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FEI GENERAL REGULATIONS

As from publication date of the present edition of the General Regulations, all other texts covering the same matter (previous editions, official minutes or Bulletins, any memoranda) issued prior to this date, are superseded.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

CA	Driving Event
CC	Eventing
CD	Dressage Event
CE	Endurance Riding Event
CH	Concours Hippique - any event which includes competitions for more than one discipline
CI	International Event
CIC	International One Day Events
CIM	Minor International Event
CIO	Official International Event
CN	National Event
CS	Jumping Event
CV	Vaulting Event
FEI	Fédération Equestre Internationale
GR	General Regulations
J	Juniors (eg. CCI-J)
NF	National Federation
OC	Organising Committee
M	World (eg. CH-M)
P	Pony Riders (eg. CDN-P)
Sec. Gen.	Secretary General
SR	Special Regulations
VR	Veterinary Regulations
Y	Young Riders (eg. CSIO-Y)
W	World Cup (eg. CDI-W, CSI-W)
CCh	Children's Event

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GENERAL REGULATIONS

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION AND DEFINITIONS

Article 100 - REGULATIONS AND RULES

1. The General Regulations (GRs) are established so that individual competitors and teams of competitors from different National Federations (NFs) may compete against each other under fair and equal conditions. If there is any doubt about the meaning of any of the Regulations, they should be interpreted in the sense of ensuring fair conditions for all competitors.
2. The GRs, together with the Veterinary Regulations (VRs), govern the conduct of all international equestrian events organised by NFs or by or on behalf of the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI). The GRs are published under the authority of the General Assembly.
3. The GRs have been drawn up in the broadest possible spirit so as to allow Organising Committees (OCs) the fullest freedom in the management of their events and in the preparation of their programmes.
4. Separate Rules are published, under the authority of the Bureau, for each of the disciplines authorised by the General Assembly. This refers also to disciplines as established under Art. 001.4 of the Statutes. However, the FEI is not legally or financially responsible for the promotion or conduct of these disciplines.
 - 4.1. To be considered for proposal to the General Assembly as an added FEI discipline and to be governed by these General Regulations the activity in question must be practised by a minimum of thirty NFs from at least four geographical groups with a total participation of a minimum of ten thousand competitors. It must also involve a true collaboration between rider and horse at an advanced standard of training, respect the classical equestrian ideas, exemplify the FEI standards of sportsmanship and fully respect the horse's welfare.
 - 4.2. The Rules for disciplines as established under Art. 001.4 of the Statutes are published under the authority of the involved geographical Groups.
5. Veterinary Regulations (VRs) are published under the authority of the Bureau to protect the health and well-being of horses and to enable them to participate in international competitions under fair and equal conditions.
6. Special Regulations (SRs) are published under the authority of the Bureau for equestrian events at Olympic Games, World Cups and other FEI-named events, series or competitions, and for Young Riders (Y), Juniors (J), Pony Riders (P) and Children (Ch).
7. FEI Statutes, GRs, VRs, Rules and SRs apply to international events and/or competitions as laid down in Chapter II.
8. The Rules and SRs must be read in conjunction with the GRs and VRs. In case of conflict of interpretation between the provisions of any of the VRs, Rules or SRs, the principles of the GRs shall take precedence.
9. NFs are responsible for the implementation by OCs, of all the Regulations and Rules, including all financial obligations.
10. All clubs and societies affiliated to NFs and all OCs must abide by the Regulations and Rules when organising international events or competitions.
11. In cases of doubt about the interpretation of Articles or their application to particular circumstances, NFs should obtain a ruling from the Secretary General. The Judicial Committee is the final authority within the FEI on the interpretation of the Statutes, Regulations and Rules.
12. It is the responsibility of OCs to take such measures as may be necessary to cover their financial and legal liabilities.

Article 101 - DEFINITIONS

1. The term "Event" refers to the complete meeting, "Show", "Championship" or "Games" under the control of an OC.
2. The term "Competition" refers to each individual class in which competitors are placed in an order of merit and for which prizes may be awarded.
3. The term "Discipline" refers to the type of event or competition for which separate Rules are established.

