions of these JRs, other rules and regulations of the FEI, and sporting spirit. For the sake of brevity these regulations use the masculine form; this is to be interpreted to include all genders. Terms with a capitalized first letter are defined in the Glossary of the JRs, in the GRs or in the Statutes.

## CHAPTER IV

### COMPETITION SCORING AND FORMATS

#### FEI ARTICLE 216 GENERAL

216.1 Each Competition (regardless of format) must be subject to either Table A or Table C scoring. Athlete/Horse Combination scores in a Competition are determined by the number of Penalties incurred for Faults during their round, according to JRs Art 217.1 (Table A) or JRs Art 217.2 (Table C), as applicable.

216.2 There are a number of different Competition formats for individuals and teams. This Chapter covers the Competition formats that are most commonly used at Events. Any Competition format covered by this Chapter must be run strictly in accordance with these JRs. An OC may propose new Competition formats to encourage variety in the sport, but any new formats are subject to the FEI's prior written approval.

## FEI ARTICLE 217 COMPETITION SCORING

### 217.1 Table A

217.1.1 Faults under Table A are penalised (i) with Penalties, or (ii) by Elimination, as set out in the table below:

FAULT	PENALTY
First Disobedience	Four Penalties
Obstacle knocked down	Four Penalties
Fault at the Water Jump (see JRs Art 236.1.3)	Four Penalties
Exceeding the time allowed	One Penalty for each second commenced
Fall of Horse and/or Athlete	Elimination
Second Disobedience or other infringement under JRs Art 263.4	Elimination
Exceeding the maximum time limit	Elimination
Uncorrected deviation from the course	Elimination
Unauthorised assistance	Elimination

217.1.2 Adding the Penalties for Faults gives the score obtained by the Athlete/Horse Combination for their round. The official results of a Competition must provide the total number of Penalties incurred by the Athlete/Horse Combination and also separately specify the time Penalties and any other Penalties incurred during the round.

217.1.3 Competitions judged under Table A may be designated as Against the Clock or Not Against the Clock.

217.1.4 If any Athlete/Horse Combinations are tied on Penalties, the tie may be resolved based on the time taken to complete the round (faster round wins), depending on the conditions set out in the Schedule.

217.1.5 For the avoidance of doubt, Penalties for Disobediences accumulate not just at the same obstacle, but throughout the entire round.

### 217.2 Table C

217.2.1 Faults under Table C are penalised (i) in seconds that are added to the time taken by the Athlete to complete their round, or (ii) by Elimination, as set out in the table below:

FAULT	PENALTY
Obstacle knocked down; or Fault at the Water Jump (see JRs Art 236.1.3)	Four seconds for outdoor Competitions (except for the second phase of two-phase Competitions and for any jump-off under table C where the Penalty is three seconds); Three seconds for indoor Competitions
First Disobedience	None
First Disobedience, with a knock down and/or displacing of an obstacle	Six seconds
Second Disobedience or other infringement under JRs Art 263.4	Elimination
Fall of Horse and/or Athlete	Elimination
Uncorrected deviation from the course	Elimination
Unauthorised assistance	Elimination

217.2.2 Adding the Penalties for Faults gives the score obtained by the Athlete/Horse Combination for their round.

217.2.3 Competitions under Table C do not have a time allowed, but the maximum time limit for a round is:

217.2.3.1 three minutes, if the length of the course is 600 m or more; or

217.2.3.2 two minutes, if the length of the course is less than 600 m.

217.2.4 Exceeding the maximum time limit results in Elimination.

## FEI ARTICLE 218 JUMP-OFFS

### 218.1 General

218.1.1 No Competition may have more than one jump-off, unless specified otherwise in these JRs (see e.g. JRs Art 230 Power and Skill Competitions, Chapter XII Continental and World Championships for Seniors, and Chapter XIII Continental Championships for Youth and Veterans).

218.1.2 The Schedule must specify if a Competition will have a jump-off. If not specified, the Competition will be deemed not to have a jump-off.

218.1.3 Jump-offs may be held as specified in the Schedule where:

- 218.1.3.1 more than one Athlete/Horse Combination have not incurred any Penalties in the preliminary round(s) of the Competition;
- 218.1.3.2 there are Athlete/Horse Combinations tied in first place after one or more preliminary round(s) of the Competition; or
- 218.1.3.3 there are Athlete/Horse Combinations tied for podium places at a Championship or Games.

218.1.4 Subject to JRs Art 218.1.5, all jump-offs must be held immediately after completion of the preliminary round(s) of the Competition.

218.1.5 If specified in the Schedule, the OC may decide that Athletes who have completed their preliminary round without Penalties, must proceed to the jump-off immediately following their preliminary round (i.e. without exiting the Competition Arena between rounds). In this case, the bell must be rung again to signal the Athlete to start the jump-off course, during which the 45-second rule set out in JRs Art 241.6.1.2 applies. Athletes qualified for this jump-off are not allowed to leave the Competition Arena between their preliminary round and the jump-off. This type of jump-off is only allowed for Competitions under Table A and is not permitted for a Grand Prix Competition or for the Competition with the highest prize money, if not the Grand Prix. If there are no clear rounds in the preliminary round, the classification is established according to JRs Art 220.1.1 or 220.2.1.1, as applicable.

218.1.6 In principle, a jump-off must take place under the same rules and Table as the preliminary round(s) of the Competition and the rules for jump-offs in that type of Competition. However, the jump-off of a Table A Competition may be judged under Table C, provided that it is specified in the Schedule.

218.1.7 Athletes must start the same Horse in the jump-off as in the preliminary round(s).

218.1.8 Subject to JRs Art 218.1.9, the starting order in the jump-off must remain the same as the starting order for the round preceding the jump-off, except where specified otherwise in the Schedule or the JRs.

218.1.9 The starting order in the jump-off of an individual Competition counting for the Longines Rankings may be established in reverse order of the Athletes' times in the previous round as an alternative to the same starting

## **218.2 Obstacles in the jump-off**

218.2.1 The obstacles in the jump-off may be altered in height and/or spread (partially or totally), subject to the limits set out in the JRs or the Schedule. However, the dimensions of the obstacles in the jump-off may only be increased if the Athlete/Horse Combinations taking part in the jump-off completed the previous round(s) without Penalties.

218.2.2 If the original course included Combination(s), the jump-off must also include at least one Combination.

218.2.3 The number of obstacles in a jump-off may be reduced to a minimum of six (Combinations count as one obstacle for these purposes).

218.2.4 The shape, type, and colour of the obstacles for a jump-off may not be altered, but it is permitted to leave out one or more of the elements of a Combination obstacle. If the Combination obstacle is a treble or a quadruple, the centre element(s) may not be omitted.

218.2.5 The order of the obstacles for a jump-off may be altered compared to the original course.

218.2.6 The distance between the elements of a Combination obstacle may never be altered during a jump-off.

218.2.7 A maximum of two additional obstacles may be added to the jump-off course.

218.2.7.1 Both obstacles must be on the course during the course inspection or must be built from obstacles of the previous round(s). If obstacles from the previous round(s) are built differently or with new obstacle material for the jump-off, they will not count as extra obstacles for the jump-off, provided that the change of material has been approved by the Ground Jury and notified to Athletes in the course plan. The two additional obstacles may consist of two spread or two vertical obstacles or one spread and one vertical. It must be clearly indicated both on the course plan and at the obstacle(s) in question, whether the obstacle(s) may be jumped from either side or just from one side. If an obstacle included in the previous round(s) is jumped from the opposite direction in the jump-off, the obstacle is considered as one of the two additional obstacles allowed. A vertical in the first or second round may be converted to a spread obstacle or vice-versa in the jump-off, in which case it will be considered one of the two additional obstacles.

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

## **218.3 Elimination, retirement, or withdrawal from a jump-off, second round, or winning round**

218.3.1 An Athlete who retires, is Eliminated, or withdraws with the permission of the Ground Jury from a jump-off, second round, or

winning round will be placed equal last in the jump-off/second round/ winning round after all Athletes who have completed the round. The same applies to teams taking part in team Competitions except in the case of teams withdrawing from the second round of a Nations Cup Competition, as teams that withdraw from the second round are not entitled to any prize money (see JRs Art 226.8.4) and will be placed according to their score in the first round.

218.3.2 An Athlete who withdraws from a jump-off, second round, or winning round without the permission of the Ground Jury or without informing the Ground Jury will be placed after Athletes having withdrawn with the permission of the Ground Jury, retired, or been Eliminated in the jump-off/second round/ winning round. The same applies to teams taking part in team Competitions except in the case of teams withdrawing from the second round of a Nations Cup Competition, as teams that withdraw from the second round are not entitled to any prize money (see JRs Art 226.8.4) and will be placed according to their score in the first round.

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

## **FEI ARTICLE 219 NORMAL COMPETITIONS AND GRAND PRIX COMPETITIONS**

219.1 Normal Competitions (i.e. any Competition that is not a Grand Prix or World Cup Competition) and Grand Prix Competitions are those in which performance over obstacles is the principal factor, although speed may be introduced in a jump-off. The course is built primarily to test the ability of the Horse over the obstacles. The number of obstacles and their type, height, and spread (subject to the limits specified in the JRs) are the responsibility of the OC. These Competitions are judged under Table A, either Against the Clock or Not Against the Clock, but always with a time allowed.

### **219.2 Grand Prix formats**

219.2.1 The term "Grand Prix" may only be used once for each Category (e.g. CSIY, CSII, CSI3\*) during an Event. Grand Prix Competitions must be explicitly designated in the Schedule and must (subject to JRs Art 219.3) be conducted using one of the following formats:

- 219.2.1.1 over one round with a jump-off Against the Clock;
- 219.2.1.2 over two rounds (identical or different) with a jump-off Against the Clock; or
- 219.2.1.3 over two rounds, with the second round Against the Clock.

## **FEI ARTICLE 220 COMPETITION OVER ONE ROUND**

### **220.1 Competitions Not Against the Clock judged under Table A**

220.1.1 The following are different format options for Competitions Not Against the Clock, each judged under Table A (in each case, there is a time allowed):

- 220.1.1.1 Athletes with equality of Penalties for any place share the prizes and there is no jump-off; or
- 220.1.1.2 in the event of equality of Penalties for first place there may be a jump-off Not Against the Clock. Other Athletes are placed according to their Penalties in the first round and, in the event of equality of Penalties for any place other than first, Athletes will share the prizes; or
- 220.1.1.3 in the event of equality of Penalties for first place there may be a jump-off Against the Clock. Other Athletes are placed according to their Penalties in the first round and, in the event of equality of Penalties for any place other than first, Athletes will share the prizes.

220.1.2 A jump-off held in accordance with one of the formats under JRs Art 220.1 may take place over a shortened course of obstacles which may be altered in height and/or spread (subject to JRs Art 218.2.1).

### **220.2 Competitions Against the Clock judged under Table A**

220.2.1 The following are different format options for Competitions Against the Clock, each judged under Table A (in each case, there is a time allowed):

- 220.2.1.1 Athletes with equality of Penalties for any place are placed in accordance with the time taken to complete the round and there is no jump-off; or
- 220.2.1.2 in the event of equality of Penalties for first place, there may be a jump-off Against the Clock judged under Table A. Other Athletes are placed according to their Penalties and time in the first round; or
- 220.2.1.3 in the event of equality of Penalties for first place, there may be a jump-off Against the Clock judged under Table C. Other Athletes are placed according to their Penalties and time in the first round. This format is only permitted for Competitions without Longines Ranking points and must be specified in the Schedule; or
- 220.2.1.4 in the event of equality of Penalties and time for first place, there may be a jump-off Against the Clock. Other Athletes are placed according to their Penalties and time in the first round.

220.2.2 A jump-off held in accordance with one of the formats under JRs Art 220.2 may take place over a shortened course of obstacles which may be altered in height and/or spread (subject to JRs Art 218.2.1).

## FEI ARTICLE 221 COMPETITION OVER TWO ROUNDS

221.1 This Competition comprises two courses with the same speed. The two courses may be identical or different, whether in track, number of obstacles, or in the dimensions of the obstacles. Each Athlete must participate with the same Horse in both rounds. Athletes who have been Eliminated or who have retired during the first round may not take part in the second round and may not be placed.

221.2 All Athletes must take part in the first round. The Schedule must specify which Athletes will continue to the second round, which may be either:

221.2.1 all Athletes; or

221.2.2 a limited number of Athletes (either a percentage or a set number of Athletes, in any case at least 25%, as specified in the Schedule) in accordance with their placing in the first round (based on Penalties only or Penalties and time, as specified in the Schedule). The Schedule must specify the exact percentage or number of Athletes to return for the second round, subject to the below: 221.2.2.1 If the first round is Not Against the Clock, all Athletes tied on Penalties for first place, plus any Athletes tied on Penalties for the last qualification place, return for the second round even if the number of starters in the second round would then be more than specified in the Schedule.

221.2.2.2 If the first round is Against the Clock, the OC may select either of the following options (provided that such option is specified in the Schedule):

- at least 25% or a set number of Athletes, the exact percentage or number to be specified in the Schedule, return for the second round based on their Penalties and time in the first round; or
- at least 25% or a set number of Athletes, the exact percentage or number to be specified in the Schedule, return for the second round based on their Penalties and time in the first round and, in any event, all Athletes without Penalties in the first round return for the second round.

Notwithstanding the above, in all Grand Prix Competitions, all Athletes without Penalties will return to the second round even if this number is higher than the percentage established in the Schedule.

221.3 The manner of judging this Competition must be specified in the Schedule in accordance with one of the following formulas:

#	First Round		Second Round	Jump-Off
	Table A	Table A	Starting Order	Starting Order
3.1	Against the Clock	Not Against the Clock	Reverse order of Penalties and time in the 1st round; Athletes retain their drawn order in case of equality of Penalties and time	Same as 2 <sup>nd</sup> round
3.2	Not Against the Clock	Not Against the Clock	Reverse order of Penalties in the 1st round; Athletes retain their drawn order in case of equality of Penalties	Same as 2 <sup>nd</sup> round
3.3.1	Against the Clock	Against the Clock	Reverse order of Penalties and time in the 1st round; Athletes retain their drawn order in case of equality of Penalties and time	No jump-off

3.3.2	Not Against the Clock	Against the Clock	Reverse order of Penalties in the 1st round; Athletes retain their drawn order in case of equality of Penalties	No jump-off
3.4.1	Against the Clock	Against the Clock	Reverse order of Penalties and time in the 1st round; Athletes retain their drawn order in case of equality of Penalties and time	Same as 2 <sup>nd</sup> round
3.4.2	Not Against the Clock	Against the Clock	Reverse order of Penalties in the 1st round; Athletes retain their drawn order in case of equality of Penalties	Same as 2 <sup>nd</sup> round

221.4 Classification based on the above formulas is determined as follows:

221.4.1 Formula at table row 3.1: The classification will be established according to the Penalties and time in the jump-off. Classification of Athletes not qualified for the jump-off will be according to aggregate Penalties over both rounds and the time incurred in the first round.

221.4.2 Formula at table row 3.2: The classification will be established according to the Penalties and time in the jump-off. Classification of Athletes not qualified for the jump-off will be according to aggregate Penalties over both rounds.

221.4.3 Formula at table rows 3.3.1 and 3.3.2: The classification will be established according to aggregate Penalties over both rounds and the time incurred in the second round. Classification of Athletes not qualified for the second round will be (i) according to Penalties and time in the first round (if the first round is Against the Clock). or (ii) according to the Penalties incurred in the first round (if the first round is Not Against the Clock)

221.4.4 Formula at table rows 3.4.1 and 3.4.2: The classification will be established according to the Penalties and time in the jump-off. Classification of Athletes not qualified for the jump-off will be according to aggregate Penalties over both rounds and the time incurred in the second round. Classification of Athletes not qualified for the second round will be (i) according to Penalties and time in the first round (if the first round is Against the Clock) or (ii) according to Penalties in the first round (if the first round is Not Against the Clock).

## FEI ARTICLE 222 COMPETITION IN TWO PHASES

### 222.1 Normal Competition in Two-Phases

222.1.1 This Competition comprises two phases run without interruption, each at an identical or different speed, the finishing line for the first phase being identical with the starting line for the second phase. Athletes with no Penalties in the first phase continue to the second phase of the course, which finishes after crossing the second finishing line.

222.1.2 The first phase is a course of seven to nine obstacles with or without Combinations. The second phase takes place over four to six obstacles, which may include no more than one Combination.

222.1.3 Athletes with Penalties in the first phase are halted by ringing the bell after they have jumped the last obstacle in the first phase or (if the

time allowed for the first phase has been exceeded) after crossing the finishing line of the first phase. These Athletes must stop after crossing the first finishing line and may not continue to the second phase.

222.1.4 The manner of judging this Competition must be specified in the Schedule in accordance with one of the following formulas:

	<b>First Phase</b>	<b>Second Phase</b>	<b>Placing</b>
4.1	Table A Not Against the Clock	Table A Not Against the Clock	According to the Penalties in the 2nd Phase. Athletes who do not qualify for the 2nd Phase are placed according to the Penalties in the 1st Phase.
4.2	Table A Not Against the Clock	Table A Against the Clock	According to the Penalties and time in the 2nd Phase. Athletes who do not qualify for the 2nd Phase are placed according to the Penalties in the 1st Phase.
4.3	Table A Against the Clock	Table A Against the Clock	According to the Penalties and time in the 2nd Phase. Athletes who do not qualify for the 2nd Phase are placed according to the Penalties and time in the 1st Phase.
4.4	Table A Not Against the Clock	Table C	According to the total time (Table C) of the 2nd Phase. Athletes who do not qualify for the 2nd Phase are placed according to the Penalties in the 1st Phase.
4.5	Table A Against the Clock	Table C	According to the total time (Table C) of the 2nd Phase. Athletes who do not qualify for the 2nd Phase are placed according to the Penalties and time in the 1st Phase.

222.1.5 Athletes stopped after the first phase may only be placed after Athletes who have taken part in both phases. Athletes who are Eliminated or who retire in the second phase will be placed equal last after all Athletes who completed the second phase.

222.1.6 In the event of equality for first place, the tied Athletes will be placed equal first.

222.1.7 In order to fulfil the eligibility requirement for Horses taking part in the Grand Prix (see JRs Art 219.3.4), it is sufficient to complete the first phase of Competitions conducted according to any of the formulas listed in JRs Art 222.1.4.

## 222.2 Special Two-Phase Competition

222.2.1 This Competition comprises two phases run without interruption, each at an identical or different speed, the finishing line for the first phase being identical with the starting line for the second phase. Athletes completing the first phase may continue to the second phase of the course, which finishes after crossing the second finishing line.

222.2.2 The first phase is a course of five to seven obstacles with or without Combinations. The total number of obstacles in both phases is a minimum of 11 and maximum of 13 obstacles. The second phase may include no more than one Combination.

222.2.3 This Competition must be judged in accordance with the following formula:

<b>First Phase</b>	<b>Second Phase</b>	<b>Placing</b>
Table A Not Against the Clock Minimum 5 - Maximum 7 obstacles	Table A Against the Clock Remaining obstacles (total of minimum 11 and maximum 13 obstacles in both phases)	According to the aggregate Penalties in both phases and, if necessary, according to the time of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> phase

222.2.4 Athletes who are Eliminated or retire from either the first or second phase will not be placed.

222.2.5 In the event of equality for first place, the tied Athletes will be placed equal first.

222.2.6 In order to fulfil the eligibility requirement for Horses taking part in the Grand Prix (see JRs Art 219.3.4), both phases of Competitions conducted according to JRs Art 222.2.3 must be completed.

## **FEI ARTICLE 223 COMPETITION WITH WINNING ROUND**

### **223.1 Competition with two rounds and winning round**

223.1.1 In this Competition the best 16 Athletes of the first round qualify for the second round, in which they start in reverse order of the results (Penalties and time) of the first round. The best eight Athletes according to the total Penalties and time of both rounds, or of the second round only, participate in the winning round. The starting order in the winning round is in reverse order of total Penalties and time over both rounds, or of the second round only, according to the conditions of the Schedule. In the winning round, all Athletes start with zero Penalties. This Competition format may not be used for the Grand Prix or for the Competition with the highest prize money (if not the Grand Prix).

223.1.2 All three rounds are judged under Table A Against the Clock. If an Athlete/Horse Combination exceeds the time allowed in the winning round, they are penalised with one Penalty point for every second commenced.

223.1.3 The course of the second round may be different from that of the first round. The course of the winning round must be a shortened course over obstacles of the first and/or second round, and two new single obstacles may be added.

223.1.4 If an Athlete qualified for the winning round does not start in this round, they will not be replaced.

223.1.5 Refer to JRs Art 218.3 for details on the classification of Athletes who withdraw, retire, or are Eliminated from the winning round.

### **223.2 Competition with one round and winning round**

223.2.1 In this Competition at least 25% and a minimum of ten Athletes of the first round qualify for the winning round, in which they start in reverse order of the results (Penalties and time) of the first round. In the winning round, all Athletes start with zero Penalties. This Competition format may not be used for the Grand Prix or for the Competition with the highest prize money (if not the Grand Prix).

## **FEI ARTICLE 225 SPEED AND HANDINESS COMPETITION**

225.1 These Competitions are judged under Table C. In the event of equality for first place, the Athletes will be placed equal first, unless there is specific provision for a jump-off in the Schedule of the Event.

225.2 Courses must be twisting, with varied obstacles (alternative obstacles allowed, giving the Athlete the opportunity to shorten their track, but by taking a more difficult obstacle).

225.3 The course plan must not set out a fixed track to be followed. The course plan must only be marked with a series of arrows showing the direction in which each obstacle must be jumped. Compulsory turning points are included on the course plan only if absolutely necessary.

#### **FEI ARTICLE 228 DERBY**

228.1 A Derby Competition takes place over a distance of at least 1000 m and not more than 1300 m over a course comprising at least 50% of the efforts over natural obstacles. A Derby Competition must be run in one round only and may, if specified in the Schedule, be run with a jump-off.