4. The term "Category" refers to the group of competitors for whom the event or competition is organised.
5. Events may be organised for one or more than one discipline. The period of an event commences one hour before the beginning of the first Horse Inspection and terminates, so far as each discipline is concerned, half an hour after the announcement of the final results in that discipline, unless the schedule provides otherwise. In the Olympic Games the period of an event coincides with the Olympic Sojourn as established by the IOC.
6. The term "Organising Committee" (OC) refers to any organisation, group, society or body which is recognised by the NF and held to be responsible for the management of any event.
7. The term "Series" refers to a number of competitions held successively at different events and the results of which lead to a final classification or qualify horses and/or competitors for a final event or competition or prize.
8. The term "Phase" refers to separate parts of a competition at the same event which are taken together to arrive at the final classification.
9. The term "Round" refers to two or more consecutive circuits of the same, or a similar, course as part of a single competition.

Article 102 - DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS

The following descriptions of equestrian events are established:

1. CONCOURS HIPPIQUE (CH) - any event which includes competitions for more than one discipline.
2. CONCOURS DE SAUT D'OBSTACLES (CS) - events where the competitions are exclusively for the discipline of Jumping.
3. CONCOURS DE DRESSAGE (CD) - events where the competitions are exclusively for the discipline of Dressage.
- 4.1. CONCOURS COMPLET D'EQUITATION (CC) - events where the competitions are exclusively for the discipline of Eventing.
- 4.2. CONCOURS INTERNATIONAL COMBINE (CIC) - events where the competitions are exclusively for International One Day Events.
5. CONCOURS D'ATTELAGE (CA) - events where the competitions are exclusively for the discipline of Driving.
6. CONCOURS DE RAID D'ENDURANCE (CE) - events where the competitions are exclusively for the discipline of Endurance Riding.
7. CONCOURS DE VOLTIGE (CV) - events where the competitions are exclusively for the discipline of Vaulting.
8. CONCOURS DE REINING (CR) – events where the competitions are exclusively for the discipline of Reining.

Article 103 - TITLES OF EVENTS

Each of the events described in Art. 102 above may be named as follows:

1. CONCOURS NATIONAL (CN) - National Event, e.g. CHN, CSN, etc.
2. CONCOURS INTERNATIONAL MINEUR (CIM) - Minor International Event, (see Appendix D).
3. CONCOURS INTERNATIONAL (CI) - International Event, e.g. CSI, CAI, etc. Events where a World Cup competition is held are indicated by the addition of the letter "W", e.g. CSI-W.
4. CONCOURS INTERNATIONAL OFFICIEL (CIO) - Official International Event, e.g. CHIO, CSIO, etc.
5. CHAMPIONSHIPS (CH-) - of each discipline and in particular categories of events are organised by NFs for competitors from a well-defined geographical area, e.g. World (CH-M), Continental (CH-EU or CH-N.AM), Regional (CH-Balkan, etc.).
6. Regional and Continental Games are organised under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee and Regional Games Associations. The FEI is responsible for the technical control of the equestrian events.
7. World Equestrian Games, to which the Regulations for World Championships apply.
8. Olympic Games. The equestrian competitions are subject to the SRs for the Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games.

Article 104 - CATEGORIES OF EVENTS

1. Events limited to Seniors are indicated by the abbreviations established in Art. 102 & 103 (Description & Title of Events).
2. Events for Young Riders are indicated by the addition of the letter "Y" e.g. CSIO-Y.
3. Events for Juniors are indicated by the addition of the letter "J", e.g. CCI-J.
4. Events for Pony Riders are indicated by the addition of the letter "P" e.g. CDN-P.
5. Events for Children are indicated by addition of the letters "Ch", e.g. CSI-Ch.
6. Events for Veteran Riders are indicated by the addition of the letter "V" e.g. CSI-V.

CHAPTER II

EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS

Article 105 - NATIONAL EVENTS

1. A National Event (CN) is normally limited to national competitors who may take part according to the regulations of their NF. Foreign competitors may only take part under paragraphs 2 and 3 below or under Art. 123.
2. Individual foreign competitors, other than "Competitors Living Abroad" (Art. 123.7), may take part in CNs provided they have obtained written permission from their own NF and from the NF of the OC concerned. Permission must state the exact period for which it has been granted.
3. Not counting "Competitors Living Abroad" (Art. 123.7), the number of foreign competitors who may take part at a CN shall, subject to the laws of the European Union if applicable, be as defined in the Rules for each discipline. However, a CN which allows more than 15 foreign competitors coming from more than 4 different NFs to take part, is automatically considered to be a CI with all the implications that this entails, in accordance with the FEI Rules and Regulations.
4. Unless otherwise specified in the Rules for each discipline, special promotional, border and riding club events which are of a low level and offer no or nominal prize money may be organised under the rules for CNs of the host NF with competitors from up to three NFs.
5. All other events at which foreign competitors may take part must be classified as CIs (see also Appendix D).

Article 106 - INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

1. An International Event (CI) must be organised under the FEI Statutes, GRs, VRs, SRs and FEI Rules and may be open to competitors of all NFs.
2. CIs are primarily for individual competitors. However, competitions for national or otherwise named teams of not more than four members may be organised, but they may never be described as "Nations' Cups."
3. Schedules for CIs must state the total number of foreign competitors and horses which are invited.
4. Consideration should be given to inviting competitors from regions other than the region where the CI is held.
5. CIs will be classified according to the amount of prize money offered and/or to other criteria taking into consideration entree fees, under a formula established by the relevant Technical Committee, and approved by the Bureau.

Article 107 - OFFICIAL INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

1. An Official International Event (CIO) is an event to which NFs are invited to send selected representative teams and individuals, and must be organised under the FEI Statutes, Rules, Regulations and VRs. The dates and location must be approved by the Bureau and published in the Official Calendar. Once published in the Official Calendar the date and/or location of a CIO may only be changed in very exceptional circumstances with the approval of the Secretary General and the Chairman of the relevant Technical Committee. Changes of dates or locations must be published as soon as possible.
2. CIOs must include the official competition for teams and individuals according to the Rules of the relevant discipline.
3. In Europe, each NF may only organise one CSIO for Seniors in each discipline in any calendar year.

4. For other age groups and for Seniors outside Europe, the number of CIOs must be specifically approved by the relevant Technical Committee.

5. CIOs must use the official emblem of the FEI on all posters and on the front page of all schedules and programmes.

Article 108 - CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Senior World Championships, in each of the disciplines authorised by the General Assembly, may be organised in the even year between the Summer Olympic Games for the Olympic disciplines (Show Jumping, Dressage and Eventing) and in each even year for Endurance, Vaulting and Reining and in each year for Driving. World Championships are open to all NFs. At least six countries must be represented. Unless the Rules of the relevant discipline provide otherwise, a Definite Entry does not count as being represented. See Appendix C and the Rules of the relevant discipline for any exceptions to this paragraph. See also Art. 110.

1.1. The General Assembly can also decide to organise in the same period of time and at the same venue the World Championship for the six equestrian disciplines mentioned in the paragraph above: as World Equestrian Games (WEG).

2. Senior Continental Championships in each discipline and open to NFs or regional teams within the approved limits of the appropriate continent, may be organised in the uneven years. Unless the Rules of the relevant discipline otherwise provide, at least six national or regional teams must have been represented at the first horse inspection.

2.1. NFs of North and South America may each organise separate Continental Championships in the year following the Summer Olympic Year. Central American NFs may participate either in the North or in the South American Championships.

3. Continental Championships for Y, J, P and Ch may be organised annually. At least four NFs must be represented in Europe. However, outside Europe Continental Championships may be held with any number of regional teams from at least two NFs. These Championships may be organised in conjunction with CIs under the conditions laid down in the Rules for each discipline and in the SRs for Y, J, P and Ch.

3.1. North and South American National Federations may each organise such Championships every year. The Central American NFs may participate in the North or in the South American Championships, but not in both.

4.1. Senior Open Continental Championships may be organised in the years preceding the Olympic year.

4.2. Open Continental Championships for Young Riders, Juniors, Pony Riders and Children as well as for Endurance and Vaulting may be organised annually. In both cases the specific approval of the Bureau must be obtained.

4.3. The title and the related medals shall be awarded to participating individuals and teams in order of merit. In addition, medals will be awarded to the highest placed individual and team coming from the relevant continent.

5. Regional Championships may be organised for any convenient geographical (Mediterranean, Balkan, Danube, the Alps, etc.) or ethnographical (Celtic, Maghreb, etc.) or traditional (Rural) group of at least two countries in any discipline. Regional Championships may take place every year and are open to NFs outside the group by invitation. OCs are free to choose the programme and may include any form of competition provided for in the Rules. These Championships have the status of CIOs but may not be officially described as CIOs; the officials are to be appointed according to the relevant articles 153.7, 154.3, 157 and 158 and their expenses are to be met according to Art. 132.