228.2 A Derby Competition may be judged under Table A or Table C. If judged under Table C, there is no time allowed, just a maximum time limit. The maximum time limit may be increased at the discretion of the Ground Jury if the length of the course exceeds the requirements for establishing the time limit as set out in JRs Art 217.2.

228.3 Even if the Derby Competition has the highest prize money of the Event, each Athlete may ride a maximum of four Horses, subject to the conditions of the Schedule.

#### **FEI ARTICLE 229 ACCUMULATOR COMPETITION**

229.1 This Competition takes place over six, eight, or ten obstacles with an increasing difficulty. Combination obstacles are not permitted. The increasing difficulty is not solely due to the height and spread of the obstacles, but also to the difficulty of the track.

229.2 Bonus points are awarded as follows: one point for obstacle number one not knocked down, two points for number two not knocked down, three points for number three not knocked down, etc. with a total of 21, 36 or 55 points. No point is awarded for an obstacle knocked down. Faults other than knock-downs are penalised as for Table A.

229.3 This Competition may take place with the following formats: (i) first round Against the Clock without a jump-off, (ii) first round Against the Clock with a jump-off in case of equality of points for first place following the initial round, or (iii) first round Not Against the Clock with a jump-off in case of equality of points for first place following the initial round. In case of a jump-off there must be a minimum of six obstacles, which may be increased in height and/or spread. The obstacles in the jump-off must be jumped in the same order as in the first round and retain their respective points allotted in the first round.

229.4 If the Competition takes place Not Against the Clock with a jump-off, Athletes not qualified for the jump-off are placed according to their points obtained in the first round, disregarding the time. If the Competition takes place with the first round Against the Clock and a jump-off, Athletes not qualified for the jump-off are placed according to Penalties and time obtained

in the first round.

229.5 For the last obstacle of the course, an alternative obstacle may be provided, of which one element may be designated the Joker. The Joker must be more difficult than the alternative obstacle and carry double points. If the Joker is knocked down, these points must be deducted from the total points obtained so far by the Athlete. At the discretion of the Course Designer, two Jokers may be included instead of one as alternatives to the last obstacle jumped. In this case, the first Joker will carry 150% of the points of the last obstacle on the course; the second Joker must be more difficult than the first Joker and will carry 200% of the points of the last obstacle on the course. The Athlete may jump one of the two Jokers as an alternative to the last obstacle. If the Joker is correctly jumped, the Athlete earns 150%, respectively 200%, of the points of the last obstacle on the course. If the Joker is knocked down, 150%, respectively 200%, of the points of the last obstacle of the course must be deducted from the total points obtained so far by the Athlete.

## **FEI ARTICLE 230 POWER AND SKILL COMPETITIONS**

### **230.1 General**

230.1.1 The aim of these Competitions is to demonstrate the ability of the Horse to jump a limited number of large obstacles.

230.1.2 These Competitions are judged under Table A.

230.1.3 In the event of equality for first place, there must be successive jump-offs. The obstacles in the jump-offs must always be the same shape, the same type, and the same colour as in the initial round. If, at the end of the third jump-off, there is no single winner, the Ground Jury may stop the Competition. After the fourth jump-off, the Ground Jury must stop the Competition and the Athletes left in the Competition are placed equal. If, after the third jump-off, the Athletes do not wish to continue, the Ground Jury must stop the Competition. There cannot be a fourth jump-off if Athletes have not had a faultless round in the third jump-off.

230.1.4 Time is never a deciding factor in the event of equality of Penalties. There is no time allowed and no time limit.

### **230.2 Puissance**

230.2.1 The initial round must comprise four to six single obstacles of which at least one must be a vertical obstacle. The first obstacle must be at least 1.40 m in height, two obstacles from 1.60 m to 1.70 m, and one wall or vertical obstacle which may vary from 1.70 m to 1.80 m in height. Combination obstacles, Water Jumps, ditches, and natural obstacles are not permitted. It is permissible to use a wall with a sloping face on the take-off side (maximum slope of 30 cm offset at the base).

230.2.2 A vertical obstacle instead of a wall may be used, in which case, planks with a pole on top or a Combination of planks and poles with a pole on top or all poles may be used as a substitute.

230.2.3 In the event of equality for first place, there must be successive jump-offs over two obstacles, which must be a wall or a vertical obstacle and a spread obstacle (see JRs Art 218.2). In the jump-offs, both obstacles must be increased regularly in height and the spread obstacle also in spread. The vertical obstacle or wall may be increased in height only if Athletes equal for first place have not been penalised in the preceding round (see JRs Art 218.2).

### **230.3 Six Bar**

230.3.1 In this Competition, six vertical obstacles are placed in a straight line with approximately 11 m between each obstacle. The number of obstacles may be reduced to a minimum of four if required due to the size of the Competition Arena.

230.3.2 The obstacles must be identically constructed and composed only of poles of the same type. The cups supporting the poles must have a maximum depth of 20 mm.

230.3.3 The height of the obstacles may be set as follows:

230.3.3.1 all obstacles set at the same height (for example 1.20 m); or

230.3.3.2 each obstacle set at progressively increasing heights (for

example 1.10 m, 1.20 m, 1.30 m, 1.40 m, 1.50 m, 1.60 m); or

230.3.3.3 the first two obstacles set at 1.20 m, the next two at 1.30 m, and so on.

230.3.4 In the event of a Refusal or Run-out, the Athlete must restart the course at the obstacle where the Fault was made.

230.3.5 The first jump-off must take place over the six (or minimum four) obstacles (per JRs Art 230.3.1), which must be raised in height unless the Athletes who are equal for first place were penalised in the first round. After the first jump-off, the number of obstacles may be reduced to a minimum of four (the lower obstacles should be withdrawn) but the distance between them must be kept at about 11 metres as required initially.

## **CHAPTER V**

### **OBSTACLES**

#### **FEI ARTICLE 232 OBSTACLES - GENERAL**

232.1 An obstacle consists of the faultable part and may have supporting parts. In vertical and spread jumps, the faultable part corresponds to the flagged section of the obstacle. At least the upper quarter of the faultable part consists of knock-down top elements (poles/planks/wall boxes). The side parts that hold up the knock-down elements (standards) correspond to the supporting parts of the obstacle and do not form part of the faultable part of the obstacle.

232.2 The obstacles must be inviting in their overall shape and appearance, varied, match their surroundings, and be designed with horsemanship and fairness in mind. Both the obstacles themselves and their constituent parts must be such that they can be knocked down, while not being so light that they fall at the slightest touch or so heavy that they may cause Horses to Fall or be injured.

232.3 Poles and other parts of the obstacles are held up by supports (cups). The pole must be able to roll on its support; the support must have a depth of 18 mm minimum and a depth of 20 mm maximum. These requirements also apply to safety cups used for spread obstacles (see JRs Art 235 for details). For special obstacle material and planks, balustrades, barriers, gates, etc, the diameter of the supports must be more open or even flat.

#### **FEI ARTICLE 233 HEIGHT OF OBSTACLES**

233.1 Under no circumstances may any obstacle exceed 1.70 m in height, except in Six Bar and Puissance Competitions. Spread obstacles must not exceed 2.00 m in spread except for triple bars which may have a maximum spread of 2.20 m. The Water Jump may not exceed 4.00 m in spread including the take-off element. The height of obstacles at indoor Competitions must never exceed 1.65 m under any circumstances, except in Six Bar and Puissance Competitions.

233.2 Any minimum or maximum limits on the height and spread of obstacles specified in these JRs and in the Schedules applicable to specific Competitions and Championships must be strictly complied with. However:

233.2.1 If a maximum dimension has been marginally exceeded as a result of the material used for construction and/or by the position of the obstacle on the ground, the maximum dimensions set out will not be considered as having been exceeded, provided that every effort has been made to not exceed the maximum dimensions specified in the Schedule with the material available.

233.2.2 In Competitions for which the Schedule indicates a maximum height of 1.45 m or more, the height of obstacles in the Competition may, at the discretion of the Course Designer, exceed the height indicated in the Schedule by maximum 3 cm.

#### **FEI ARTICLE 234 VERTICAL OBSTACLE**

A vertical obstacle is an obstacle that requires an effort in height, where the poles or planks (or other construction) are placed vertically without any spread. An obstacle whatever its construction may only be called a vertical when Faults are judged on the same vertical plane.

#### **FEI ARTICLE 235 SPREAD OBSTACLE**

235.1 A spread obstacle is an obstacle that is built in such a manner that it requires an effort both in spread and in height. All spread obstacles may only have one pole at the back. Spread obstacles include oxers and triple bars.

235.2 FEI-approved safety cups must be used as support for the back pole of spread obstacles and in case of a triple bar to support the centre and back poles of the obstacle. The maximum depth of the safety cups for the top back pole of a spread obstacle is 18 mm; safety cups used for the centre poles of a triple bar or for lower poles of other obstacles may have a maximum depth of 20 mm. Approved safety cups must be used in the Competition Arena and Training Arena.

235.3 The President of the Ground Jury is responsible for enforcing the rules relating to safety cups. The Foreign Judge will report any non-compliance of the rules to the FEI. The name of the company that supplies the FEI approved safety cups to be used at the Event must be specified in the Schedule.

## **FEI ARTICLE 236 WATER JUMP, WATER JUMP WITH VERTICAL, AND LIVERPOOL**

### **236.1 Water Jump**

236.1.1 For an obstacle to be called a Water Jump, there must be no obstacle in front, in the middle, or behind the water. The water must have a minimum spread in excess of 2.00 m. The Water Jump must be dug into the ground. See Annex IV for details on how the Water Jump must be constructed. A take-off element (brush, small wall), with a minimum height of 40 cm and a maximum height of 50 cm, must be erected on the take-off side. The width of the front of the Water Jump must be at least 30% greater than the length. If the bottom of the Water Jump is made of concrete or hard material, it must be covered with a softer non-slip material such as a coconut or rubber mat.

236.1.2 At Olympic Games, Continental Games, Regional Games, Championships, CSIOs and CSIs, the landing side of the Water Jump must be defined by a lath, at least six centimetres in width and not exceeding eight centimetres, covered with a bed of contrasting coloured plasticine about one centimetre thick. This plasticine must be replaced each time a Horse touches it. Several spare laths must be provided together with extra plasticine so that a lath that has been marked by a Horse may be replaced at any time. The lath must be placed at the edge of the water, properly fixed to the ground; at the time of the inspection of the course by the Ground Jury, the entire length of the lath must touch the water.

236.1.3 A Fault at the Water Jump occurs when:

236.1.3.1 the foot or shoe of the Horse touches the lath and leaves an impression (impression of the fetlock joint or boot does not constitute a Fault); and/or

236.1.3.2 a Horse touches the water with one or several feet.

236.1.4 Striking, knocking down, or displacing the brush or take-off element of a Water Jump will not constitute a Fault.

236.1.5 If one of the four flags is knocked down or displaced, the Water Jump Judge will decide whether or not there has been a Run-out depending on which side of the flag the Horse has passed. If the Water Jump Judge considers that there has been a Run-out, the bell will be rung and the clock stopped while the flag that has been knocked down or displaced is put back and the Athlete/Horse Combination will receive a Penalty of six seconds in accordance with JRs Art 256 (regardless of whether the round is Table A or Table C). The decision of the Water Jump Judge is final. For this reason they must be a member of the Ground Jury.

236.1.6 The Water Jump Judge must register the identification number of Horses penalised at the Water Jump and the reason for the Penalties.

236.1.7 The Technical Delegate or (if there is no Technical Delegate) the Foreign Judge may, at their discretion, decide whether the Water Jump may be used in Competitions held under floodlight.

### **236.2 Water Jump with vertical**

If the Water Jump does not meet the requirements of Annex IV, a vertical obstacle must be placed over the water. Only a vertical obstacle of not more than 1.50 m in height having any number of poles but all with the use of FEI-approved safety cups (see JRs Art 235) may be placed over open water. The depth of the safety cups for the top pole of the vertical is 18 mm; the safety cups for the lower poles may have a maximum depth of 20 mm. The vertical obstacle must not be placed further than two metres from the front of this obstacle. This obstacle is judged as a vertical obstacle and not as a Water Jump. For this reason it is not necessary to use a lath or other arrangement to define its limits. If a lath is used it is to be considered a visual aid only; Penalties will not be incurred for any imprints on the lath. The same applies if the take-off element is displaced. Only poles with a minimum length of 3.50 m may be used for a vertical placed over a Water Jump.

### **236.3 Liverpool**

Subject to JRs Art 236.2, if water is used under, in front of, or behind an obstacle, the total spread of the obstacle (including the water) may not exceed two metres (this obstacle is called a "Liverpool"). Open water with a spread of more than two metres may not be used as a Liverpool. For all Liverpool obstacles, the front edge of the water tray must be placed either in alignment with the same vertical plane as the front poles or in front of the vertical plane of the front poles.

## **FEI ARTICLE 237 COMBINATION OBSTACLES**

237.1 Combinations mean a group of two or more obstacles, with distances between the obstacles of a minimum of seven metres and a maximum of 12 metres (except for Speed and Handiness Competitions judged under Table C and for permanent fixed obstacles where the distance may be less than seven metres which require two or more successive efforts). The distance is measured from the base of the obstacle on the landing side to the base of the next obstacle on the take-off side.

237.2 In Combinations, each element of the group must be jumped separately and consecutively, without circling around any element.

237.3 When there is a Refusal or Run-out, the Athlete/Horse Combination must re-jump all of the elements of the Combination unless it is a closed Combination or partially closed Combination (see JRs Art 238) or a Six Bar.

237.4 Penalties for Faults made at each element of a Combination and during different attempts are counted separately and added together.

237.5 In a Combination, a triple bar may only be used as the first element.

## **FEI ARTICLE 239 BANKS, MOUNDS, AND RAMPS**

239.1 Subject to JRs Art 239.2, banks, mounds, ramps, and sunken roads constitute Combination obstacles, irrespective of whether they include any sort of obstacle and in whatever direction they should be taken.

239.2 A bank or mound without an obstacle or with only one or several poles over it may be jumped in one effort. This method of jumping the obstacle incurs no Penalty.

239.3 No banks, mounds, sunken roads, talus, slopes, or ramps, except table banks not exceeding one metre in height, may be used at indoor Events.

## **ARTICLE 240 ALTERNATIVE OBSTACLES AND JOKER**

240.1 When in a Competition two obstacles on the course have the same number, the Athlete has the choice of jumping either of those obstacles:

240.1.1 If there is a Refusal or Run-out without a knock-down or displacing of the obstacle, at their next attempt the Athlete is not obliged to jump the obstacle at which the Refusal or Run-out occurred. They may jump the obstacle of their choice.

240.1.2 If there is a Refusal or Run-out with a knock-down or displacing of the obstacle, they may only restart their round when the obstacle knocked down or displaced has been replaced and when the Ground Jury gives them the signal to start. They may then jump the obstacle of their choice.

240.2 Red and white flags must be placed at each of the elements of the alternative obstacle.

240.3 The Joker is a difficult optional obstacle that may only be used in an Accumulator Competition. The Athlete/Horse Combination will accumulate more points if they choose to jump the Joker rather than the alternative standard obstacle. Joker obstacles must be designed with horsemanship and fairness in mind.

## **CHAPTER VI** **ARENAS**

## **FEI ARTICLE 241 COMPETITION ARENA**

### **241.1 General**

241.1.1 The Competition Arena must be enclosed. While a Horse is in the Competition Arena during a Competition, all entrances and exits must be physically closed.

241.1.2 An indoor Competition Arena must have minimum size of 1'200 m<sup>2</sup> with a minimum width on the short side of 25 m. An outdoor Competition Arena must have a minimum size of 4'000 m<sup>2</sup> with a minimum width on the short side of 50 m. An exception to this rule may be granted by the FEI Jumping Director in consultation with the Chair of the Jumping Committee where circumstances warrant.

## **241.2 Course and measuring**

241.2.1 The Ground Jury must walk the course to inspect it before the start of the Competition. The course is the track that the mounted Athlete must follow when competing from passing the start in the correct direction up to the finish. The length must be measured accurately to the nearest metre taking account of the normal line to be followed by the Horse. This normal line must pass through the middle of the obstacle and take account of normal turns.

241.2.2 In Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games, Regional Games, all Championships, FEI Jumping World Cup™, Nations Cup/Longines League of Nations™ and Grand Prix Competitions, the President of the Ground Jury or their designee must ensure that the Course Designer has properly measured the course using a wheel. In exceptional cases, the Ground Jury may alter the time, if the conditions set out in JRs Art 241.2.3 apply.

241.2.3 Once the Competition has started only the Ground Jury in consultation with the Course Designer, and the Technical Delegate if present, may decide that a significant error has been committed in the measurement of the course. This may be done at the latest after three Athletes have completed the course without a Disobedience or any other interruption, having started their course prior to the 45-second countdown elapsing and before the next Athlete has started. In this case, the Ground Jury may alter the time allowed. If the time allowed is increased, the score of the Athletes who have jumped the course before the time was altered will be adjusted accordingly, if applicable. If the time allowed is decreased, this may only be done to the extent that no Athlete having previously completed their round receives time Penalties due to the alteration of the time allowed.

241.2.4 The total length of the course in metres may never exceed the number of obstacles in the Competition multiplied by 60.

241.2.5 The starting and finishing lines may not be more than 15 metres or less than six metres from the first and last obstacle. These two lines must each be marked with an entirely red flag on the right and an entirely white flag on the left. The start line and finish line must also be marked with markers with the letters S (= Start) and F (= Finish).

## **241.3 Course plan**

241.3.1 The Course Designer must give the Ground Jury a copy of the course plan showing accurately all details of the course. An exact copy of the course plan given to the Ground Jury must be posted as close as possible to the entrance of the Competition Arena and should be posted at least 30 minutes before the beginning of each Competition. If applicable, the time allowed should be added to the course plan no later than 30 minutes before the start of the Competition as soon as the Course Designer has finished measuring the course. For all Competitions, the track as measured by the Course Designer must be indicated on the course plan that is posted prior to the Competition.

241.3.2 The obstacles are numbered consecutively in the order in which they must be jumped, except in certain Competition formats, as specified in the JRs.

241.3.3 Combination obstacles bear only a single number. This number may be repeated at each element for the benefit of the Ground Jury and Athletes. In this case, distinguishing letters will be added (for example: 8A, 8B, 8C, etc.).

241.3.4 The course plan must indicate the following:

- 241.3.4.1 the position of the starting and finishing lines. During a round, unless otherwise indicated, these may be re-crossed without Penalty;
- 241.3.4.2 the relative position, type (e.g. vertical, oxer, triple bar), numbering, and lettering of obstacles;
- 241.3.4.3 any compulsory turning points marked by a white flag on the left side and a red flag on the right;
- 241.3.4.4 the track to be followed by Athletes marked either by a continuous line (in which case it must be followed precisely) or by a series of arrows showing the direction in which each obstacle must be jumped (in which case the Athlete is free to choose their own track). If there is a compulsory section in an otherwise unrestricted course, both methods must be used on the same plan;
- 241.3.4.5 the table of Penalties to be used (Table A or Table C);
- 241.3.4.6 the speed for the Competition if applicable;
- 241.3.4.7 the length of the course;
- 241.3.4.8 the time allowed and the maximum time limit for the round(s), if any, or any fixed time applicable to a training session;
- 241.3.4.9 the obstacles, the length, the time allowed, and the maximum time limit for the jump-off;
- 241.3.4.10 the Combinations considered as closed or partially closed; and
- 241.3.4.11 all decisions and/or modifications made by the Ground Jury in relation to the course.

#### **241.4 Alterations to the course**

- 241.4.1 If the circumstances make it necessary to alter the course plan after it has been posted, the change may only be made after agreement of the Ground Jury. In this case the Chefs d'Equipe and all individual Athletes must be advised of the alterations to the course plan.
- 241.4.2 Once the Competition has begun, the conditions under which it is run may not be altered and the course and its obstacles may not be changed unless specified otherwise in the JRs (including this JRs Art 241.4). If it becomes necessary to interrupt the Competition (e.g. because of a storm or bad lighting) it must subsequently be continued using the same obstacles and course and as far as possible under the

same conditions and at the exact point where it was interrupted. However, for Nations Cup/Longines League of Nations™ Competitions, JRs Art 226.3.7 applies.

241.4.3 An obstacle may be re-sited during a round or between rounds of a Competition, if in the opinion of the Ground Jury a deterioration in the state of the ground/footing or other special circumstances necessitates such action. Obstacles that cannot be re-sited, such as Water Jumps, ditches, or permanent obstacles, must be taken out of the course. If an obstacle has been taken out of the course during a round, the scores of all previous Athletes penalised during this round at that obstacle must be adjusted by cancelling jumping Penalties and time corrections incurred at that obstacle. All Eliminations and time Penalties already incurred will stand. If necessary, a new time allowed and maximum time limit will be fixed for the course as altered.

#### **241.5 Flags**

241.5.1 Solid-colour red flags and white flags must be used to mark the limits of the obstacles. One red flag and one white flag must be placed at vertical obstacles, and at least two red and two white flags must be placed to define the limits of spread obstacles. Flag poles defining the limits of the landing side of the Water Jump must be made of material that cannot shatter or splinter and must bend when hit; flags must have no sharp points or corners.

241.5.2 The flags may be attached to any part of the standards of the obstacles or stand independently. For walls or any other types of obstacles that do not have traditional standards, the installation of tall flags is mandatory. These flags must stand a minimum of 60 cm above the height of the obstacle and clearly define the boundaries of the obstacle to ensure proper visibility and correct negotiation by Athletes. Tall flags are also required to provide the Ground Jury with a clear reference for evaluating whether the obstacle has been approached and jumped in accordance with the rules.

241.5.3 At the obstacles, the starting and finishing lines, and the compulsory turning points, the Athlete must pass between the flags with the red flag on their right and the white flag on their left.

241.5.3.1 Flags on obstacles with standards: If an Athlete passes the flags on the wrong side, they must retrace their steps and pass them on the correct side before continuing their round. If the Athlete does not correct this mistake, they will be Eliminated.

241.5.3.2 Flags on obstacles without standards: If it is not clear to the Ground Jury whether the Athlete and Horse stayed within the tall flags, the Ground Jury shall allow the Athlete to continue the round and determine whether they should be Eliminated only once the round has been ended. If it is clear to the Ground Jury that the Athlete and Horse did not stay

within the flags, they shall be Eliminated immediately.

241.5.4 Subject to JRs Art 241.5.5, knocking down a flag anywhere in the Competition Arena does not incur a Penalty. If a flag marking the limits of an obstacle or compulsory turning point or the finishing line has been knocked down following a Disobedience, (without passing these lines) or as a result of unforeseen circumstances, the flag will not be replaced immediately; the Athlete must continue their round and the obstacle/compulsory turning point will be judged as if the flag was in its original place. The flag must be replaced before the next Athlete is given the signal to start.

241.5.5 If a flag defining the limits of the Water Jump or of a natural obstacle is knocked down following a Disobedience or as a result of unforeseen circumstances and in all cases where the nature of the obstacle is changed by knocking down the flag, the Ground Jury will interrupt the round of the Athlete. The clock must be stopped while the flag is replaced and six seconds will be added in accordance with the procedure provided for in JRs Art 256.

241.5.6 In certain Competitions, the starting and finishing lines may be crossed in both directions. In this case the lines must be provided with four flags; a red and a white flag at each end of these lines.

## **241.6 Bell**

241.6.1 The bell is used to communicate with the Athletes. One of the members of the Ground Jury is in charge of the bell and responsible for its use. The bell is used:

241.6.1.1 to give permission to the Athletes to enter the Competition Arena when the course is ready for their inspection and to signal when the course inspection time is over;

241.6.1.2 to give the signal to start and to activate a 45-second countdown shown in the timing equipment on the scoreboard or on another display beside the Competition Arena.

The 45-second countdown sets the time that the Athlete is given before they must commence their round by crossing the starting line in the correct direction. The Ground Jury has the right to interrupt the 45-second countdown if unforeseen circumstances occur. Incidents such as Disobediences occurring between the signal to start and up until the moment the Athlete/Horse Combination crosses the starting line in the correct direction are not penalised (see JRs Art 246.6.2). However, in the event of a Fall of an Athlete and/or Horse at any time from the moment the Athlete/Horse Combination enters the Competition Arena up until the moment they cross the starting line in the correct direction, whether or not the signal to start has been given, the Athlete/Horse Combination will not be permitted

to start in the round or Competition in question and the bell must be rung accordingly.

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

However, if the situation so warrants, the Ground Jury may decide not to activate the start or to cancel the starting procedure, give a new signal to start, and restart the countdown;

241.6.1.3 to stop an Athlete for any reason or following an unforeseen incident and to signal to them to continue their round after an interruption (see JRs Art 245.3 and 257);

241.6.1.4 to indicate to the Athlete that an obstacle knocked down following a Disobedience has been rebuilt (see JRs Art 257); and

241.6.1.5 to indicate by prolonged and repeated ringing that the Athlete has been Eliminated.

241.6.2 If the Athlete does not comply with a signal to stop, they may be Eliminated by the Ground Jury (see JRs Arts 257.2 and 263.5).

241.6.3 If, after an interruption, the Athlete restarts and jumps or attempts to jump an obstacle without waiting for the bell to ring, they will be Eliminated (see JRs Art 263.4.15).

## **ARTICLE 242 WARM-UP AREA**

242.1 The OC must provide a Warm-Up Arena with practice obstacles where Athlete/Horse Combinations can warm-up prior to a Competition. The Warm-Up Arena must be close to the Competition Arena.

### **242.2 Number of Horses permitted**

The number of Horses allowed inside the Warm-Up Arena must be directly related to the size of the arena. The Chief Steward has the authority to limit the number of Horses based on the size of the arena and safety considerations.

### **242.3 Steward supervision**

The Warm-Up Arena(s) must always be supervised when in use by at least one Steward.

### **242.4 Requirements for practice obstacles in the Warm-Up Arena**

242.4.1 The use of obstacle material not provided by the OC is prohibited (failure to comply may result in Disqualification and/or a fine, see JRs Art 264.3.5 and 262.1.5). Practice obstacles may only be jumped in the direction for which they are flagged. No part of the practice obstacles may be physically held by any person.

242.4.2 There must be a minimum of one vertical and one spread obstacle in the Warm-Up Arena. The ground has to be in proper condition for the training of Horses. When there are many Athletes and sufficient

space, additional obstacles should be provided. All obstacles must be constructed in the usual manner and provided with red and white flags. However, the flags may be replaced by tape or paint in order to provide a white and a red top to the standards or uprights.

242.4.3 For all Competitions (except Pony Events, see JRs Art 305.5.2) where the maximum obstacle height is 1.40 m or less, the obstacles in the Warm-Up Arena may not exceed in height and width 10 cm more than the actual maximum height and width of the obstacles of the Competition in progress. If the obstacle height of the Competition in progress is greater than 1.40 m, the obstacles in the Warm-Up Arena may not exceed 1.65 m in height and 1.80 m in width.

242.4.4 Ground poles may be placed directly underneath the first part of an obstacle or up to 1.00 m away on the take-off side. If there is a ground pole on the take-off side of a vertical obstacle, a ground pole may be placed on the landing side of the vertical obstacle at an equal distance up to a maximum of 1.00 m. A ground pole may never be used on the landing side of a spread obstacle.

242.4.5 Any obstacles 1.30 m or higher must have a minimum of two poles on the take-off side of the obstacle, regardless of whether or not a ground pole is used. The lower pole must always be below 1.30 m. One end of the lower pole of a practice obstacle must be in a cup. The other end may rest on the ground.

242.4.6 Guide poles (i.e. parallel pole(s) perpendicular to the obstacle standards on the take-off or landing side) may be used during the warm-up for a Competition to guide a Horse in a straight line to and from the obstacle.

242.4.7 Placing Poles, V poles, and any other poles placed approximately 6.0 metres or more from an obstacle on either side or on both sides are not permitted in the Warm-Up Arena.

242.4.8 If crossed poles are used as the top part of an obstacle, they must be able to fall individually. The top end of the poles must be in a cup. However, there can be a horizontal top pole behind the crossed poles, which must be at least 20 cm higher than the centre of the crossed poles.

242.4.9 The top poles of an obstacle must always be in cups at both ends. If the pole is resting on the edge of a cup it must be on the far edge and never on the near edge.

242.4.10 It is not permitted to walk Horses over poles when these are elevated or placed in cups at one or both ends.

242.4.11 The OC may provide material to simulate a water ditch in the Warm-Up Arena.

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

242.4.13 Combinations are not permitted during the warm-up for any Competitions, except for Six Bar Competitions.

## **FEI ARTICLE 243 TRAINING AREA**

243.1 The OC must provide at least one Training Arena with practice obstacles that is sufficiently large for optimal training conditions. The terms "Training Arena" or "training" may also be referred to as the "Schooling Area" or "schooling" in certain regions of the world. The Training Arena may be part of a large arena that is divided into a Warm-Up Arena and Training Arena or an entirely separate arena. Whenever possible, the Training Arena should be made available for several hours in the morning. If the Training Arena is situated in an area accessible to the public, for safety reasons a buffer zone of approximately one meter must be created around its perimeter to keep the public from direct contact with the Horses.

### **243.2 Steward supervision**

The Training Arena(s) must always be supervised when in use by at least one Steward.

### **243.3 Requirements for practice obstacles in the Training Arena**

243.3.1 There must be a minimum of one vertical and one spread obstacle in the Training Arena. The ground has to be in proper condition for the training of Horses. When there are many Athletes and sufficient space, additional obstacles should be provided. All obstacles must be constructed in the usual manner and provided with red and white flags. However, the flags may be replaced by tape or paint in order to provide a white and a red top to the standards or uprights.

243.3.2 If there is sufficient space, Placing Poles may be used and placed on the ground not closer than 2.50 metres on the take-off side of a vertical obstacle not exceeding 1.30 m in height. A Placing Pole may be used on the landing side not closer than 2.50 metres when the vertical obstacle is jumped at the trot or 3.0 metres if at the canter. Any pole placed approximately 6.0 metres or more from an obstacle on either side or on both sides is not considered a Placing Pole and may be used with both vertical and spread obstacles.

243.3.3 Athletes may train their Horses over gymnastic exercises using Placing Poles on the ground, but obstacles used for this purpose may not exceed 1.30 m in height. Training exercises consisting of a line of vertical obstacles in succession without a stride in between (in-out/bounce exercises) are permitted if there is sufficient space. A maximum of three verticals with a height not exceeding 1.00 m may be used for in-out/bounce exercises, with a minimum distance between verticals of 2.50 metres and a maximum distance of 3.00 metres. Spread obstacles may not be used for in-out/bounce exercises.

243.3.4 Combinations are permitted in the Training Arena if there is sufficient space and they are built with correct distances. When Training Arenas are crowded Athletes may only use single obstacles.

243.3.5 Athletes may make minor changes to obstacles provided that they comply with this JRs Art 243.3, but any significant changes require the permission of the Steward supervising the Training Arena.

## CHAPTER VII

### PENALTIES DURING A ROUND

#### FEI ARTICLE 244 PENALTIES - GENERAL

244.1 Unless specified otherwise in the JRs, Penalties are incurred for the following Faults during a round, each as explained in more detail in subsequent Articles:

- 244.1.1 knocking down an obstacle;
- 244.1.2 a Fault at the Water Jump (see JRs Art 236.1.3);
- 244.1.3 a Disobedience;
- 244.1.4 a deviation from the course;
- 244.1.5 a Fall of a Horse and/or Athlete;
- 244.1.6 unauthorised assistance; and
- 244.1.7 exceeding the time allowed or the time limit.

244.2 The number of Penalties incurred for each Fault depend on whether the Competition is judged according to Table A (JRs Art 217.1) or Table C (JRs Art 217.2).

#### FEI ARTICLE 245 KNOCK DOWN

245.1 A knock-down of an obstacle occurs (and is penalised) when, through a mistake of the Athlete/Horse Combination:

- 245.1.1 the whole or any upper part of the same vertical plane of it falls, even if the part that falls is stopped in its fall by any other part of the obstacle; or
- 245.1.2 at least one of its ends no longer rests on any part of its support.

When a vertical obstacle or part of an obstacle comprises two or several parts placed one above the other and positioned in the same vertical plane, only the fall of the top part is penalised.

When a spread obstacle that requires only one effort comprises parts that are not positioned in the same vertical plane, the fall of one or several top parts only counts as one Fault whatever the number and position of the parts that have fallen.

245.2 Knock-downs occur between the time the Athlete/Horse Combination crosses the starting line and finishing line, except that a knock down of the last obstacle will be penalised if the upper element falls from one or both of its supports after the Athlete/Horse Combination crosses the finishing line, but prior to the Athlete leaving the Competition Arena or the ringing of the bell for the next Athlete to start their round, whichever occurs first.

245.3 If any part of an obstacle that has been knocked down is likely to impede an Athlete/Horse Combination in jumping another obstacle, the bell must be rung and the clock stopped while this part is picked up and the way is cleared.

245.4 The knock down or displacement of an obstacle and/or a flag as a result of a Disobedience is penalised as a Refusal only. In the event of the displacement

of any part of an obstacle (except the flags) as a result of a Disobedience, the bell will be rung and the clock stopped while the displacement is re-adjusted. This does not count as a knock down and is only penalised as a Disobedience and corrected by time in accordance with JRs Art 256.

245.5 The following will not incur knock-down Penalties:

245.5.1 touches and displacements of any part of an obstacle not covered by JRs Art 245.1, in whatever direction, while in the act of jumping (however, note that displacing a closed Combination will result in Elimination in accordance with JRs Art 263.4.24). If in doubt the Ground Jury should decide in favour of the Athlete;

245.5.2 knocking down, touching, or displacing the flags on an obstacle, in whatever direction, while in the act of jumping (note that a six second Penalty may be imposed under JRs Art 241.5.5 for the Water Jump);

245.5.3 an Athlete/Horse Combination jumps an obstacle correctly but the obstacle has been improperly built; and

245.5.4 knocking over the filling of an obstacle (e.g. trees, hedges, etc.).

## **FEI ARTICLE 246 DISOBEDIENCES (REFUSAL, RUN-OUT, RESISTANCE, CIRCLING)**

246.1 The following are considered Disobediences: 246.1.1 a Refusal;

246.1.2 a Run-out;

246.1.3 a Resistance; and

246.1.4 a more or less regular circle or group of circles no matter where they occur on the course or for whatever reason. It is also a Disobedience to circle around the last obstacle jumped unless the track of the course so requires. However, circling for up to 45 seconds after a Run-out or a Refusal (no matter if the obstacle needs to be rebuilt or not) to get into position to jump an obstacle is not a Disobedience.

### **246.2 Refusal**

246.2.1 Subject to JRs Art 246.2.2, it is a Refusal when a Horse stops in front of an obstacle that it must jump, whether or not the Horse knocks it down or displaces it.

246.2.2 It is not a Refusal if a Horse stops in front of an obstacle without moving backwards and without knocking it down, and then immediately jumps the obstacle from a standstill. If the stop is prolonged, if the Horse steps back, either voluntarily or not, even a single pace, it counts as a Refusal.

246.2.3 If a Horse slides through an obstacle, the Judge in charge of the bell must decide immediately if it is to count as a Refusal or as an obstacle knocked down.

246.2.3.1 If the Judge decides that it is a Refusal, the bell is rung at once and the Athlete must be ready to attempt the obstacle again as soon as it has been rebuilt. If the bell has been rung and the Athlete jumps other elements of a Combination in their stride, they will not be Eliminated or incur further Penalties even if they knock down this element of the Combination

(however, once the obstacle is rebuilt they must attempt the entire Combination again at which point any Penalties incurred then will count).

246.2.3.2 If the Judge decides that it is not a Refusal, the bell is not rung and the Athlete must continue their round. The Athlete is then penalised as for an obstacle knocked down.

#### **246.3 Run-out**

246.3.1 It is a Run-out when the Horse escapes the control of its Athlete and avoids an obstacle that it must jump or a compulsory turning point that it must pass.

246.3.2 It is also a Run-out if a Horse or any part of a Horse goes past the extended line of an obstacle to be jumped, or of an element of a Combination, or of the finishing line or of a compulsory turning point.

246.3.3 When a Horse jumps an obstacle between two red flags or between two white flags, the obstacle has not been jumped correctly. In such circumstances, the Athlete/Horse Combination will be penalised as for a Run-out and must jump the obstacle again correctly.

#### **246.4 Resistance**

246.4.1 It is a Resistance when the Horse refuses to go forward, stops for any reason, makes one or several relatively regular or complete half turns, or rears or steps backwards for whatever reason.

246.4.2 It is also a Resistance when the Athlete stops their Horse at any moment and for any reason, except in the event of an incorrectly built obstacle or to indicate unforeseen circumstances to the Ground Jury (see JRs Art 257.3.2).

246.4.3 If there is Resistance from the Horse for 45 consecutive seconds, the Athlete/Horse Combination will be Eliminated. Otherwise, a Resistance of shorter duration is penalised as a Refusal.

246.5 The clock is not stopped in the event of a Refusal, Run-out, or Resistance, unless the bell is rung because an obstacle needs to be rebuilt.

#### **246.6 Disobediences during interrupted time**

246.6.1 The time of a round is interrupted only in accordance with JRs Art 256 and 257.

246.6.2 Disobediences are not penalised during interrupted time, except for the second Refusal following a Refusal with a knock-down.

246.6.3 The provisions concerning Elimination remain in force during interrupted time.

### **FEI ARTICLE 247 DEVIATION FROM THE COURSE**

247.1 It is a deviation from the course when the Athlete: 247.1.1 does not follow the course as set out on the published course plan;

247.1.2 does not cross the starting line or the finishing line between the flags in the correct direction;

247.1.3 omits a compulsory turning point;

247.1.4 does not jump the obstacles in the order or in the direction indicated,

except in certain special Competitions;

247.1.5 jumps or attempts to jump an obstacle that does not form part of the course; or

247.1.6 omits an obstacle.

247.2 The clock is not stopped in the event of a deviation from the course.

247.3 An uncorrected deviation from the course will result in Elimination of the Athlete/Horse Combination (see JRs Art 263.4). While obstacles not included in the course should be crossed in the course plan (so that it is clear they are not part of the course), failure to do so by the OC/ground crew will not preclude the Elimination of an Athlete for jumping an obstacle that does not form part of the course.

## **ARTICLE 248 FALLS**

### **248.1 Definition of a 'Fall'**

248.1.1 Fall of an Athlete in the Competition Arena: An Athlete is considered to have fallen when the Athlete is separated from their Horse, either voluntarily or involuntarily, in such a way that they touch the ground or need to use some form of support or outside assistance to get back in the saddle. If it is not clear that the Athlete has used some form of support or outside assistance to prevent their Fall, the benefit of doubt must be given to the Athlete.

248.1.2 Fall of an Athlete anywhere outside of the Competition Arena: An Athlete is considered to have fallen when the Athlete is separated from their Horse involuntarily. If an Athlete has dismounted voluntarily, it is not considered a Fall.

248.1.3 Horse: A Horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and quarters have touched the ground or the obstacle and the ground.

### **248.2 Protocol in case of a Fall**

248.2.1 In case of a Fall of an Athlete and/or a Horse at any time in the Competition Arena, in the Warm-Up Arena, or elsewhere within the grounds of the Event:

248.2.1.1 the Athlete must be checked by the Event's medical service (or by a medical doctor if the medical service is not available) before they may be permitted to mount a Horse again or take part in the round in progress or in the next round or Competition at the Event; and

248.2.1.2 the Horse must be cleared by the Veterinary Delegate before it may be permitted to take part in the next round or Competition at the Event.

### **248.2.2 Consequences of a Fall**

248.2.2.1 Fall in the Competition Arena prior to starting the round: The Athlete/Horse Combination is not Eliminated but will not be permitted to start in the round in question. The Athlete/Horse Combination must be listed in the results as "did not start" in that round.

248.2.2.2 Fall in the Competition Arena during the round: The

Athlete/Horse Combination is Eliminated (see JRs Art 263.4.26).

248.2.2.3 Fall in the Competition Arena after crossing the finish line:  
A Fall of the Athlete and/or Horse after crossing the finish line does not incur Elimination. However, the following applies:

(a) If there is an immediate jump-off, the Athlete/Horse Combination is Eliminated from the jump-off and will be placed equal last in the jump-off with Athletes who have withdrawn, retired, or been Eliminated from the jump-off.

(b) If the jump-off is not immediate or there is a second round of Competition to follow, the Athlete/Horse Combination may participate in such jump-off/second round only if cleared after the checks under JRs Art 248.2.1.

248.2.2.4 Fall in the Warm-Up Arena: The Athlete/Horse Combination may participate in the Competition only if cleared after the checks under JRs Art 248.2.1.

248.2.3 In case of a Fall of an Athlete and/or a Horse during the Event, the Ground Jury may:

248.2.3.1 give the Athlete a later starting position if considered necessary;

248.2.3.2 delay a jump-off (if applicable) for a reasonable amount of time to allow for the checks under JRs Art 248.2.1; or

248.2.3.3 exclude the Athlete and/or Horse from participating further in a Competition and/or Event.

**Note: The FEI falls rule regarding the clearance of the horse do not apply to EC sanctioned competitions. For EC sanctioned competitions see Article G103 Falls.**

## **FEI ARTICLE 249 UNAUTHORISED ASSISTANCE**

249.1 Any physical intervention by a third party between the crossing of the starting line in the correct direction and the crossing of the finishing line after jumping the last obstacle, whether solicited or not, with the object of helping the Athlete or their Horse is considered to be unauthorised assistance. This includes (for example) any help given to a mounted Athlete to adjust their tack or equipment or to hand them a whip while mounted during the round. Unauthorised assistance during a round will result in Elimination.

249.2 The following does not constitute unauthorised assistance:

249.2.1 Handing a mounted Athlete their Protective Headgear and/or glasses during their round.

249.2.2 In certain exceptional cases, the Ground Jury may authorise the Athlete to enter the Competition Arena on foot or with the help of another person, without this being considered as unauthorised assistance.

249.2.3 If the airbag in an Athlete's safety vest deploys as a result of a Disobedience that disrupts an obstacle (resulting in the Judge ringing the bell and stopping the clock), the Athlete may remove the vest, assisted by a person on the ground if necessary. The Judge will not ring the bell to resume the round until the vest is removed.

249.2.4 If the airbag in an Athlete's safety vest deploys at any other time while on the course, the Athlete may stop and remove the vest, assisted by a person on the ground if necessary. The Athlete will not be penalised for stopping the Horse, but the Judge will not stop the clock.

#### **FEI ARTICLE 250 TIME PENALTIES**

250.1 The Athlete/Horse Combination will incur time Penalties if they exceed the time allowed for a round.

### **CHAPTER VIII TIME AND SPEED**

#### **FEI ARTICLE 251 TIME OF THE ROUND**

251.1 The time of a round, recorded in seconds and in hundredths of a second, is the time taken by an Athlete/Horse Combination to complete the round, plus any time corrections (see JRs Art 256), calculated as follows:

251.1.1 The time starts running either (i) when the Athlete/Horse Combination crosses the starting line in the correct direction for the first time after the bell has been rung, or (ii) when the 45-second countdown to start the round expires (see JRs Art 241.6.1.2), whichever occurs first. A display board showing the 45-second countdown must be clearly visible for the Athlete.

251.1.2 The time stops running when the Athlete/Horse Combination crosses the finishing line in the correct direction, after having jumped the last obstacle.

251.2 Further provisions relating to timing at Jumping Events are set out under Annex VI.

#### **FEI ARTICLE 252 TIME ALLOWED**

The time allowed for a round in a Competition is determined in relation to the length of the course and the speeds set out under JRs Art 258 and Annex V.

#### **FEI ARTICLE 253 TIME LIMIT**

The (maximum) time limit is equal to twice the time allowed for a Competition in which a time allowed has been specified.

#### **FEI ARTICLE 254 RECORDING THE TIME**

254.1 Each Competition at an Event must be timed by the same system or by means of the same type of timing equipment.

254.2 FEI-homologated timing equipment is mandatory for all Olympic, Continental and Regional Games, Championships, FEI Jumping World Cup™ Finals, CSIOs, and CSIs, unless the FEI Jumping Director authorises otherwise. In addition, the use of certified service providers may be required in accordance with GRs Art 109.12.

254.3 The timekeeper must record the number of the Horse and the time taken to complete the round by means of an electronic timing system. The time must be recorded to the one-hundredth of a second.

254.4 The President and a member of the Ground Jury must have a digital stopwatch while officiating in case the electronic timing system breaks down. The Ground Jury must also have an additional (third) watch to measure (i) the time taken to resume the round after the bell has been rung for Disobediences or other interruptions, (ii) the time taken between two consecutive obstacles, and (iii) the duration of a Resistance.

254.5 In any Competition where the time is recorded by stopwatches (including because of a breakdown of the electronic timing equipment), the time must be registered in seconds and in hundredths of a second (for details see Annex VI). If two timekeepers are used, only the time of one will be used for the official timing (the time of the second timekeeper will be used as a back-up).

254.6 A video recording may never be used to establish the time of an Athlete's round.

254.7 If the crossing of the starting and/or finishing line by the Athlete cannot be judged clearly from the Ground Jury box, one or two persons, one at the starting line and one at the finishing line, with a flag, must be positioned at both lines to signal the crossing of the Athlete.

#### **FEI ARTICLE 255 INTERRUPTED TIME**

255.1 While the clock is stopped, the Athlete/Horse Combination remains free to move around until the bell rings, giving them permission to resume the round.

255.2 The clock is restarted when the Athlete reaches the place on the course where the clock was stopped, except in case of a Disobedience with a knock-down to which JRs Art 256 applies.

255.3 Only the Judge in charge of the bell may start and stop the clock. The timing equipment must be such that this procedure can be followed. The timekeeper may not be made responsible for this function.

255.4 The electronic timing system must register the time of the Athlete's round and any time corrections.

#### **ARTICLE 256 TIME CORRECTIONS**

If, as the result of a Disobedience, an Athlete displaces or knocks down any obstacle or a flag defining the limits of the Water Jump or natural obstacle, or in all cases where the nature of the obstacle is changed by knocking down the flag, the bell is rung and the clock is stopped until the obstacle has been rebuilt. When the obstacle has been rebuilt the bell is rung to indicate that the course is ready and that the Athlete may continue the round. The Athlete is penalised for a Refusal and a time correction

of six seconds is added to the time taken by the Athlete to complete their round. The clock is restarted when the Horse leaves the ground at the obstacle where the Refusal occurred. If a Disobedience with the knock-down occurs at the second or subsequent part of a Combination the clock is restarted when the Horse leaves the ground at the first element of the Combination.

### **FEI ARTICLE 257 STOPPING THE ROUND**

257.1 If the Ground Jury considers it necessary to stop an Athlete/Horse Combination in their round for any reason or due to unforeseen circumstances, the bell should be rung to stop them. As soon as it is evident that the Athlete is stopping, the clock will be stopped. As soon as the Ground Jury consider that the course is ready again, the bell will be rung, and the clock will be restarted when the Athlete reaches the precise place on the course where the clock was stopped. In such circumstances, no Penalty is incurred and six seconds are not added to the Athlete's time.

257.2 If the Athlete does not stop when the bell is rung, the Athlete continues at their own risk, and the clock should not be stopped. The Ground Jury must decide whether the Athlete is to be Eliminated for ignoring the order to stop, or whether, under the circumstances, they should be allowed to continue. If the Athlete is not Eliminated, and is allowed to continue their round, the scores obtained at the obstacles preceding and following the order to stop will count.

257.3 If the Athlete stops voluntarily to signal to the Ground Jury that the obstacle to be jumped is wrongly built or if due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the Athlete they are prevented from continuing their round under normal circumstances, the clock must be stopped immediately.

257.3.1 If the dimensions are correct and the obstacle in question has been properly built or if the alleged unforeseen circumstances are not accepted as such by the Ground Jury, the Athlete will be penalised as for stopping during the round (see JRs Art 246.4) and the time of their round will be increased by six seconds.

257.3.2 If the obstacle or part of the obstacle needs to be rebuilt or if the unforeseen circumstances are accepted as such by the Ground Jury, the Athlete is not penalised. The time of the interruption must be deducted and the clock stopped until the moment when the Athlete takes up their track at the point where they stopped. Any delay incurred by the Athlete must be taken into consideration and an appropriate number of seconds deducted from their recorded time.

### **FEI ARTICLE 258 SPEED**

258.1 The speeds for Competitions are as follows:

258.1.1 General (unless specified otherwise below): 325 m per minute minimum and 400 m per minute maximum.

258.1.6 Power and Skill Competitions: no minimum speed required.

258.2 If the condition of the footing becomes bad, the Ground Jury may alter the speed provided for in the Schedule before the start of the first Athlete of the Competition.

## **CHAPTER IX**

### **FINES, WARNINGS, ELIMINATIONS, DISQUALIFICATIONS, AND ABUSE OF HORSE**

**For EC National competitions see Section A, Article A516 EC Warning Card**

The consequences set out in this Chapter apply cumulatively and in addition to any other consequence(s) that may be imposed in accordance with the FEI Rules and Regulations.

#### **FEI ARTICLE 259 JUMPING RECORDED WARNINGS**

259.1 Any blood on the Horse caused by tack or equipment or any Athlete induced blood detected during a Competition (from warm-up until completion of any post-Competition controls/testing) will result in the following consequences for the Person Responsible, issued by the President of the Ground Jury:

**First Offence** – Jumping Recorded Warning

**Second Offence** – Jumping Recorded Warning

Should the same Person Responsible receive two or more Jumping Recorded Warnings at the same or any other Event within 12 months of the delivery of the first Jumping Recorded Warning, the Person Responsible shall be issued with a fine of CHF 1'000 and be automatically suspended for a period of one month, such suspension to commence on the day after the last day of the Event where the Second Jumping Recorded Warning was issued. The FEI shall notify the Person Responsible and confirm the date of suspension. For the avoidance of doubt, the delivery of the notification from the FEI after the start date of the suspension shall in no way invalidate or postpone the commencement of the suspension.

**See also JRs Art 264.2.1 (Mandatory disqualification for excessive use of spurs or whip), JRs Art 265 (Abuse of Horse), and GRs Art 142 (Abuse of Horse).**

259.2 In other cases of blood on the Horse detected during a Competition (for example where a Horse appears to have bitten its tongue or lip or in cases where a Horse is bleeding from the nose), the Officials may authorise the rinsing or wiping of the blood and allow the Athlete/Horse Combination to continue the Competition, provided that the horse is deemed fit to compete in accordance with JRs Art 259.3. The Athlete will not receive a Jumping Recorded Warning if this Article applies.

259.3 In all cases of blood on the Horse under this JRs Art 259, the Horse may only be permitted to continue in a Competition or participate in any subsequent Competition(s) at the Event if the Ground Jury, in consultation with the Veterinary Delegate, has deemed the Horse to be fit to compete.

## **FEI ARTICLE 260 YELLOW WARNING CARDS**

The President of the Ground Jury, the Chief Steward, and the Technical Delegate are each authorised to issue a Yellow Warning Card in accordance with GRs Art 164.3.

## **FEI ARTICLE 261 WARNINGS**

The President of the Ground Jury, the Chief Steward, and the Technical Delegate are each authorised to issue a Warning in accordance with GRs Art 164.2.

## **FEI ARTICLE 262 FINES**

262.1 The President of the Ground Jury may impose fines in accordance with the GRs in circumstances where the Athlete:

- 262.1.1 has been Eliminated and does not promptly leave the Competition Arena;
- 262.1.2 does not promptly leave the Competition Arena after their round;
- 262.1.3 has been Eliminated or has retired, but makes more than one attempt to jump a single obstacle or jumps it in the wrong direction before leaving the Competition Arena;
- 262.1.4 has been Eliminated for jumping one or several obstacles after passing the finishing line;
- 262.1.5 uses obstacles that are different from those provided by the OC in the Training Arenas (see JRs Art 264.3.5 and 243.3);
- 262.1.6 fails to display the identification number of the Horse in case of repeated offence (see JRs Art 275.3.2);
- 262.1.7 violates the rules on advertising, dress, tack/equipment, or artificial aids (see JRs Art 206, 207 and Annex VIII);
- 262.1.8 does not comply with the directives of the OC;
- 262.1.9 touches an obstacle to the effect of changing it;
- 262.1.10 does not follow orders or shows incorrect behaviour towards Event Officials or any other party connected with the Event (other Athlete, FEI employee or representative, journalist, public, etc.);
- 262.1.11 repeats offences after a warning; and/or
- 262.1.12 any other circumstances where the JRs provide for a fine to be imposed during an Event.

262.2 All fines imposed by the President of the Ground Jury must be paid by the NF of the Athlete concerned to the FEI.

## **FEI ARTICLE 263 ELIMINATION**

263.1 Unless specified otherwise in the JRs, Elimination means that the Athlete with the Horse in question may not continue in the Competition at issue. Elimination may also be retroactive.

263.2 The President of the Ground Jury (or, in their absence, their designee Ground Jury member) may ring the bell (or instruct another Ground Jury member to ring the bell) to Eliminate an Athlete/Horse Combination while a round is ongoing if the President of the Ground Jury (or their designee) decides that this would be in the best interest of the wellbeing and/or safety of the Horse

and/or Athlete. The decision to Eliminate is final and not subject to appeal or protest.

263.3 The Athlete may jump one single obstacle after being Eliminated, provided that the obstacle is part of the course of the current Competition. However, this does not apply to Elimination arising from a Fall.

263.4 The Ground Jury must Eliminate an Athlete/Horse Combination in the following circumstances:

263.4.1 jumping or attempting to jump an obstacle in the Competition Arena before the start of the round;

263.4.2 starting before the signal is given and jumping the first obstacle of the course (see JRs Art 241.6.1.2);

263.4.3 taking more than 45 seconds to jump the first obstacle after the time of the round has started, except all cases relating to circumstances beyond the influence of the Athlete (see JRs Art 241.6.1.2);

263.4.4 a Horse resisting for 45 consecutive seconds during the round (see JRs Art 246.4.3);

263.4.5 taking more than 45 seconds to jump the next obstacle;

263.4.6 taking more than 45 seconds to jump the last obstacle and cross the finishing line;

263.4.7 jumping the first obstacle while omitting to cross the starting line between the flags in the correct direction (see JRs Art 247.1.2);

263.4.8 omitting a compulsory turning point or not following the track indicated by a continuous line on the course plan;

263.4.9 jumping or attempting to jump an obstacle that does not form part of the course during the round (see JRs Art 247.1.5);

263.4.10 omitting to jump an obstacle of the course (see JRs Art 247.1.6) or, after a Run-out or a Refusal, failing to attempt to jump again the obstacle where the Run-out or Refusal was committed;

263.4.11 jumping an obstacle out of order (see JRs Art 247.1.4);

263.4.12 jumping an obstacle in the wrong direction (see JRs Art 247.1.4);

263.4.13 exceeding the maximum time limit (see JRs Art 253);

263.4.14 following a Refusal, jumping or attempting to jump an obstacle that has been knocked down before it has been rebuilt;

263.4.15 jumping or attempting to jump an obstacle after an interruption without waiting for the bell (see JRs Art 241.6.3);

263.4.16 not jumping all the elements of a Combination again after a Refusal or Run-out (see JRs Art 237.3), except in the case of the closed part of a Combination (see JRs Art 238);

263.4.17 not jumping each element of a Combination separately and consecutively (see JRs Art 237.2);

263.4.18 not crossing the finishing line between the flags mounted in the correct direction after having jumped the last obstacle (except in certain special Competitions) before leaving the Competition Arena (see JRs Art 251);

263.4.19 the Athlete and/or Horse leaving the Competition Arena without permission of the Ground Jury, including prior to starting;

- 263.4.20 a loose Horse leaving the Competition Arena before the end of the round, including prior to starting;
- 263.4.21 accepting while mounted any object whatsoever during a round other than Protective Headgear and/or glasses;
- 263.4.22 non-compliance with the rules relating to tack and equipment (see JRs Art 206 and Annex VIII);
- 263.4.23 an accident that prevents the Athlete and/or Horse from completing the Competition (if, despite an accident, the Athlete completes the round but does not leave the Competition Arena mounted, the Athlete does not incur Elimination);
- 263.4.24 not leaving a closed Combination in the right direction or displacing a closed Combination;
- 263.4.25 second Disobedience during the course of a round (see JRs Art 217.1 and 217.2);
- 263.4.26 Fall of Athlete or Horse during the round (see JRs Art 248) (a Fall after crossing the finish line does not incur Elimination, see JRs Art 248.2.2.3);
- 263.4.27 if the Ground Jury feels that for any reason Horse or Athlete is unfit to continue in the Competition;
- 263.4.28 jumping or attempting to jump an obstacle in the Competition Arena after the completion of a round unless circumstances rendered it impossible for the Athlete/Horse Combination to avoid jumping the obstacle, e.g. in a Competition with an immediate jump-off or in a two-phase Competition if the bell is rung too late for the Athlete to safely pull up before the obstacle;
- 263.4.29 jumping or attempting to jump an obstacle with the chin strap of Protective Headgear incorrectly fastened or not fastened unless the circumstances rendered it unsafe for the Athlete to stop immediately in order to refasten the strap (see JRs Art 207.1);
- 263.4.30 an Athlete is using a mobile phone device, other electronic communication device, or earphone(s) in the Competition Arena during a Competition (see JRs Art 207.3.2); and/or
- 263.4.31 any other circumstances where the JRs require Elimination during an Event.

263.5 The Ground Jury may Eliminate an Athlete/Horse Combination in the following circumstances:

- 263.5.1 not entering the Competition Arena promptly when the Athlete's name and/or number is called;
- 263.5.2 not entering the Competition Arena mounted or not leaving the Competition Arena mounted (except in case of a Fall after crossing the finish line, in which case the Athlete is not required to remount prior to leaving the Competition Arena);
- 263.5.3 all unauthorised assistance;
- 263.5.4 training a Horse in speed Competitions under Table A or C, without informing the OC in advance; and/or
- 263.5.5 not stopping when the bell is rung during the round; and/or

263.5.6 any other circumstances where the JRs provide for Elimination during an Event.

## **FEI ARTICLE 264 DISQUALIFICATION**

264.1 Disqualification means that the Athlete and/or Horse is/are disqualified from the Competition at issue or from the entire Event. Disqualification may also be retroactive.

264.2 The Ground Jury must impose Disqualification in the following cases:

264.2.1 marks indicating excessive use of spurs or of the whip anywhere on the Horse (additional consequences may also apply, see JRs Arts 259.1 and 265.2);

264.2.2 jumping unauthorised obstacles in any place on the Event venue;

264.2.3 moving a Horse to a stable other than the official stables provided by the OC without the authorisation of the Ground Jury;

264.2.4 leaving the Event venue with the Horse for any purpose during the period of the Event; and or

264.2.5 any other circumstances where the JRs require Disqualification during an Event.

264.3 The Ground Jury may impose Disqualification in the following cases:

264.3.1 entering the Competition Arena on foot once the Competition has started;

264.3.2 exercising Horses in the Competition Arena or jumping or attempting to jump an obstacle without the permission of the Ground Jury;

264.3.3 jumping or attempting to jump any obstacle in the Competition Arena forming part of a subsequent Competition;

264.3.4 retiring, before a jump-off, without permission of the Ground Jury or without valid reason;

264.3.5 exercising Horses during the course of an Event over obstacles different from those provided by the OC;

264.3.6 jumping the obstacles in the Training Arenas or Warm-Up Arena in the wrong direction;

264.3.7 all cases of abuse and/or ill treatment of Horses reported by a member of the Ground Jury or by a Steward, or by any other person to an Official including cases arising under VRs Art 1048 (Final Examination for Limb Sensitivity); and/or

264.3.8 any other circumstances where the JRs provide for Disqualification during an Event.

## **FEI ARTICLE 265 ABUSE OF HORSES**

265.1 All forms of cruel, inhumane, or abusive treatment of Horses are strictly prohibited (see also GRs Art 142 and the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following constitute abuse of a Horse:

### **265.1.1 Rapping**

265.1.1.1 The term "rapping" includes all of the artificial techniques intended to induce the Horse to jump higher or more carefully

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

265.1.1.2 In the case of rapping or any other abusive training practice within the period of jurisdiction of the Ground Jury, the Athlete and the Horse concerned will be Disqualified from all Competitions for at least 24 hours. In addition, the Ground Jury may take any further action it deems appropriate under the circumstances, including Disqualifying the Athlete and/or Horse from the entire Event.

#### **265.1.2 Excessive use of the whip**

Any excessive use of the whip is strictly prohibited. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following constitute excessive use of the whip:

- 265.1.2.1 use of a whip to vent an Athlete's temper;
- 265.1.2.2 use of a whip on a Horse's head;
- 265.1.2.3 use of a whip more than three times in a row;
- 265.1.2.4 use of a whip resulting in a Horse's skin being broken; and
- 265.1.2.5 use of a whip after Elimination.

An Athlete identified as misusing or excessively using the whip will be Disqualified and may be fined at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

#### **265.1.3 Other forms of abuse**

Abuse of a Horse in any other form (such as hypersensitising or desensitising the limbs, the use of banned training methods, excessive use of spurs, and other cases as specified in the GRs, VRs or any other FEI Rules and Regulations) is also prohibited and must be penalised appropriately under these rules.

265.2 Any act or series of actions that in the opinion of the Ground Jury constitute abuse of a Horse shall be penalised according to the GRs with one or more of the following Penalties, in addition to any other consequences specified in the FEI Rules and Regulations:

- 265.2.1 Yellow Warning Card (see GRs Art 164.3);
- 265.2.2 Fine;
- 265.2.3 Elimination; and/or
- 265.2.4 Disqualification.

## **FEI ARTICLE 266 BOOT AND BANDAGE CONTROL**

**This article applies to FEI competitions only; for EC sanctioned competitions please see Annex 1.**

It is mandatory to carry out boot and bandage control on all Horses taking part in the Grand Prix, the Competition with the highest prize money at each Event (if not the Grand Prix), Nations Cup/Longines League of Nations™, and Puissance and Six Bar Competitions. It is also recommended that boot and bandage control be carried out during other Competitions. For further detail on the boot and bandage control, see the VRs and also the Boot and Bandage Control Protocol available on the Stewards Hub on the FEI website.

## **CHAPTER X**

### **PLACING AND HONOURS**

#### **FEI ARTICLE 267 INDIVIDUAL PLACING AND PRIZE GIVING**

- 267.1 The placing of an individual Athlete is determined based on the scoring for the Competition (Table A or Table C), the instructions included in the Schedule and any amendments specified on the course plan.
- 267.2 Prize winners must take part in the prize giving ceremony and should do so with the placed Horses. The Ground Jury, however, for safety reasons, may make exceptions. If a prize winner fails, without plausible excuse to take part in the prize giving ceremony, the Ground Jury may allow the OC to withhold the Athlete's prize(s).
- 267.3 The OC must publish in the Schedule and programme the number of prize winners required to take part in the ceremony. If the Schedule or programme does not indicate the number that must be present, all Athletes and Horses placed must attend the prize-giving ceremony.
- 267.4 Unless agreed otherwise by the Ground Jury in special circumstances, rugs may not be worn by Horses during the prize-giving ceremony, with the exception of rugs presented by sponsors of Competitions.
- 267.5 Any Athlete who has no chance of winning a prize may, at the discretion of the Ground Jury, be stopped at any time during their round.
- 267.6 Athletes who are unable to complete the first round of a Competition will not receive any prize, except in certain special Competitions.
- 267.7 Prize winners of qualifying Competitions retain the prizes they have won even if they decline to take part in the final Competition for which they have qualified.
- 267.8 At CSIO5\* and CSI5\* Events, the OC must invite the owner of the Horse that wins the Grand Prix to take part in the prize giving ceremony, if present at the Event.

#### **FEI ANNEX VIII TACK, EQUIPMENT, AND ARTIFICIAL AIDS**

Link to FEI Jumping Rules – Please See Annex VIII

<https://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/FEI%20Jumping%20Rules%202026.pdf>

**EC ANNEX 1 NATIONAL SCHOOLING RULES FOR HUNTERS AND  
JUMPERS**

Please see EC Annex 1 page 147

**ANNEX III CALCULATION OF TIME ALLOWED SPEED:**

**300M/MINUTE**

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

**ANNEX III CALCULATION OF TIME ALLOWED SPEED:**

**325M/MINUTE**

Tens Units	m	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	Tens Units
Hundreds	1	19"	21"	23"	24"	26"	28"	30"	32"	34"	36"	Hundreds
2	37"	39"	41"	43"	45"	47"	48"	50"	52"	54"		
3	56"	58"	60"	61"	63"	65"	67"	69"	71"	72"		
4	74"	76"	78"	80"	82"	84"	85"	87"	89"	91"		
5	93"	95"	96"	98"	100"	102"	104"	106"	108"	109"		
6	111"	113"	115"	117"	119"	120"	122"	124"	126"	128"		
7	130"	132"	133"	135"	137"	139"	141"	143"	144"	146"		
8	148"	150"	152"	154"	156"	157"	159"	161"	163"	165"		
9	167"	169"	170"	172"	174"	176"	178"	180"	181"	183"		

**ANNEX III CALCULATION OF TIME ALLOWED SPEED:  
350 M/MINUTE**

Tens Units	m	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	Tens Units
Hundreds	1	18"	19"	21"	23"	24"	26"	28"	30"	31"	33"	Hundreds
	2	35"	36"	38"	40"	42"	43"	45"	47"	48"	50"	
	3	52"	54"	55"	57"	59"	60"	62"	64"	66"	67"	
	4	69"	71"	72"	74"	76"	78"	79"	81"	83"	84"	
	5	86"	88"	90"	91"	93"	95"	96"	98"	100"	102"	
	6	103"	105"	107"	108"	110"	112"	114"	115"	117"	119"	
	7	120"	122"	124"	126"	127"	129"	131"	132"	134"	136"	
	8	138"	139"	141"	143"	144"	146"	148"	150"	151"	153"	
	9	155"	156"	158"	160"	162"	163"	165"	167"	168"	170"	

**ANNEX III CALCULATION OF TIME ALLOWED SPEED:  
375 M/MINUTE**

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

**ANNEX III CALCULATION OF TIME ALLOWED SPEED:  
400 M/MINUTE**

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

## **PART FOUR OFFICIALS**

### **CHAPTER 5 HUNTER, JUMPER, HACK & EQUITATION OFFICIALS**

#### **ARTICLE G901 GENERAL RULES PERTAINING TO HUNTER, JUMPER, HACK & EQUITATION OFFICIALS**

1. Neither competition managers nor members of their families are eligible to serve as judges, stewards, or technical delegates at any competition they are managing. Competition managers may not course design at any competition they are managing.
2. Officials must perform their duties in person on the competition grounds, and may not officiate in absentia. Failure to uphold these requirements will result in: first offence: warning; second offence: suspension of EC Officials' licence for a period of one year.

#### **ARTICLE G902 RULE AMENDMENTS**

See the Rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A, General Regulations, regarding the schedule for rule amendments.

#### **ARTICLE G903 HUNTER, JUMPER, HACK & EQUITATION RECORDED JUDGES**

1. **DEFINITION AND PRIVILEGES:** A recorded judge is a current Gold sport licence holder of 18 years of age or older in good standing and holds a recorded judge's card. A recorded judge may judge alone at Silver and Bronze competitions, and at Gold competitions in any ring that is restricted to miscellaneous, non-point classes. No EC recorded judge may officiate at non-EC sanctioned events. Exception: EC recorded judges may officiate at PTSO sanctioned competitions, provided they hold current PTSO officials' status.

#### **ARTICLE G904 HUNTER, JUMPER, HACK & EQUITATION SENIOR JUDGES**

1. **DEFINITION AND PRIVILEGES:** An EC licensed Senior judge is an EC Gold Sport Licence holder of 18 years of age or older in good standing who holds a Senior judge's card. A current Senior judge is eligible to judge at all EC-sanctioned competitions. No Senior judge may officiate at non-EC sanctioned events. Exception: EC senior judges may officiate at PTSO sanctioned competitions, provided they hold current PTSO officials' status.

#### **ARTICLE G905 HUNTER, JUMPER, HACK & EQUITATION GUEST CARDS**

1. Foreign Senior National Judges and Course Designers may be invited to judge or course design at EC competitions in those divisions where they hold a senior licence. Each competition is responsible for ensuring that these officials are listed as current in the appropriate division(s) on their country's Officials Roster. The fee for each guest card is determined by the current EC Fees Roster, and the competition is responsible for submitting the appropriate fees to EC.

2. Foreign Senior National Judges and Course Designers who wish to be listed in the EC Officials Roster must pay the appropriate EC officials fees and hold an EC Gold Sports Licence. Guest cards are not required for these officials at EC-sanctioned competitions.
3. Guest Cards can also be issued to enable a Foreign Senior National Judge or Course Designer to officiate in a division for which they do not have a licence.
4. Guest cards are not required for FEI licensed judges or course designers. If judging outside the divisions in which they hold FEI certification, Article G905.3 applies.
5. In accordance with Article A1305, EC-licensed officials who hold three or more senior hunter/jumper licences may be granted a guest card to act as a judge or additional steward for events offering less than \$5000 prize money.

## **PART FIVE EQUITATION**

### **CHAPTER 6 EQUITATION RULES**

#### **ARTICLE G1001 GENERAL RULES PERTAINING TO HUNTER EQUITATION**

1. Hunter equitation includes flat and over fences classes.
2. In hunter equitation Championships, contestants will be asked to perform on the flat and over fences with equal emphasis on the two performances.
3. Juniors may not ride stallions in any equitation or medal classes.
4. "Hors concours" rounds are not permissible in equitation or medal classes.
5. A horse/rider is limited to one round per equitation class or medal class.
6. **EARPHONES/Earbuds**  
Earphones/Earbuds and/or other electronic communication devices are strictly prohibited in the competition arena, and such usage is penalized by elimination. The use of only one earphone/earbud is allowed while mounted everywhere within the grounds of the Event except the competition arena.

#### **ARTICLE G1002 SCHOOLING RULES FOR HUNTER EQUITATION CLASSES**

National Hunter Jumper Schooling Rules apply. See Annex 1, National Hunter Jumper Schooling Rules.

#### **ARTICLE G1003 DRESS**

1. While competitors and judges should bear in mind that entries are being judged at all times on ability, it should be noted that neatness is a first requisite regarding rider's dress.
2. Jacket - conservative colour; Jodhpurs or breeches; shirt and tie, stocks or chokers must be worn; boots; black or brown smooth leather half chaps are permissible providing they match the boot colour.
3. Conservative-coloured protective headgear (as per Article G1004) with no additional adornments.

#### **ARTICLE G1004 HEADGEAR**

See the Rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A, General Regulations, Article A905 Headgear. For competitions run under the National Hunter Jumper Rules, see also Section G, Article G102, Headgear.

#### **ARTICLE G1005 TACK AND EQUIPMENT**

1. Only regular cavessons with snaffles, pelhams, double bridles or kimberwicks are permissible. Pelham converters allowed only in Junior "B" and "C" classes. Reins must be made entirely of leather. Spurs of the unrowelled type, whip optional. No whip may exceed 75 cm (30") in length.
2. Saddle should be plain English, Dressage or modified jumping. Extreme forward seat is not recommended.

3. Running or standing martingales are not permitted in flat classes, except in the flat phase of medal classes where further testing over fences will be required (example: JC Hunter Medal).
4. Boots and conservative coloured bandages are permitted in hunter equitation classes.
5. When showing in the Hunter/Jumper Seat Equitation, it is recommended that riders use traditional stainless steel stirrup irons that promote proper position of the foot in the iron as well as a correct leg position. It is further recommended that riders use stirrup irons that allow judges a clear and unobstructed view of the position of the foot in the stirrup. Judges may not eliminate a rider for using a particular style of stirrup iron. Safety stirrups are permitted. Exception: Peacock Quick Release Stirrups are prohibited.
6. Tack references horse; equipment references rider.

## **ARTICLE G1006 CLASSES**

1. Classes may be open to all junior or amateur riders or may be restricted as shown below. Junior and amateur classes may never be combined.
2. Classes may be restricted according to the age of the junior rider:
  - a) The age of a rider on January 1 will be maintained throughout the competition year which runs from January 1 to December 31. Persons born on January 1 will assume the lesser age on that date.
  - b) Junior A: a rider who is 15, 16, 17 on January 1
  - c) Junior B: a rider who is 12, 13 or 14 on January 1
  - d) Junior C: a rider who is under 12 on January 1
3. a) Heights: Equitation over Fences - Junior B & C Riders:
 

Small ponies: 2'3" (0.70m)  
 Medium ponies: 2'6" (0.75m)  
 Large ponies: 2'9" (0.85m)  
 Horses: 3' (0.90m)

Fence heights and distances must be adjusted for the respective hunter heights.

b) Heights: Equitation over Fences - Junior A riders: 3'6" (1.10m).
4. Children's Equitation classes may be offered at 3' (0.90m). Only riders showing in the Children's Hunter division may enter.
5. In all Medal classes, heights and distances will be the same for all competitors.
6. No cross entry permitted between 3'(0.90m) and 3'6" (1.10m) medal classes. (Exception: C & B riders who compete at 3' in age-appropriate C & B equitation classes are permitted to compete in 3'6" Medal classes).

## **ARTICLE G1007 CLASS ROUTINE ON THE FLAT**

1. Class to enter ring. A reasonable length of time should be allowed before the class is called to order, after which the gates will be closed and no further entries admitted.
2. The class will proceed at least once around the ring at each gait - walk, trot, sitting trot and canter, and on command, reverse and repeat.
3. They shall then line up on command and execute individual tests at the judge's discretion.

4. No individual test may be requested that is not included in the individual tests in Article G1009, Tests.
5. The judge may ask questions concerning horsemanship, anatomy of the horse, tack, stable management and any others.
6. For the change of direction at the canter, the Judge must specify if a change of lead is required.

## **ARTICLE G1008 CLASS ROUTINE OVER FENCES**

1. Each contestant will enter the ring and may circle once if desired before approaching the first fence. The rider shall then proceed around a course of not less than eight jumps, keeping an even pace throughout.
2. The fall of horse or rider or two disobediences shall cause the entry to be eliminated from the class.
3. If elimination occurs during a ride-off, the contestant shall be placed last of those chosen for the ride-off.
4. Individual tests may be selected at the judge's discretion from those listed in Article G1009, Tests.

## **ARTICLE G1009 TESTS**

1. The judge must choose a minimum of two individual hunter equitation tests according to the regulations set forth in this article. No other tests may be used.  
**Exception:** CET medal classes.
2. If any test or part of a test is to be ridden without stirrups over fences, the rider must remove stirrups completely before commencing the test.
3. For restrictions on use of tests, see Article G1010, Restrictions.
4. The approved tests for hunter equitation are:
  - a) Dismount and mount
  - b) Rein back
  - c) Individual performance
  - d) Figure eight at trot, demonstrating change of diagonals
  - e) figure eight at canter with simple change of leads through the walk or trot
  - f) gallop and stop
  - g) extended trot
  - h) turn on haunches through the walk
  - i) trot and canter without stirrups
  - j) change leads on a straight line down centre with simple change through the walk or trot
  - k) counter canter
  - l) demonstration of about one minute on own mount. Rider must advise the judge beforehand what they plan to demonstrate
  - m) pull up between fences except in a combination
  - n) jump low fences at trot or canter
  - o) jump without stirrups (stirrups must be removed from the saddle when over fences)
  - p) change of leads with flying changes
5. a) Judges must state specific requirements for each test  
b) Additional test requirements must be announced publicly. The announcement must be given twice to ensure it is heard by all competitors

- c) If any qualified riders do not participate in the ride-off, they will be placed after all riders who do participate in the ride-off

#### **ARTICLE G1010 RESTRICTIONS**

The tests selected by the judge are restricted according to the table below:

CLASS PERMITTED	TESTS ON THE FLAT
Open (Junior C)	Tests a - d
Open (Junior B)	Tests a - h
Open (Junior A)	Tests a - l plus p
Open (Amateur)	Tests a - l plus p
Championship	Tests permitted in corresponding open class

CLASS PERMITTED	TESTS OVER FENCES
Open (Junior C)	Tests a - d plus l and n
Open (Junior B)	Tests a - h plus l and m
Open (Junior A) Tests	a - p
Open (Amateur) Tests	a - p
Championship	Tests permitted in corresponding open class

#### **ARTICLE G1011 A/B/C EQUITATION**

**NOTE: The addition of A/B/C equitation divisions have been added as a 3-year pilot program**

1. A, B & C Equitation divisions may be offered in whole or in part as part of EC recognized divisions at Gold sanctioned competitions and will accumulate points toward National Rankings.
2. A division shall consist of one equitation over fences class, one medal class and one flat class.
3. The A/B/C Equitation division may be held over one day or multiple days but must be completed during that sanctioned event.
4. Classes will be restricted according to the age of the junior rider as per G1006 and fence heights will be according to G1006 3(a).
5. If a competition chooses to host only two classes, they must be the A/B/C Equitation over Fences and the A/B/C Equitation on the Flat, and no divisional championship will be awarded. The competition may award a high-point award if they choose. These two classes will count for points toward National Rankings.
6. Two tests must be incorporated into the Medal course. No additional testing on the flat will take place.
7. The Over Fences and the Medal classes may run concurrently if the course designer has provided for it in their course design.

## CHAPTER 7

### MEDAL CLASSES

#### ARTICLE G1101 GENERAL RULES PERTAINING TO JC HUNTER & CET MEDAL CLASSES

1. Equestrian Canada recognizes two categories of medal classes: JC Hunter Medal, and the Canadian Equestrian Team Jumper Medal (CET).
2. CET Medal memberships are required to compete in CET Medal classes. Annual fees are payable to Equestrian Canada. Memberships must be in place to accrue points towards the CET Medal Regional Finals. Points are not retroactive.
3.
  - a. No communication devices are permitted in the competition ring in any medal class under penalty of elimination.  
Exception: Competitors with a documented physical disability/hearing impairment may be authorized for use of a communication device. (See also Article A907.)
  - b. During a ride-off, any outside communication, assistance, or interference will result in elimination. Competitors must make all decisions independently.
4. There are four regions: British Columbia, Prairie (AB, SK, MB), Ontario, and Atlantic (QC, PEI, NB, NS, NF). Primary region of residence will be defined as identified in the EC database.
5. Judges for all JC Hunter Medal and CET Medal qualifying classes, and for all Regional and National Finals must be EC or USEF Senior Equitation Judges.
6. There must be two EC or USEF Senior Equitation Judges for both the JC Hunter and CET Medal Regional Finals and National Finals.
7. JC Hunter and CET Medal classes may only be held at EC-sanctioned Gold competitions.
8. A competition must apply to Equestrian Canada to hold JC Hunter and CET Medal Classes and JC Hunter and CET Medal Regional Finals (hosting of Regional Finals must be applied for before October 10 for the following year). Class list and fees, class results and new memberships must be forwarded to EC after the class.
9. All combinations must be numbered with a single number and the designations A and B or A, B and C on the course diagram. If a refusal occurs in a double or triple, competitors must re-jump all obstacles in the combination.

#### ARTICLE G1102 TACK AND EQUIPMENT

1. See each medal class for rules governing tack.
2. See also the following articles: National Hunter Jumper Schooling Rules, Annex 1; Hunters, Article G202.

When showing in the Hunter/Jumper Seat Equitation, it is recommended that riders use traditional stainless steel stirrup irons that promote proper position of the foot in the iron as well as a correct leg position. It is further recommended that riders use stirrup irons that allow judges a clear and unobstructed view of the position of the foot in the stirrup. Judges may not eliminate a rider for using a particular style of stirrup iron. Safety stirrups are permitted.

## **ARTICLE G1103 HEADGEAR**

Conservative coloured protective headgear (as per Article G1004) with no additional adornments.

## **ARTICLE G1104 SCHOOLING**

National Hunter Jumper Schooling Rules apply. See Annex 1, National Hunter Jumper Schooling Rules.

## **ARTICLE G1105 JC MEDAL CLASSES: GENERAL**

1. EC Jumping Committee will supply the medals to all winners. JC Hunter Medals medallions are available as follows: bronze medallion for the winner of qualifying classes, silver medallion for the winner of regional finals, gold medallion for the winner of the National Final.
2. It is the responsibility of the competition to ensure that the name of the competition and the year are inscribed on the back of the medal prior to presentation.
3. JC Hunter Medal classes are for junior riders only. All competitors must be current EC Gold individual sport licence holders in good standing.
4. To qualify a class, 3 entries are required to complete the course. Exception: If less than 3 riders complete the course or there are less than 3 entries in the class, the following rules will apply:
  - a) All class specifications must be adhered to in all cases.
  - b) Scoring as follows:
    - 80+ = 1st place points
    - 75-79 = 2nd place points
    - 70-74 = 3rd place points
    - 65 - 69 = 4th place points
    - below 65 = no points
5. Points for Regional Awards will be calculated as follows: Placing in the class (as stipulated below) multiplied by the number of horses competing in the class.

1st	-10 points
2nd	-7 points
3rd	-6 points
4th	-5 points
5th	-4 points
6th	-3 points
7th	-2 points
8th	-1 point
6. Points from all regions will be totaled and carried with the rider to their region of primary residence.

## **ARTICLE G1106 JC HUNTER MEDAL CLASSES: SPECIFICATIONS AND CLASS ROUTINE**

JC Hunter Medal qualifying classes will consist of two phases: a Jumping Phase and a Flat Phase. A further ride off with 2-4 riders is optional, either on the flat or over fences. No change of tack is permitted between phases. Note: Martingales are permitted on the flat.

### **1. PHASE 1: OVER FENCES**

- a) Course: course of not less than ten jumps 3'6" (1.10 m) high.

Course specifications. The course must include:

- at least one combination which includes an oxer,
- at least two changes of direction,
- 1/3 of the fences must be oxers.
- three of the following: bending line, narrow jump, roll back turn, fence at the end of the ring, long approach to a single fence.
- Further to the above specifications, additional tests may be included in the course.

- b) The course may not be changed or altered for ponies.

- c) The class is judged according to Article G1008, Class Routine Over Fences

2. PHASE 2 - ON THE FLAT: All contestants or a minimum of eight shall be called back to perform at a walk, trot and canter. The judge will call for additional requirements from Article G1009, Tests.
3. SCORING: Medal classes will be judged 60% over fences and 40% on the flat.
4. Riders in a JC Hunter Medal Class may not cross enter into a 3' (0.90m) medal class at the same competition.

## **ARTICLE G1107 JC HUNTER MEDAL REGIONAL FINALS**

1. Qualifying for the Regional Finals: Riders will compete in the Regional Final in their region of primary residence. The top 20 from each region will qualify to compete at the Regional Finals provided they have earned at least one point in the qualifiers and completed at least three qualifying classes. In the event a rider cannot compete, the next rider, provided they qualify as noted above, will move up to keep the number of qualified riders at 20.
2. A request to compete in a different region must be submitted to the EC office for the Medal Committee before August 15. In order to be considered for a regional change, the competitor must have competed in a minimum of 30% of their qualifier competitions in the requested region by the request date. In all cases, the Medal Committee will decide the final selected region.
3. The JC Hunter Medal Regional Final consists of three phases of competition. The athlete/horse combination must be the same for all phases.
4. JC HUNTER MEDAL REGIONAL FINAL: Ribbons to 8th.  
The Regional Final will consist of three phases: a jumping test, a flat test, and a ride- off.
  - No change of tack is permitted between phases. Note: martingales are permitted on the flat.
  - Final results will be cumulative from all three phases. Cumulative scores will be announced during prize giving.

a) PHASE 1: OVER FENCES

- The course will consist of 10-12 fences 3'6" (1.10 m) high and include additional tests within the course.
- The order of go will be in reverse order from the final standings of the qualifying year.
- Scores will be announced.
- The next horse will enter the arena after the score has been announced for the previous horse.
- Riders and trainers/coaches are permitted to walk the course.

b) PHASE 2: ON THE FLAT

- Top 10 from Phase I
- Elimination from Phase I – rider may return on a score of “0”
- To perform at a walk, trot and canter.
- The judges must call for a minimum of three or more additional requirements and are not confined to tests listed in G1009. Tests.
- Riders will be placed 1-10 and points added to their Phase I score.
- Points will be awarded as follows: First place = 10 points down to tenth place = 1 point.
- Cumulative scores will be announced.

c) PHASE 3: TOP 6 RIDE-OFF

- The top 6 riders will be determined by the combined scores from Phase I and Phase II. Riders will perform individually in reverse order of their combined scores.
- If combined scores are tied, the rider with the highest score from Phase I will receive the higher placing.
- The course will consist of a minimum of 4 fences and 4 tests.
- Every rider will receive a score.
- No scores will be announced in the Ride-Off phase.
- Cumulative scores will be announced during prize giving

**ARTICLE G1108 JC HUNTER MEDAL NATIONAL FINALS:**

1. The top 16 riders from across Canada will qualify to compete at the JC Hunter Medal National Finals.
2. The following number of qualified riders will be accepted from each Region:
  - British Columbia - 4 riders
  - Prairie - 4 riders
  - Ontario - 4 riders
  - Atlantic - 4 riders
  - a) The top four riders from each of the Regional Finals will compete at the National Finals. In the event a rider cannot compete, the next placed rider from the Regional Final Top 6 Ride-Off will be accepted.
  - b) Should any region not have four qualified entries (as per the qualifications above), the next qualified rider from the National Rankings will be accepted, up to 16 riders total.- 3. To be eligible for the National Final, riders must have competed in a Regional Final.

4. Winners of the JC Hunter Medal National Final are no longer eligible to compete in JC Hunter Medal classes.
5. JC HUNTER MEDAL NATIONAL FINAL. Ribbons to 8th.
 

The National Final will consist of three phases: a jumping test, a flat test, and a ride -off.

  - No change of tack is permitted between phases. Note: martingales are permitted on the flat.
  - Final results will be cumulative from all three phases. Cumulative scores will be announced during prize giving.

- a) PHASE I: OVER FENCES
  - The course will consist of at least 10-12 fences 3'6" (1.10 m) high and include additional tests within the course.
  - Scores will be announced. The next horse will enter the arena after the score has been announced for the previous horse.
  - Riders and trainers/coaches are permitted to walk the course.
- b) PHASE 2: ON THE FLAT
  - Top 10 from Phase I
  - To perform at a walk, trot and canter.
  - The judges must call for a minimum of three or more additional requirements and are not confined to tests listed in G1009. Tests.
  - Riders will be placed 1-10 and points added to their Phase I score.
  - Points will be awarded as follows: First place = 10 points down to tenth place = 1 point.
  - Cumulative scores will be announced.
- c) PHASE 3: TOP 4 RIDE-OFF
 

The top 4 riders will be determined by the combined scores from Phase I and Phase II. Riders will perform in reverse order of their combined scores.

  - The course will consist of a minimum of 4 fences and 4 tests.
  - Every rider will receive a score.
  - No scores will be announced in the ride-off.
  - Cumulative scores will be announced during prize giving.

#### **ARTICLE G1109 CET MINI MEDAL CLASS SPECIFICATIONS**

The CET MINI MEDAL CLASS is to be held under the same rules and regulations as the CET Medal (see Article G1101 and G1110) with the exception of the following:

1. Open to riders of all ages who are current EC Sport Licence holders for the level in which they are competing. A CET Medal membership is not required for the CET Mini Medal classes. In addition, in order for points to count toward a provincial final, athletes must be members of the provincial Hunter Jumper association and/or PTSO tabulating points for that region. Athletes may compete in more than one provincial final provided all memberships are in place and they have points as per the CET Medal Regional Final Rules.
2. Senior riders must be amateurs as per Article G108 and possess a current EC amateur card..
3. Phase Requirements:
  - a) Jumping phase - maximum 1.00m

- b) Gymnastic jumping phase - maximum 0.90m
- c) Flat Phase - the counter canter is strongly recommended.

4. There will be no water jump in any of the competitions, but a liverpool is mandatory.

5. Eligibility Requirements:

- a. Riders competing in 1.20m or higher jumper divisions are not eligible.
- b. Riders may not cross enter between the Mini Medal and the CET Medal class at the same competition.
- c. Riders may qualify for both the CET Mini Medal and the CET Medal Final, but may compete in only one Regional Final.

6. Trainers may walk both the gymnastic course and the jumping course with riders. Exception: P Finals. Trainers may only walk the gymnastic course.

7. Course designers must have at least EC Recorded status.

8. PROVINCIAL FINALS will be held to determine a winner for each province. The CET Mini Medal Provincial Final will be held under the same rules as the CET Medal Regional Final G1112.

9. CET Mini Medal classes may be run at all EC sanctioned competitions.

#### **ARTICLE G1110 CANADIAN EQUESTRIAN TEAM (CET) MEDAL: GENERAL**

- 1. Open to riders until the end of the year in which they reach the age of 21. Riders must be current individual EC Gold Sport Licence holders in good standing and must have a CET Medal membership. Note that both memberships must be in place before points will be counted; there will be no retroactive points awarded.
- 2. EC Jumping Committee will supply the medals to all winners of CET Medal Classes. Individual competition winners receive a bronze medal; regional winners a silver medal; and the national winner a gold medal.
- 3. To qualify a class, 3 entries are required to complete the course. Exception: If less than 3 riders complete the course or there are less than 3 entries in the class, the following rules will apply:
  - a) All class specifications must be adhered to in all cases.
  - b) Scoring as follows:
    - 80+ = 1st place points
    - 75-79 = 2nd place points
    - 70-74 = 3rd place points
    - 65 - 69 = 4th place points
    - below 65 = no points
- 4. Points for Regional Awards will be calculated as follows: Placing in the class (as stipulated below) multiplied by the number of horses competing in the class.
  - 1st –10 points
  - 2nd – 7 points
  - 3rd – 6 points
  - 4th – 5 points
  - 5th – 4 points
  - 6th – 3 points
  - 7th – 2 points

8th – 1 point

5. Points from all regions will be totaled and carried with the rider to their region of primary residence.
6. Qualifying for the Regional Finals: Riders will compete in the Regional Final in their region of primary residence. The top 20 from each region will qualify to compete at the Regional Finals provided they have earned points in the qualifiers. In the event a rider cannot compete, the next rider, provided they have earned points in the qualifiers, will move up to keep the number of qualified riders at 20.
7. A request to compete in a different region must be submitted to the EC office for the CET Medal committee before August 15. In order to be considered for a regional change, the competitor must have competed in a minimum of 30% of their qualifier competitions in the requested region by the request date. In all cases, the CET Medal committee will decide the final selected region.
8. Winners of the CET National Finals are no longer eligible to compete in CET Medal classes.
9. Stallions may not be ridden in CET Medal Classes.
10. a) Competitors must be Canadian citizens to compete in the CET Medal Regional Final Ride-off (Final phase). Refer to glossary for definition of Canadian Citizen.  
b) Competitors must be Canadian citizens to compete in the CET Medal National Final. Refer to glossary for definition of Canadian Citizen.
11. The CET Medal consists of at least two phases of competition. The athlete/horse combination must be the same for all phases.
12. In the event of an accident or illness to the horse, provided there is a veterinary certificate from the Competition Veterinarian and approval of the Organizing Committee and Judge(s), a substitution may be made up to one hour before the first phase of competition. For regional and national finals, the substitute horse must meet the conditions of the 24-hour rule. G1112, G1113.

#### **ARTICLE G1111 CET MEDAL SPECIFICATIONS AND CLASS ROUTINE**

1. The class shall have a minimum of two phases; a Flat Phase and either a Gymnastic or Jumping Phase. The Flat Phase must immediately follow the Gymnastic or Jumping Phase. All riders, or a minimum of 12, who completed the course are eligible for the flat phase.
2. TACK AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a) There are no restrictions on saddles.
  - b) Change of tack and equipment is permissible between phases.
  - c) No martingales of any kind are permitted in the flat phase.
  - d) Only running martingales used in the conventional manner are permitted in the jumping phase. Standing martingales, draw reins, or restricted running martingales are prohibited.
  - e) Reins must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle. Gags and hackamores are not allowed in the flat phase. Bit convertors are allowed.
3. FLAT PHASE:
  - a) Not more than 30 riders at a time will show at the working walk, the working trot sitting, the working trot rising and the working trot showing

a lengthening of stride, the working canter and the working canter showing a lengthening of stride.

b) All riders being considered for an award shall be required to show on both counter leads for at least one revolution of the arena. Not more than 12 shall counter canter at one time.

4. GYMNASTIC PHASE:

- a) This phase is to be judged over a series of gymnastic exercises with a height limit of 1.10m.
- b) Riders will be provided with a detailed diagram showing the distance and gait at which each is to be ridden.
- c) In these exercises, each rider will be judged on their horse management.
- d) Trainers may walk the course with riders.

5. JUMPING PHASE:

- a) The over-fences phase shall be over a course of a minimum of ten fences 1.10m to 1.15m in height with spreads to 1.40m.
- b) The course must include a double and a triple combination with at least one spread fence in each. Two other spread fences are required elsewhere on the course.
- c) A Liverpool is mandatory.
- d) The course should be more difficult than a regular horsemanship class and of the type used in junior jumper classes.
- e) A time allowed must be established based on 350 metres per minute.
- f) Trainers may walk the course with riders.

6. JUDGING:

- a) The over fences phase to be conducted under current EC jumper rules.  
Note: Elimination after the second refusal.
- b) Time faults penalized as per Table A.
- c) In addition, the class will be judged on seat, hand, guidance, and control.
- d) The CET Medal Classes will be judged 60% over fences and 40% on the flat.

## **ARTICLE G1112 CET MEDAL REGIONAL FINALS**

HORSES MUST BE ON THE GROUNDS 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE FIRST PHASE OF COMPETITION. NO ONE OTHER THAN THE COMPETITOR MAY RIDE THE COMPETITOR'S HORSE ON THE DAYS OF THE CET MEDAL COMPETITION OR DURING THE 24-HOUR PERIOD PRIOR TO THE START OF THE FIRST PHASE.

1. The Regional Final will consist of a Flat test, a Gymnastic test, and a Jumping test plus a mandatory ride-off. The Regional Final includes two phases held over two consecutive days.
  - a) Phase I is a combined Flat/Gymnastic phase. The order of go will be in reverse order from the final standings of the qualifying year.
  - b) Phase II is a Jumping phase. The order of go will be in reverse order from the results of the Flat/Gymnastic phase. Elimination from Phase I – rider may return on a score of "0".
2. The competition is to be judged 50% Flat/Gymnastics phase and 50% Jumping phase. Scores will be cumulative.

3. Scores will be announced in the first two phases. The next horse will enter the arena after the score has been announced for the previous horse.
4. There will be a bell in the Jumping phase and the Ride-Off phase.
5. Time allowed based on 350 metres per minute will be in place in the jumping phase. Time faults will be penalized as per Table A.
6. The top six riders will return individually in reverse order of their combined scores from Phase I and Phase II for a mandatory ride-off.
 

The ride-off will be a shortened course with a minimum of 8 fences and include a double combination. The ride-off course will be posted and walked with the Jumping Phase course.

  - The course will include track options where the rider may choose a shorter more skillful time-saving route.
  - Time faults will be penalized one (1) penalty point for every second or commenced second over the time allowed.
  - Every rider will receive a score.
  - No scores will be announced in the ride-off.
  - Cumulative scores will be announced during prize giving.
7. Trainers/coaches may walk the gymnastics course only. No one other than the rider entered in the class may walk the Jumping Phase course.
8. A change in tack is permitted between phases.
9. Riders must be given at least 15 minutes to walk the course in both the Flat/Gymnastic phase and Jumping phases.
10. The top four riders at the Regional Final will qualify for the National Final. If one of the top four riders is unable to attend, the fifth place rider may be chosen as alternate.

#### **ARTICLE G1113 CET MEDAL NATIONAL FINAL**

HORSES MUST BE ON THE GROUNDS 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE FIRST PHASE OF COMPETITION. NO ONE OTHER THAN THE COMPETITOR MAY RIDE THE COMPETITOR'S HORSE ON THE DAYS OF THE CET MEDAL COMPETITION OR DURING THE 24 HOUR PERIOD PRIOR TO THE START OF THE FIRST PHASE.

1. The top 16 riders from across Canada will qualify to compete at the CET Medal National Final..
2. The following number of qualified riders will be accepted from each Region: British Columbia - 4 riders, Prairie - 4 riders, Ontario - 4 riders, Atlantic - 4 riders
  - a. The top four riders from each of the Regional Finals will compete at the National Finals. In the event a rider cannot compete, the next placed rider from the Regional Final Top 6 Ride-Off will be accepted.
  - b. Should any region not have four qualified entries (as per the qualifications above), the next qualified rider from the National Rankings will be accepted, up to 16 riders total.
3. To be eligible for the National Final, riders must have competed in a Regional Final.
4. The National Final shall consist of a Flat test, a Gymnastic test and a Jumping test, plus a mandatory Ride-Off.
5. The National Final includes two phases held over two consecutive days.

- a. Phase I is a Flat/Gymnastic phase. The order of go will be by draw.
  - b. Phase II is a Jumping phase. The order of go will be in reverse order from the results of the Flat/Gymnastic phase. Elimination from Phase I – rider may return on a score of “0”.
6. The competition is to be judged 50% Flat/Gymnastics phase and 50% Jumping phase. Scores will be cumulative.
7. Scores will be announced in the first two phases. The next horse will enter the arena after the score has been announced for the previous horse.
8. There will be a bell in the Jumping phase and the Ride-Off phase.
9. Time allowed based on 350 metres per minute will be in place in the Jumping phase. Time faults will be penalized as per Table A.
10. The top four riders will return individually in reverse order of their combined scores from Phase I and Phase II for a mandatory ride-off.
  - The ride-off will be a shortened course with a minimum of 8 fences and include a double combination. The ride-off course will be posted and walked with the Jumping Phase course.
  - The course will include track options where the rider may choose a shorter more skillful time-saving route.
  - Time faults will be penalized one (1) penalty point for every second or commenced second over the time allowed.
  - Every rider will receive a score.
  - No scores will be announced in the ride-off.
  - Cumulative scores will be announced during prize giving.
11. Trainers/coaches may walk the Gymnastics course only. No one other than the rider entered in the class may walk the Jumping Phase course.
12. A change in tack is permitted between phases.
13. Riders must be given at least 15 minutes to walk the course in both the Flat/Gymnastic and Jumping phases.

## **PART SIX** **HACK DIVISION**

### **CHAPTER 8** **GENERAL RULES FOR HACK CLASSES**

#### **ARTICLE G1201 GENERAL**

1. The hack division has been created to show the versatility of a horse or pony on the flat. The well-rounded hack horse or pony shows the versatility to perform well and adjust its way of going in each of these classes.
2. Horses or ponies in this division may be any breed or combination of breeds, and must have natural action (i.e. not high and/or weighted).

#### **ARTICLE G1202 HACK JUDGES**

1. All hack judges are subject to the general rules pertaining to all licensed EC officials in Rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A, General Regulations, Chapter 13, Officials.
2. Recognition, promotion, privileges and criteria are governed General Regulations, Chapter 13. Only hack division classes will be applicable for recognition and/or promotion.
3. The following seminars qualify as official hack judging seminars for recognition, promotion and upgrading upon approval of EC:
  - a) Arabian, Hunter or Morgan judging seminars offering a hack division segment
  - b) specialized hack judges' seminars

#### **ARTICLE G1203 CLASSES**

1. Classes may be held for horses or ponies but combined horse-pony classes are not permitted; when classes for ponies are divided by height, such division must be made according to hunter pony heights. See Rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A, General Regulations, Glossary for definition of Pony.
2. Classes offered may be grouped according to the rider (i.e. the rider's age) and according to the ribbons won by the horse (i.e. maiden, novice and limit).

#### **ARTICLE G1204 TACK AND EQUIPMENT**

1. English saddle of any type is required.
2. Bridles may be double, pelham, snaffle or kimberwick.
3. Martingales, breastplates, boots of any kind and/or bandages are not allowed.
4. Dropped and flash nosebands are prohibited.
5. Browbands shall be leather of any description but not solid white, coloured or sequined.
6. Spurs are optional.
7. Whips are NOT permitted in any classes of the Hack Division. See Rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A, General Regulations regarding the use of whips in the warm up areas.

## **ARTICLE G1205 ATTIRE**

1. Permitted attire: Black jacket or dark coat, protective headgear with safety harness correctly fastened (see Article G102). White or light tan breeches, jodhpurs, shirt and tie, white hunting stock or chokers, black or brown boots; black or brown smooth leather half chaps are permissible providing they match the boot colour (see Article G109).
2. Prohibited: saddle suits and/or Kentucky jodhpurs.

## **ARTICLE G1206 JUDGING**

1. Horses to stand without stretching.
2. Mounting, dismounting and rein back may be required.
3. Judges may require horses to be stripped for conformation judging in any hack class.
4. Entry is eliminated by any fall of horse or rider during the class. See Rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A, General Regulations, Glossary for definition of Fall.

## **ARTICLE G1207 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. Points are to be awarded as follows:

PLACING	POINTS
1st	7
2nd	5
3rd	4
4th	3
5th	2
6th	1

2. In the event of a tie, horses shall be shown in hand and judged on conformation.
3. In the event that a competition is offering a Championship in the hack division, it must specify in its prize list those classes which will qualify for the championship.
4. Points accumulated by a horse may not count in more than one hack division (i.e. if a gentleman's hack is held, points may be credited towards the Championship, but a horse may not be credited with points from both gentleman's and ladies hack).
5. All competitors must have an equal opportunity to earn points towards any Championship that is offered.

## **ARTICLE G1208 EC PROVINCIAL AWARDS**

See Rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A, General Regulations, Chapter 15, EC Awards.

## **CHAPTER 9**

### **HACK CLASSES AND DIVISIONS**

#### **ARTICLE G1301 SHOW HACK HORSE OR SHOW HACK PONY**

1. Type and Characteristics: Head neat, finely drawn and elegant. Mane must not be roached and may be braided; neck of sufficient length with a trim throat-latch; neck to blend into shoulders which are medium width and not too heavily muscled; medium high and well defined withers the same height as croup; chest well developed but in proportion; forearm not too heavily muscled; back moderately short but well-proportioned with height; moderately deep girth and well-shaped proportionate quarters; sloping pasterns of good length; feet of proportionate size. Show hacks must have vitality, animation, presence, balance and clean fine limbs showing supreme quality. Soundness is required and blemishes may be penalized. Braiding of mane and tail is optional.
2. Gaits:
  - a) The walk: straight, four beat and flat-footed
  - b) The trot: free, light and crisp, may be required as follows:
    - (i) On contact in a more upright frame
    - (ii) Collected with rider sitting
    - (iii) Extended - on contact - medium speed with legs moving forward with impulsion and the rider posting or sitting.
  - c) The canter may be required as follows:
    - (i) Collected
    - (ii) Normal
    - (iii) Extended
    - (iv) Hand gallop under control.
3. Class Routine and Judging:
  - a) Horses to enter ring at a walk.
  - b) To be shown at a walk, trot, canter and hand gallop; collected and extended gaits to be called for; To stand quietly; only 8 horses to hand gallop at one time. To be judged on 55% performance, 20% quality, 15% conformation and 10% manners.

## **ARTICLE G1302 ROAD HACK HORSE OR ROAD HACK PONY**

1. Type and Characteristics: Head well shaped, attractive and proportionate; mane may be roached; natural (not set) tail; strong; well-shaped neck with good length of rein; good strong sloping shoulders; medium high withers the same height as the croup; chest indicative of strength; moderately muscled forearm; back well-proportioned with height; powerful across the loin; good depth of girth; well-shaped proportionate quarters showing strength; sloping pasterns of good length; feet of proportionate size. The horse and pony must present an appearance of overall substance with refinement. Soundness is required and blemishes may be penalized. Braiding of mane and tail is optional.
2. Gaits:
  - a) The walk: straight, four beat and flat-footed with medium contact.
  - b) The trot: straight and true; may be required as follows:
    - (i) normal on light to medium contact
    - (ii) strong trot
  - c) The canter: normal on light to medium contact
  - d) May hand gallop under control
3. Class Routine and Judging:
  - e) Horses to enter ring at a walk.
  - f) To be shown at a flat-footed walk with a reasonably loose rein, trot, strong trot, easy canter and hand gallop. Only 8 horses to hand gallop at one time.
  - g) To be judged on 55% performance, 20% substance, 15% conformation and 10% manners.

## **ARTICLE G1303 ENGLISH PLEASURE HORSE OR PLEASURE HACK, ENGLISH PLEASURE PONY OR PONY PLEASURE HACK**

1. Type and Characteristics: see Article G1302.1
2. Class routine and judging:
  - a) To be shown at a flat-footed walk, normal trot and easy canter; not to gallop; light contact to be maintained.
  - b) To be judged on 45% performance, 40% manners and 15% conformation.

## **ARTICLE G1304 OPEN ENGLISH PLEASURE HORSE OR PONY ALL BREEDS NON-RESTRICTED AS TO TACK AND ATTIRE**

1. Classes may be divided into Saddle Seat or Hunter Seat.
2. To be shown at a flat-footed walk, normal trot and easy canter; not to gallop; light contact with the horse's mouth; to be judged on manners, performance, quality and conformation.
3. Tack and personal appointments to be appropriate to the seat being ridden.
4. If ridden by a junior, heights of ponies and age of riders to be the same as in pony hunters.

## ANNEX 1

### NATIONAL SCHOOLING RULES FOR HUNTERS AND JUMPERS

#### **1. GENERAL- SCHOOLING RULES FOR HUNTER, EQUITATION AND JUMPERS**

- 1.1. All EC-sanctioned competitions must use current FEI schooling rules as listed. Refer to Chapter 8, FEI Rules. These rules pertain to all hunter, equitation and jumper classes and divisions at all EC-sanctioned competitions. Note exceptions below.
- 1.2. The competition organizing committee must provide every entry with a competition number that must be worn and visible at all times anywhere out of the stable at the event location, whether the horse is being hand walked or ridden.
- 1.3. Note: All references to a “chief steward” refer to FEI competitions. These references will be recognized under EC as the EC steward(s) on duty.
- 1.4. **EARPHONES/Earbuds**  
Earphones/Earbuds and/or other electronic communication devices are strictly prohibited in the competition arena, and such usage is penalized by elimination.  
The use of only one earphone/earbud is allowed while mounted everywhere within the grounds of the Event except the competition arena.

#### **2. NATIONAL SCHOOLING RULE EXCEPTIONS**

- 2.1 Equestrian Canada exceptions to the FEI schooling rules at all EC-sanctioned competitions:
  - a) Use of coloured sheets over the take-off side or under a properly constructed obstacle is permitted.
  - b) Flags on fences in the schooling areas are at the discretion of the EC steward on duty..
  - c) For jump cup requirements in competition and warm up arenas see Article G116. Steel pins are not acceptable.
  - d) Hunter Schooling only: GROUND LINES. A ground line may be used on both sides of an oxer if the top rails are not ramped. If the oxer is ramped, the back ground line must be removed. Top rails may not be offset.  
Note: Square, both back and front rails of an oxer are equal height.  
Back and front ground lines allowed.  
Offset: the back rail of an oxer is lower than the front rail. Illegal.  
Ramped: the back rail of an oxer is higher than the front rail. Legal if back ground line is removed.
  - e) Hunter and Hunter Equitation Schooling only: Placing pole exercises as described in FEI Article 201.5.2 may be used during warm-up.
  - f) If a Liverpool is being used lengthwise for schooling, the total length of the Liverpool may not exceed 1.80 meters. If a Liverpool is used in the competition ring, an additional one (or reasonable substitution) supplied by the OC must be available in the schooling area. A reasonable substitution would be a yoga mat or similar. No tarpaulins are permitted.

### **3. RAPPING**

- 3.1 It is forbidden to rap horses. See the Rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A, General Regulations, Chapter 5, Article A517 and FEI Article 243.
- 3.2 If any rapping is confirmed between the day before the first class and the end of the competition, the horse must be banned from all classes still to be held, and any prizes won must be returned to the organizing committee for redistribution. Such elimination must be reported as required in the Rules of Equestrian Canada, Section A, General Regulations, Chapter 5, Article A517.
- 3.3 Abuse of the horse is strictly forbidden. Abuse includes, but is not restricted to, excessive use of spurs, abuse of the whip (whipping on head or face) and brutal use of the reins (halts or rein backs), repeated tugs on the horse's mouth. See Article G115.2.

### **4. HEADGEAR, TACK AND EQUIPMENT**

The following rules are common to hunter, jumper, equitation, and schooling and must be used anywhere at the event location including the competition arena.

- 4.1 Approved headgear is compulsory for everyone mounted anywhere at the event location. See Article G102 and Section A, Glossary "Headgear Standards".
- 4.2 a) Draw reins (running reins), standing martingales and German martingales must be used in a safe manner. Standing martingales, German martingales and draw reins are permitted in the schooling area.  
b) Draw reins are permitted over fences if used in the following manner:
  - (i) attached at the girth, running through the front legs and secured at the neck (see Figure 1)
  - (ii) attached to the breastplate (see Figure 2)
  - (iii) attached to the girth at the billet straps.
  - (iv) attached to the "D" rings at the front of the saddle.Standing martingales, German martingales and draw reins secured as above will be permitted in jumper classes where the height of the fences does not exceed 1.15m. Juniors and amateurs may not compete in German martingales or draw reins.
- 4.3 Any lungeing aids may only be connected to the bridle or lungeing cavesson while lungeing.

## Proper use of Draw Reins when attached between the Front Legs

Figure 1. Acceptable-Through  
neck strap

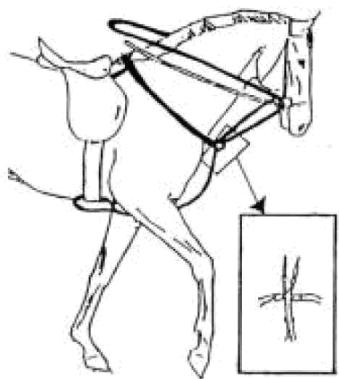
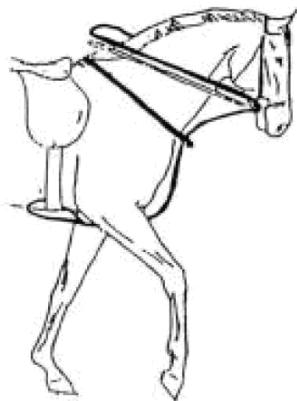


Figure 2. Acceptable- Attached  
to breastplate



- 4.3 Restrictive devices such as the de Gogue, chambon, or bungee lines, may be used for schooling on the flat but are not permitted over fences, over poles on the ground, or in the competition ring.
- 4.4 Athletes are allowed to use a dressage whip when working on the flat but are strictly forbidden to use or carry a whip which is weighed down at the end at any time, or to carry or use one which is more than 75 centimetres in length in the arena and schooling areas when riding over poles or any obstacle. No substitute for a whip may be carried. Failure to comply with this paragraph will incur Elimination (see JRs Art. 241.3.21).
- 4.5 In the interests of safety, the stirrup iron and the stirrup leather (this also applies to safety stirrups) must hang freely from the bar of the saddle and the outside of the flap. There must be no other restrictions or attachments of any kind. The competitor must not directly or indirectly tie any part of their body to the saddlery.
- 4.6 The use of a tongue-strap is forbidden.
- 4.7 Boot and bandage checks are not mandatory; however a boot and bandage check may be performed at EC-sanctioned hunter jumper competitions by an EC steward at any time. Boots – please refer to the FEI Tack, Equipment and Dress Database (<https://tack.fei.org/>) or the FEI TackApp for photographs.
- 4.8 Noseband checks, as per FEI Jumping guidelines, may be performed under the supervision of stewards at EC sanctioned competitions at any time.  
**Effective January 1, 2026** Art. 1044.8 of the FEI Veterinary Regulations applies in relation to the permitted tightness of the noseband **at all national competitions**.
- 4.9 Spurs: Anywhere within the grounds of the Competition, the Athlete when mounted may wear only one spur on each boot.

4.10 Whip: Anywhere within the grounds of the Competition, the Athlete when mounted may carry only one whip.

4.11 For horses entered in classes restricted by age to 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 year olds, only protective boots as described in FEI Jumping Rules ANNEX VIII may be worn.

4.12 For anything not provided for in these rules, please refer to FEI Annex VIII and the FEI Tack App.  
<https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/jumping/rules>.

## 5. RULE INFRACTIONS

### 5.1 Jumper Warning Card

- a) In cases of violation of Schooling Rules, the following procedure will apply: A steward or member of the Ground Jury may deliver to the Person(s) responsible for the infraction a Jumper Warning Card documenting the rule violation.
- b) If the Person(s) responsible refuses to accept the Jumper Warning Card, the card will immediately be submitted to EC for a decision regarding the imposing of a penalty.
- c) If the Person(s) responsible accepts the Jumper Warning Card, it will act as a warning only, and any penalty will be deferred.
- d) Should the same Person(s) responsible be given two more Warning Cards at the same or any other EC Gold or Silver competition within one year of the delivery of the first card, the case shall be submitted to EC for a decision regarding the imposing of a penalty.

### 5.2 Yellow Warning Card

See Section A: ARTICLE A516 EC WARNING CARD

## 6. JUMPING IN EXERCISE & SCHOOLING AREAS

### 6.1 Obstacles and Material

- a) Practice Obstacles  
Within the schooling area, the OC must provide a minimum of one vertical and one spread obstacle. The ground has to be in a proper condition for the training of horses. If there are many athletes and there is sufficient space, additional obstacles should be provided. All obstacles must be constructed and flagged according to the rules. The schooling area should be large enough to provide sufficient room for the training of all horses due to start within 30 minutes (20 competitors). Too much space should be avoided as this may lead to reduced control.
- b) The use of obstacle material not provided by the OC is forbidden under Penalty of Disqualification and/or Fine (JRs Art. 242.2.6 and 240.2.5) unless authorized by the Chief Steward before the start of any competition where it could be used and is therefore available for use by all athletes.
- c) Obstacles may only be jumped in the direction for which they are flagged. Flags may not be interchanged without the permission of the Chief Steward.
- d) Poles must be: • In cups at both ends (horizontal or diagonal); • In a cup at one end and the other on the ground (diagonal); • Completely on the ground.

- e) No part of the practice obstacles may be physically held or touched by any person.
- f) Poles must be able to fall easily when hit.
- g) If a pole is placed on the lip of a cup it must be placed on the far side of the cup. It is also possible to place a pole on the top of the part of a cup that is inserted into the wings (reference Annex VI Supplement for more information). Both of these actions are also allowed at the front pole of a spread obstacle only if it does not cause the front pole to be higher than the back pole (i.e. offset). However, the back pole of a spread obstacle may only be placed on the back lip of a cup, not on the part of the cup inserted into the wing.
- h) Ground-lines are not compulsory. However, if they are used they must be placed either directly underneath the first part of the obstacle or up to one metre away on the take-off side. If there is a ground-line in front of the obstacle, a ground line may also be used behind the obstacle (VERTICALS ONLY) at an equal distance up to a maximum of one metre.
- i) Any obstacles 1.30 m or higher must have a minimum of two poles, in cups, on the take-off side of the obstacle, regardless of whether or not a ground line is used. The lower pole must always be below 1.30 m. One end of the lower pole of a practice obstacle must be in a cup. The other end may rest on the ground.
- j) If crossed poles are used as the top part of an obstacle: • They must be able to fall individually; • The top ends of the poles cannot be higher than 1.30m and must rest in cups; • If a horizontal top pole is placed behind the crossed poles to create a spread obstacle, this pole must be at least 20cm higher than the centre of the crossed poles and must be lower than 1.30m.
- k) It is not permitted to walk horses over poles when these are elevated or placed in cups at one or both ends.
- l) No more than one pole is permitted on the back of a spread.
- m) If there is enough space, placing poles may be used and placed on the ground not closer than 2.50m on the take-off side of a vertical not exceeding 1.30m in height. A placing pole may be used on the landing side not closer than 2.50m when the obstacle is jumped at the trot or 3.00m if at the canter. No placing poles may be used with oxers, either on the take-off side, or on the landing side. Gymnastic/training exercises as described above are not permitted during the warm-up for a Competition.

NB: Any pole placed approximately 6 metres or more from an obstacle on either side or on both sides is not considered a placing pole and is therefore allowed to be used with verticals and oxers.

- n) Swedish oxers are not permitted.
- o) The OC may provide material to simulate a water ditch such as a Liverpool. If a Liverpool is supplied: • The front of the Liverpool may not be behind the front plane of the obstacle; • The back of the Liverpool may not exceed the front plane of the obstacle; • If used at a spread the front of the Liverpool may not be more than 1 meter in front of the obstacle.
- p) Nothing (i.e. blankets or towels) may be laid over an obstacle. FEI only.
- q) For competitions where the maximum obstacle height is 1.40m or less, the obstacles in the practice arena may not exceed in height and width ten

centimeters more than the actual maximum height and width of the obstacles in the competition in progress. If the obstacle height of the competition in progress is greater than 1.40m, the obstacles in the practice arena may not exceed 1.65m in height and 1.80m in width. This paragraph is applicable to all Categories except for Pony Riders; refer to Annex XI, Art. 17 for the maximum height and width of obstacles in the practice arena at Pony Jumping Events.

- r) If there is enough space, one or two guiding poles may be used in the practice arena on a vertical obstacle not exceeding 1.30m in height. Guiding poles must not rest on the top pole of the obstacle. If two poles are used, they may be placed diagonally towards the centre of the obstacle or at a 90° angle to the obstacle on each side. If one pole is used, it must be placed at a 90° angle to the obstacle and not more than 1/3 toward the centre of the obstacle.

## 6.2 Schooling, Exercising, Gymnastic Training

In addition to training over obstacles as per paragraphs 1(c)-(r) above:

- a) Athletes may train their horses in gymnastic exercises but obstacles used for this purpose may not exceed 1.30m in height. Athletes using such obstacles must not violate the rules against rapping (JRs Art. 243.2.1)
- b) Exercising and Training: Whenever possible provision should be made for athletes to exercise and train in the presence of a steward for several hours in the morning. Athletes may make minor changes to obstacles providing JRs Art. 201.4, 201.5 and 201.6 are not contravened, but should significant changes be made, it should be done with the permission of the Steward..
- c) If space and available fence material allows and safety conditions permit, combinations maybe built using correct distances. Bounce obstacles (a line of obstacles in succession without a stride in between) may only be used with verticals and may not consist of more than three obstacles with a height not exceeding 1.00m; minimum distance between bounce obstacles is 2.50m, maximum distance is 3.00m. Poles on the ground as described above may not be used during the warm-up for a Competition.

**For pictorial descriptions, refer to the FEI Tack, Equipment and Dress Database (<https://tack.fei.org/>) or the FEI Tack App.**

## **GLOSSARY**

### **AD**

Advanced

### **ADULT**

Individuals are adults from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of nineteen. For exceptions, see discipline/breed sport rules.

### **AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS**

Canadian equine or equestrian organizations with aims and objectives of national scope may apply to become affiliate members of EC. See Article A211, Affiliate Membership.

### **AGE OF A HORSE**

A horse is considered to be one year old on January 1 following the actual foaling date.

### **AGE OF A PARTICIPANT**

Except as modified by discipline/breed sport rules, a participant is considered to be a certain age until the end of the calendar year in which he or she turns that age. For example, riders remain Junior A until the end of the calendar year in which they turn 18.

### **AGENT**

Any adult or group of adults acting on behalf of an owner or lessee.

### **AM**

Amateur

### **AMATEUR**

For the purposes of these rules, an amateur is an adult Sport Licence holder who is eligible to compete in EC amateur classes as per EC regulations. See Article A902, Amateur Competitors, and specific discipline/breed sport rules.

### **APPEALS**

An appeal may be made against the decision of a competition organizing committee or against the decision of a hearing panel, provincial, territorial or national, regarding a protest or complaint. See Articles A1211 and A1212.

### **“B”**

Basic (Judge or Steward)

### **BOARD/BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors of Equestrian Canada.

### **BORROWED HORSE**

A horse not owned by the rider competing in a Para-Equestrian Canada class.

## **CALENDAR YEAR**

The calendar year starts on January 1 and ends on December 31.

## **CANADIAN ANTI-DOPING PROGRAM (CADP)**

Canada's national anti-doping organization, Sport Integrity Canada, implements and administers the CADP on behalf of the Canadian sport community. It's designed to prevent, deter and detect doping and serves to protect the integrity of sport and the rights of clean athletes. The CADP is compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code and all International Standards that address technical areas and the associated Technical Documents.

## **CANADIAN CITIZEN**

An individual who holds valid proof of Canadian Citizenship as per the Canadian Citizenship Act, and not landed immigrant status. Valid proof includes: Citizenship certificate; Citizenship card; Naturalization certificate; Registration of birth abroad certificate; Certificate of retention; Canadian Passport; Eligible birth certificates from a Canadian province or territory.

## **CANADIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (COC)**

The Canadian Olympic Committee, the governing body for all Olympic disciplines in Canada. EC is a member of the COC.

## **CANADIAN PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE (CPC)**

The Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) National Paralympic Committee for Canada and is a member of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC). Equestrian Canada is a member of the CPC.

## **CAP**

See "Competition Administration Policy".

## **CARDED ATHLETES**

Carded Athletes refers to athletes who are approved for funding and are directly financially support by Sport Canada through the Athlete Assistance Program (AAP). AAP support is referred to as CARDING.

## **CATEGORY**

Refers to the eligibility of the athlete defined by age, amateur status, open, etc.

## **CDI**

Concours Dressage Internationale

## **CDN**

Canadian

## **CERTIFIED COACH**

Equestrian Coaches who have completed an evaluation and are certified by EC in partnership with the Coaching Association of Canada. The following designations

are available: Instructor, Competition Coach, Competition Coach Specialist, High Performance 1.

## **CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR**

Equestrian Instructors who have completed an evaluation and are certified by EC in partnership with the Coaching Association of Canada.

## **CET**

Canadian Equestrian Team

## **CHILDREN**

Juniors competing in classes designated as children's classes. See discipline/breed sport rules for cross-entry restrictions.

## **CLASSES**

1. Amateur/Amateur-Owner Class. For adult riders/drivers who hold a valid Sport Licence and EC amateur card or, when competing in their own breed divisions or classes, a valid amateur card from their breed or discipline affiliate organization. Riders/drivers from other countries must have a valid amateur card from their national federation. In amateur-owner classes, riders/drivers or members of their immediate family must own the horse. See also 13. Owner Classes
2. Canadian-Bred Class. A Canadian-bred class is limited to entries of horses bred and foaled in Canada.
3. EC Point Classes. Classes in which competitors accumulate points at EC competitions towards annual EC awards.
4. Family Class. A class for two or more members of a family.
5. Gentlemen's Class. A class for gentlemen which may be restricted to riders, drivers or handlers who are no longer eligible to compete as juniors, unless otherwise specified in discipline/breed sport rules.
6. Ladies' Class. Class for ladies which may be restricted to riders, drivers or handlers who are no longer eligible to compete as juniors, unless otherwise specified in discipline/breed sport rules.
7. Limit Class. Limit classes are for horses or competitors that have not won six first place ribbons at EC Gold competitions or at USEF competitions in the particular performance classes in which they are being shown excepting winnings in four-in-hands, tandems, teams, unicorns, and pairs, and winnings in combined driving, local, model and breeding classes, unless otherwise specified in discipline/breed sport rules. A limit entry is such from the closing date of entries.
8. Local Class. A class held at an EC-sanctioned competition, which is restricted by geographic area but which is run according to all other EC rules. Local classes are not eligible for national or regional championships nor shall they count towards EC awards. See EC

Competition Administration Policy, Local and Miscellaneous/Additional Classes.

9. Maiden Class. A class open to horses or competitors that have not received one first place ribbon at EC Platinum, Gold or Silver competitions or USEF competitions in the particular performance classes in which they are shown. A maiden entry is such until the closing date of entries.
10. Miscellaneous Class. A class which meets the particular requirements of a competition and is beneficial to the area but does not conform to the specifications for any class or division included in these rules. Entries in these classes will not accumulate points towards EC awards. Such classes or divisions must be identified in the prize list as “not rated for EC awards”.
11. Novice Class. A novice class is open to horses or competitors that have not won three first place ribbons at EC Platinum, Gold or Silver competitions or USEF competitions in the particular performance classes in which they are shown, unless otherwise specified in discipline/breed sport rules. A novice entry is such until the closing date of entries.
12. Open Class. A class that is open to all horses of any age or breed, irrespective of ribbons previously won, and in which there is no qualification for the rider or driver.
13. Owner Classes. Open to adult riders/drivers who are owners or members of the owner’s immediate family. Leased horses are not eligible and multiple ownership is not permitted unless all owners are members of the same immediate family and members of EC. See discipline/breed sport rules for specific restrictions.
14. Parent and Child Class. For a parent and child. The age of the child may be specified. To be judged as a Family or Pair class using specifications in the discipline/breed sport rules.
15. Restricted Class. A class in which entries are restricted or limited in any way (i.e. according to money or ribbons won, years of competition, age, etc.)

Note: Classes restricted by geographic area are Local Classes.

**CLASSIFIER** A Para Equestrian Classifier is an individual trained and qualified to administer athlete classification nationally and/.or internationally.

## **CLASSIFICATION**

Classification is undertaken to ensure that an Athlete’s impairment is relevant to performance on the horse. Classification aims to place athletes into classes or Grades according to how much their impairment impacts on the core determinants of success in the sport. Classification ensures the Competition within each Grade can then be judged on the functional skill of the rider regardless of impairment.

**CLIENT**

Any person who pays a fee for equestrian and/or equine-related services.

**COACH**

An adult who instructs and educates riders or drivers. See also CERTIFIED COACH

**COC**

See "Canadian Olympic Committee".

**COMPETITION**

1. For the purposes of these rules, the term competition includes all shows, events, horse trials and any other form of equestrian competition that is covered by these rules.
2. Platinum Competition. A term for a competition that is operating a Gold EC-sanctioned competition and an FEI sanctioned competition at the same time and venue.
3. Gold Competition. This category of competition formerly called a National Competition is subject to the rules set out in the Rules of Equestrian Canada. Points accumulated at EC Gold sanctioned competitions apply towards the EC awards programs.
4. Silver Competition. A category of competition sanctioned by Equestrian Canada, organized and named by the province subject to the rules set out in the Rule Book. Competitors in this category of competition are not eligible to accumulate points for annual EC championship awards. Provinces may establish their own awards program for these competitions.
5. Bronze Competition. A grass-roots category competition (similar to the former Primary Competition) sanctioned by EC and subject to the rules set out in the Rules of Equestrian Canada, subject to discipline-specific restrictions. Competitors in this category of competition are not eligible to accumulate points for annual EC championship awards. Provinces may establish their own awards program for these competitions.
6. Sanctioned Competitions. Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum competitions are all sanctioned by Equestrian Canada and are subject to the rules set out in the Rules of Equestrian Canada.

**COMPETITION ADMINISTRATION POLICY (CAP)**

This policy outlines the three-stage process for obtaining an EC-sanctioned competition sanction/licence, and the responsibilities of the competition organizing committee, the Participating Provincial or Territorial Sport Organization (PTSO) and Equestrian Canada regarding sanctioned competitions.

## **COMPETITION EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS**

All persons directly employed by the competition, and all individuals officiating at a competition including but not limited to judges, stewards, course designers, technical delegates, veterinarians, timekeepers, announcers and ringmasters.

See also Licensed Officials.

## **COMPETITION MANAGER**

A person designated to manage a competition (see Competition Administration Policy 5.1.2). This person must hold a valid EC Sport Licence at or above the level of the competition, and must be in good standing.

## **COMPETITION ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OR MANAGEMENT**

All persons who are responsible for all or part of the management and organization of a sanctioned competition including but not limited to members of a competition's Board of Directors, the officers, competition committee chairperson or president, manager and secretary.

## **COMPULSORY TURNING FLAG (CTF)**

*In driving*, a pair of markers used to define the required track of the Marathon course. Each CTF must be numbered consecutively within the section and placed so they are clearly visible to be passed with the red marker on the right and white on the left. Numbering shall be affixed to the right hand marker using the shapes and colours defined for each division (Article C960.5)

## **COMPETITION YEAR**

The competition year is the calendar year.

## **COMPETITOR**

The person entered in a competition as a rider, driver, vaulter or handler.

1. Rider – directs the movement of or controls the horse from a saddle.
2. Driver – directs the movement of or controls the horse from either the ground or on a vehicle using a lead, lunge or reins augmented by whip and voice as the primary aids.
3. Vaulter – performs gymnastic and dance exercises on the back of a moving horse. A vaulter is not a rider, as the horse's movement is directed and controlled by a lunger using a lunge line, a lunge whip, and static side reins.
4. Handler – directs and controls the movement of the horse other than as specified above.

## **COMPLAINT**

A formal submission in writing on the required form stipulated within the EC Discipline, Complaints and Appeal Policy setting out the details of an alleged complaint, violation, breach, or grievance.

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

A substantial appearance of a conflict of interest exists whenever others may reasonably infer from the given circumstances that a conflict exists. A conflict of

interest is defined as any personal, professional or financial relationship, including, but not limited to, relationships of family members that could influence or be perceived to influence objectivity when representing or conducting business or other dealings for, or on behalf of EC. For example, a person is considered to be in conflict of interest if that person or that person's family stands to benefit from a decision or from information obtained in the course of official duties and responsibilities which is not generally available to the membership or the public. See Chapter A14, Conflict of Interest Provisions.

## **CPC**

Canadian Pony Club

## **DISMOUNTING**

The deliberate departure of a person from the horse/carriage or the accidental leaving (falling off) of the horse/carriage .

## **DISQUALIFICATION**

Disciplinary action, prohibiting a competitor and/or entry from any further participation for the duration of a competition, and usually requiring the forfeiture of all winnings and the loss of entry fees.

## **DIVISION**

A grouping of entry based on competition criteria. Example: Training, Preliminary, Intermediate, Intermediate II, Advanced.

Blocks of FEI tests written by FEI and used by EC. Always prefaced by the abbreviation "FEI ...".

## **DRP**

Dispute Resolution Path/Process

## **DRR**

Dispute Resolution Request

## **EC DRESSAGE COMMITTEE**

The National Committee responsible for the development of Dressage in Canada.

## **EC DRIVING COMMITTEE**

The National Committee responsible for the development of driving in Canada.

## **EC EVENTING COMMITTEE**

The National Committee responsible for the development of Eventing in Canada.

## **EC JUMPING COMMITTEE**

The National Committee responsible for the development of the hunter, jumper and equitation divisions of equestrian sport in Canada.

## **EC NATIONAL PASSPORT**

The EC national passport is for use in FEI CIM-level competitions within Canada by Canadian owned horses. Please note that Canadian owned horses competing outside of Canada will require an FEI Passport or FEI Recognition Card. Horses competing with the EC National Passport in FEI competitions must also have an annual FEI Registration. Horses competing in CI-level competitions or FEI competitions outside of Canada, must upgrade to an FEI Recognition Card.

## **EC PARA-DRESSAGE COMMITTEE**

The National Committee responsible for the development of Para-Equestrian in Canada.

## **EC**

Equestrian Canada

## **EC/USEF RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT**

An agreement between EC and USEF on the recognition and suspension of officials, amateur certification and jointly recognized competitions.

## **ELIMINATION**

Exclusion from any further participation in the class in which the elimination occurs.

## **ENTRY**

Horse or pony entered in competition, or, in equitation, horsemanship or reinmanship classes, the rider or driver respectively.

## **ENTRIES**

1. Applications to compete in an EC-sanctioned competition, which must be signed by an individual who holds a valid EC Sport Licence or member of the national federation of another country, excepting parents or guardians signing an entry for a junior. See Chapter A9, Entries.
2. Late entry. An entry made and accepted after the closing date of entries and before the commencement date of the competition.
3. Post-entry. An entry made after the commencement of the competition or after the closing of entries, depending upon the rules of each competition.
4. Regular entry. An entry made before the closing date for regular entries.

## **EQUESTRIAN CANADA (EC)**

Equestrian Canada is the national governing body for all equine and equestrian sporting and recreational activities and interest (except racing) in Canada. If the name of EC changes at any time, any reference to EC will refer to its replacement name or organization.

## **EVENT**

The entirety of activities, classes, competitions or combinations thereof, commencing and concluding as defined by the Organizer in the Prize List and which is covered by these rules. Also see “Competition”.

## **EVENT LOCATION**

All lands used by the competitions comprising the event. The competition rings, arenas, warm-up areas, stabling, parking and all grounds available or used for an event or competition owned, leased or rented by the Organizing Committee for the purposes of holding an EC-sanctioned event.

## **EVENTING**

EC rules for the discipline of Eventing, formerly called Combined Training, cover Horse Trials, Two-Day Events and Three-Day Events.

## **FALLS**

Competitors are considered to have fallen when, either voluntarily or involuntarily, they are separated from their horse, which has not fallen, in such a way that they touch the ground or find it necessary, in order to get back into the saddle, to use some form of support or outside assistance.

1. A horse is considered to have fallen when at the same time both its shoulder and quarters have touched either the ground or the obstacle and the ground.
2. See also discipline/breed sport rules.

## **FEDERATION**

For the purposes of these rules, the “Federation” means Equestrian Canada or the replacement organization should its name change.

## **FÉDÉRATION EQUESTRE INTERNATIONALE (FEI)**

The Fédération Equestre Internationale is the international equestrian sport governing body, of which EC is a member.

## **FEES, NOMINATION AND START**

1. Nomination Fee. A fee, usually non-refundable, which is levied by the competitions and, in some cases, organizations sponsoring special competitions such as futurities, to establish eligibility and intent to enter classes or divisions or special events. The fee constitutes a part of the total entry fee and allows the competitor the option to compete, usually upon payment of an additional fee, in the classes or divisions or special events for which the nomination fee was paid.
2. Start Fee. An additional fee levied by the competition applied to previously nominated entries and paid before commencement of a class. Payment of the fee allows the entries to compete in the class for which they have been nominated.

**FEI**

See Fédération Equestre Internationale

**FEI SCHEDULE**

An official document approved by the FEI outlining relevant information of an Event, including but not limited to the dates and location of the Event, the dates by which entries must be received, the Disciplines in which Competitions will be held, the programme of Competitions, the categories, nationalities and other relevant details of invited Athletes and Horses, the stabling and accommodation available, the value of the prizes and their distribution, and any other relevant details.

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Categories of FEI sanctioned competition and certification classification of FEI Officials.

**GATE**

*In driving:* A pair of lettered or unlettered markers used in an obstacle to define the route.

**GENERAL PERFORMANCE DIVISION**

A multi-performance division open to all horses, with classes conducted according to the General Performance rules. See Section F, General Performance.

**GOOD STANDING**

Participants in good standing are individuals who hold sport licences with Equestrian Canada who have paid their current licence dues, are not currently suspended and/or are not subject to any form of disciplinary action as described in these rules.

**GP**

Grand Prix

**GPS**

*In dressage;* Grand Prix Special

**GPF**

*In dressage;* Grand Prix Freestyle

**GROOM, ATTENDANT OR ASSISTANT**

A person who assists a competitor.

**GUEST CARD**

A guest card is a temporary licence issued by EC for officials not listed in the current EC Officials Roster or not listed in the capacity or with the qualifications which the competition requires.

## **HAND**

A hand is a unit of measurement that may be used to determine the height of a horse or pony. A hand measures four inches. Equines may also be measured in centimetres.

## **HANDLER**

See “Competitor”.

## **HEADER**

*In driving;* A groom or passenger, who “heads” a horse in a lineup in a driving class.

## **HEADGEAR STANDARDS**

Protective headgear designed for equestrian sport must be certified under one of the following standards: ASTM (American Society for Testing Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute, Inc.); BSI/BS EN (British Standards Institution); EN (European Union Standards); AS/NZS (Australian/New Zealand Standards); or CE VG1 01.040 2014-12 (provided they are BSI Kitemarked).

## **HORS CONCOURS**

Non-competitive entry, entered in a competition with the permission of the organizing committee. Not eligible for any winnings at that competition from the time it performs hors concours. See discipline/breed sport rules.

## **HORSE**

The term “horse” in this Rule Book, unless otherwise stated, denotes a horse, pony, mule, donkey, zebra or Very Small Equine (VSE). For competition purposes, a horse is over 14.2 hands high. For exceptions, see discipline/breed sport rules.

## **HORSE RECORDING**

A Horse Recording is a digital identification document for horses competing at EC Silver, Gold and Platinum competitions. The purpose of a Horse Recording is to enable EC to create a database profile for every horse competing at EC-sanctioned competitions. This allows EC to:

- Track the number of competitions, and classes per competition, that a horse is entered in to protect horse welfare.
- Record competition results to aid owners in the marketing and sale of horses, and to identify successful bloodlines.
- Assist in horse identification and safeguard against horse misrepresentation.
- Track eligibility of all horses and ponies, and record official pony measurements, to ensure fair play.
- Accurately track horses throughout their lifetime, regardless of ownership and/or horse name changes.

## **II**

*In dressage;* abbreviation for the Intermediate 1 test

## I2

*In dressage*; abbreviation for the Intermediate 2 test

### **IMMEDIATE FAMILY / FAMILY**

The words “immediate family” and “family” include the following: husband, wife, spouse, common law, same- or opposite-gender partner, parent, child, step-child, brother, sister, half-brother and sister, step-brother and sister, in-laws of the same relation stated above, grand-parents and grand-children, unless otherwise stipulated in discipline/breed sport rules.

### **JR**

Junior

### **JUDGING PANEL**

Two or more judges on the ring at the same time

### **JUNIOR/YOUTH**

1. Except as modified by discipline/breed sport rules, individuals are juniors until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18.
2. Junior “A”. Riders/drivers are classified as Junior “A” from the beginning of the calendar year in which they turn 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they turn 18.
3. Junior “B”. Riders/drivers are classified as Junior “B” from the beginning of the calendar year in which they turn 13 until the end of the calendar year in which they turn 15.
4. Junior “C”. Riders/drivers are classified as Junior “C” such until the end of the calendar year in which they turn 12.

In Western classes, individuals are youths until the end of the calendar year in which they turn 19. See also discipline/breed sport rules.

### **JURY**

For the purposes of these rules, a jury is deemed to be one judge or any number of judges as required by the class or event rules.

### **LAMENESS CATEGORIES**

**Grade I:** is defined as lameness difficult to observe. Not consistently apparent regardless of whether the horse is circling, going up or down a hill, trotting on a hard surface, etc.

**Grade II:** is defined as lameness difficult to observe at a walk or trot on a straight line.

**Grade III:** is defined as a consistently observable lameness at a trot.

**Grade IV:** is defined as an obvious lameness with marked nodding.

**Grade V:** is defined as minimal weight bearing on one leg, or inability to move.

*In endurance;* Grades III to V are automatically excused from BC judging; Grades I and II usually are not. The "soundness" score should reflect the significance of the gait impairment as well as the degree of impairment at that moment. A horse that merely has a peculiar way of going may appear slightly "off" so it is very important for the vet to have made notes, whether mental or otherwise, about how each horse moved at the pre-ride exam.

### **LESSEE**

An individual or group of individuals leasing a horse; to be official the lease must be registered with EC..

### **LEVEL**

Blocks of EC national dressage tests written by the USEF and used by EC. Refers to Training through Fourth Level and all Freestyles.

### **"M"**

Medium (Judge or Steward)

### **MEMBER**

Members of Equestrian Canada, including Category A, Category B and Category C members; see Equestrian Canada Bylaws, Article 3 – Membership. The term "member" may also be used in these rules to refer to a member of an organization such as FEI / USEF. See also Registered Participant

### **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Any national competition may apply for National Championships through the EC National Office and pay the required fees.

### **NATIONAL FEDERATION (NF)**

The national sport governing body of a country, which is a member of the FEI.

### **NATIONAL OFFICE (EC)**

The administrative office of EC.

### **NATIONAL ORGANIZATION**

A Canadian equine or equestrian society or organization, which has objectives and aims with Canadian scope, is registered in Canada, has a Canadian head office and a Canadian Board of Directors.

### **NF**

See National Federation

### **O**

Open

## **OFFICIALS**

Officials, including judges, stewards, course designers and technical delegates, who are recognized and certified by Equestrian Canada to officiate at EC-sanctioned competitions.

## **PARTICIPANT**

Any person involved with, competing in, taking part in, in any capacity with regards to the said event. Said “event” is not restricted to competition and could include but is not limited to clinics, shows, competitions, demonstrations and training sessions. See also Registered Participant.

## **PARTICIPATING PTSO**

A Provincial or Territorial Sport Organization that has a current Affiliation Agreement with Equestrian Canada to provide various services and products and represents the aims and objectives of the national federation in its region.

## **PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**

The Person(s) responsible (PR) for a horse must be an adult who has, or shares responsibility for the care, training, custody, and performance of the horse and who has official responsibility for that horse under EC Rules. The PR is liable under the penalty provisions of the applicable EC Rules for any rule violations.

Every entry form for an EC sanctioned competition must identify the PR and be signed by the PR.

The Person(s) responsible is ultimately responsible for the condition, fitness and management of the horse and is alone responsible for any act performed by himself/herself or by any other person with authorized access to the horse in the stables, elsewhere on the grounds, or while the horse is being ridden, driven or exercised.

**A:** For adult entries into EC sanctioned competitions the PR shall be either the trainer, the owner of the horse or the competitor who rides or drives the horse during the EC sanctioned competition.

**B:** For Junior entries into EC sanctioned competitions the Junior competitor cannot be the PR. For Junior entries the PR may be either the trainer, the owner of the horse, or a parent/guardian of the Junior competitor.

## **PONY**

1. Ponies are animals that do not exceed 14.2 hands, unless otherwise specified in discipline/breed sport rules.
2. “A” ponies exceed 13.2 hands but do not exceed 14.2 hands
3. “B” ponies exceed 12.2 hands but do not exceed 13.2 hands
4. “C” ponies do not exceed 12.2 hands

## **PRIZE LIST**

Required for all EC-sanctioned competitions. A publication which serves as an invitation to compete and provides all information required by the officials and the competitors in the competition. See Chapter A6, Prize Lists and Entry Forms.

## **PRIZE MONEY**

Includes bonus money, cash, or gift cards/certificates, and exhibition class prize money.

## **PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR**

1. Protective headgear must be:
  - a) approved by an accredited certification organization (HEADGEAR STANDARDS).
  - b) designed specifically for equestrian sport;
  - c) properly fitted; and
  - d) securely fastened by a permanently affixed safety harness.
2. Any competitor may wear approved protective headgear in any division or class without penalty from the judge.
3. Equestrian Canada makes no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any approved protective headgear. Equestrian Canada cautions riders and Athletes that serious injury or death may result despite wearing such headgear, as all equestrian sports involve inherent risk, and no protective headgear can protect against all foreseeable injury.

## **PROTECTIVE VEST (BACK PROTECTORS)**

1. Protective vest must be:
  - a) properly fitted; and
  - b) securely fastened.
2. Any competitor may wear a protective vest in any division or class without penalty from the judge.
3. Equestrian Canada makes no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective vest and does not imply protective vests may protect against all foreseeable injury.

## **PROTEST**

A formal process, expressed in writing, to the Competition Organizing Committee (OC) to lodge a dispute, disagreement or grievance regarding the conduct of the EC-sanctioned competition or an alleged rule or policy violation on the part of the OC or official(s) at an EC-sanctioned competition. See Article A1204 – Filing a Protest.

## **PROVINCE (PARTICIPATING PTSO)**

For the purposes of these rules, the term “Province” refers to the Provincial or Territorial Equestrian Sport Organization,

**PSG**

*In dressage; Prix St. Georges*

**PTSO**

Provincial/Territorial Sports Organization (provincial or territorial organization overseeing equestrian activities)

**“R”**

Recorded (Judge)

**RAPPING**

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

**RECORDED WARNING**

An alternative to other options in the EC legal system, (eg. Fines or disqualification) and is for cases of minor offenses, including behaviour that should not be repeated and that does not warrant a more severe penalty, including a Yellow Warning Card.

**REGISTERED LEASE**

A lease registered with EC or the FEI. See Article A817, Registered Leases.

**REGISTERED PARTICIPANT**

Any Person registered with Equestrian Canada, including Sport Licence Holders, and paying dues to obtain some benefit from Equestrian Canada. Registered Participant status is included with a PTSO membership.

**REMUNERATION**

For the purposes of these rules, remuneration is defined as any payment, either in cash or in kind, with the exception of gifts of token value.

1.        Remuneration does NOT include:
  - a)        payment made to any competition official
  - b)        reimbursement for expenses without profit
  - c)        winnings paid to a horse’s owner

**RULE BOOK/RULES**

“Rule Book” refers to the Rules of Equestrian Canada and all its parts. “Rules” refer to the rules and regulations of EC contained in the Rule Book.

## **“S”**

Senior (Judge or Steward)

### **SCHOOLING**

The act of preparing or exercising a horse prior to or between competition rounds, which may include flatwork, jumping, or other permitted training activities. Schooling may take place in designated schooling areas, competition rings (when authorized), or other approved spaces under the supervision of competition officials.

All schooling must be conducted in accordance with Equestrian Canada rules, with attention to horse welfare, safety, and fair sport.

### **SCHOOLING AREA**

A designated space provided at a competition venue for the purpose of allowing competitors to warm up and prepare their horses prior to entering the competition ring.

Schooling areas must be safe, clearly marked, and managed in accordance with the discipline-specific rules. They may include warm-up rings, lunging areas, and any other spaces explicitly permitted by the Organizing Committee for horse preparation.

All schooling areas fall under the jurisdiction of the competition and must comply with Equestrian Canada safety standards and horse welfare policies.

### **SENIOR**

Individuals are adults or seniors from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of nineteen. For FEI rules visit [www.fei.org](http://www.fei.org)

### **SHOWN AND JUDGED**

To be “shown and judged” in a class, an animal must perform the prescribed routine and must remain in the ring until excused by the judge.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA BRAND AMBASSADOR**

A Social Media Brand Ambassador is a social media user who spreads the word about a company/brand or its products by posting about them on social media and promoting them to their unique social audience.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCER**

A Social Media Influencer is an individual who has built a reputation for their knowledge and content creation on a specific topic. They make regular posts about that topic on their preferred social media channels and generate large followings of enthusiastic, engaged people who pay close attention to their content.

### **SOUNDNESS**

Must be serviceably sound. See also Unsoundness.

### **SPORT INTEGRITY CANADA**

Sport Integrity Canada (formerly The Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES)) is an independent, national, not-for-profit organization that works to protect and

promote the integrity of sport in Canada. Through the administration of its programs, including the Canadian Anti-Doping Program and the Canadian Safe Sport Program, we strive to ensure sport is safe, inclusive, fair, clean, and accessible for all Canadians.

## **SPORT LICENCE**

EC Sport Licences are required by competitors, owners or lessees, and individuals/corporations accepting responsibility for entries in EC-sanctioned competitions.

## **START OF A COMPETITION**

The official start of a competition relates to the same day that officials are required to be on duty. For exceptions, see discipline/breed sport rules.

## **SUITABILITY**

### **Suitability (rider-to-horse combination):**

The appropriateness of a competitor's size, weight, balance, and ability relative to the horse or pony, such that it does not compromise the animal's welfare, soundness, safety, or performance. Officials may consider factors such as the competitor's height and weight in proportion to the horse, competitor skill level, and the horse's build, fitness, and observable reaction under saddle.

## **SUSPENSION**

Disciplinary action resulting in the suspension of a horse and/or owner, lessee, rider, driver, handler or any other responsible party from further participation in EC-sanctioned competition until the term of the suspension has expired.

## **TRAINER**

An adult who has the responsibility for the care, training, custody and performance of the horse.

## **TROPHY**

1. Challenge Trophy - A challenge trophy has to be won a specified number of times for outright possession.
2. Perpetual Trophy - A perpetual trophy remains in the possession of the winner for a period of 11 months, at the end of which time it is to be returned to the competition organizing committee. A replica may be given instead of a perpetual trophy.

## **TURNOUT**

*In driving:* The assemblage including the Athlete (Athlete), required groom(s), horse(s) with harness and carriage appropriate to the competition. Description includes configuration – single, pair, tandem, unicorn or four-in-hand. Examples: Horse single; pony pair; VSE unicorn; Small pony tandem

## **UNSOUNDNESS**

Unsoundness is:

- a) consistently observable at any gait under all circumstances;
- b) marked nodding, hitching or shortened stride; or
- c) minimal weight-bearing in motion and/or rest and inability to move.
- d) Any manifestation of pain, inability, disability or deformity in the act of motion is considered an unsoundness.

## **UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION (USEF)**

The equestrian sport governing body of the United States.

### **USDF**

United States Dressage Federation

### **USEF**

United States Equestrian Federation

## **VALID SPORT LICENCE**

A Sport Licence is considered valid when it is current and the holder is in good standing.

## **VETERINARIAN**

Veterinarian: the veterinarian must be licensed to practice in the province/territory in which the competition is being held or in the home province/territory of the horse that is in competition and owner of or employed by a practice that is approved by its province/territory to participate in equine practice.

## **VIOLATION**

For the purpose of these rules, a violation is deemed to be any act prejudicial to the interests of EC. See Article A1207 – Violations.

## **WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY (WADA)**

WADA's primary role is to develop, harmonize and coordinate anti-doping rules and policies across all sports and countries.

## **WORLD ANTI-DOPING CODE (CODE)**

The World Anti-Doping Code (Code) is the core document that harmonizes anti-doping policies, rules and regulations within sport organizations and among public authorities around the world. It works in conjunction with eight International Standards which aim to foster consistency among anti-doping organizations in various areas.

## **WINNINGS**

All ribbons, prizes, prize money, trophies and points won by a horse.

## **YELLOW WARNING CARD**

An alternative to other options in the EC legal system, (eg. recorded warning, fines or disqualification) and is for misconduct that is not a minor offense but not severe enough to warrant formal disciplinary action by EC.

**YR****Young Rider****YOUNG RIDER/DRIVER**

Young riders/drivers are such from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of sixteen until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21.

**METRIC CONVERSION**WHEN YOU KNOW ..... MULTIPLY BY ..... TO FIND

Hands.....	4.....	inches
Inches.....	2.54.....	Centimeters
Centimeters.....	0.3937.....	Inches
Yards.....	0.9.....	Meters
Meters.....	3.281.....	Feet
Feet.....	0.3048.....	Meters
Miles.....	1.609.....	Kilometers
Kilometers.....	0.6214.....	Miles
Pounds.....	0.4536.....	Kilograms
Kilograms.....	2.205.....	Pounds

**METRIC CONVERSION CHART**

**10" = 25.4cm; 10 cm = 4"**

2'3"	-	0.70m	4'9"	-	1.45m
2'6"	-	0.75m	5'0"	-	1.50m
2'9"	-	0.85m	5'3"	-	1.60m
3'0"	-	0.90m	5'6"	-	1.70m
3'3"	-	1.00m	5'9"	-	1.75m
3'6"	-	1.10m	6'0"	-	1.80m
3'9"	-	1.15m	6'3"	-	1.90m
4'0"	-	1.20m	6'6"	-	2.00m
4'3"	-	1.30m	6'9"	-	2.10m
4'6"	-	1.40m	7'0"	-	2.20m

Since 10cm equals 4 inches, it should be noted that exact equivalents are not possible. During this time of transition between Imperial and Metric measure, this chart may be useful, but I should be remembered that the listed Metric maximum height may be slightly higher than the "equivalent" Imperial maximum. Fences should therefore not exceed maximum heights.

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