6. The composition of teams and the number of individual competitors authorised to take part in championships are laid down in the Rules and in the SRs for Y, J, P, Ch and V.

Article 109 - FEI-NAMED EVENTS

1. FEI-named events are the Championships, World Cups Series, Nations Cup Series and other events, series or competitions which, on recommendation of the relevant Technical Committee and after consultation with the Strategic Planning Committee, have been established by the Bureau and accepted by the General Assembly. They shall be implemented in co-operation with the relevant NFs and OCs according to Art. 119.2 and 3.

2. The title of all such events, series and competitions shall always be preceded by the letters "FEI".

3. If an FEI-named event is sponsored, the sponsor's name may appear in conjunction with the relevant title. However, the letters "FEI" must precede the title.

4. Championships, World Cup Finals and Nations Cup Finals must use the official emblem of the FEI on all posters and on the front page of all schedules and programmes.

Article 110 - ALLOCATION OF CHAMPIONSHIPS,

WORLD CUPS AND OTHER FEI-NAMED EVENTS OR COMPETITIONS

1. World and Continental Championships shall be allocated in accordance with this article and the relevant Rules and SRs. To World and Continental Championships for Seniors apply additionally the "Working Agreement between FEI and NF/OC" as approved by the Executive Board in collaboration with the relevant Technical Committee. The allocation shall be decided on advice of the relevant Technical Committee and the Finance Committee, also taking into consideration the results of the last Championship.
2. In principle, an NF will not be allocated:
 - 2.1. more than one World or Continental Championship for Seniors in the Olympic disciplines in any one year, or
 - 2.2. two consecutive World or Continental Championships in the same discipline for the same category of competitors, unless there are no other applications.
3. NFs wishing to organise the World Equestrian Games (WEG) must apply no later than 1st October, four years before the Championship is due to take place; or if that date is later within one month after the conclusion of the preceding World Equestrian Games. The allocation will be decided by the Bureau.
4. NFs wishing to organise a World Driving Championship must apply no later than 1st October, three years before the Championship is due to take place. The allocation will be decided by the Bureau at its Autumn meeting.
5. For Senior Continental Jumping, Dressage or Eventing Championships and for World Championships in Endurance, Vaulting and Reining, NFs must apply no later than 1st October, three years before the Championship is due to take place, so that the allocation can be decided by the Bureau.
6. In regard to all other Championships, NFs must apply by the 1st October, two years before the Championship is due to take place. The allocation will be decided by the Bureau.
7. When applying, NFs must submit the location at and the date on which they intend to organise the Championship and must agree to comply with the FEI working agreements.
8. Applications for Regional Championships must include a list of NFs eligible, and any other NFs invited to take part, together with the proposed programme and the standard of the competitions.
9. The allocation of World Cup Finals and other FEI-named events or competitions shall take place in accordance with the relevant SRs and the "Working Agreement between FEI and NF/OC" mentioned in paragraph 1 above and must be approved by the Bureau.
10. If no suitable application to organise an event has been received within the presented time-limit, an appropriate allocation may be made by the relevant authority.

Article 111 - FEI MEDALS

1. FEI Medals for Championships are awarded as follows:
 - 1.1. A Gold, Silver and Bronze medal for each member of a Senior, Young Rider, Junior, Children and Pony Rider team placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd.
 - 1.2. A Gold, Silver and Bronze medal to each individual Senior, Young Rider, Junior, Children and Pony Rider placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd.

Article 112 - COMPETITIONS

1. Separate competitions for the following standard categories of competitors may be included in the schedules for all events unless stated otherwise in the Rules:
 - 1.1. Seniors
 - 1.2. Young Riders
 - 1.3. Juniors
 - 1.4. Pony Riders
 - 1.5. Children
 - 1.6. Veterans

2. Separate competitions may be included for special categories of competitors, such as: Ladies, Students, Disabled, Rural riders, Military, etc.
3. In competitions open to more than one category, a separate classification may be used to decide the winner of each category.
4. In competitions open to more than one category, there shall be only one draw for the starting order.

Article 113 - TITLES OF COMPETITIONS

1. At CIMs (see Appendix D), the title of competitions may not include the name of any nation or international region.
At other CIs, the name of the respective nation or country may, with approval of the relevant NF, be used for the title of one competition.
At CIOs, the same provision applies to one competition in each discipline.
2. The name "World" or names of continents, regions or other groups of nations or countries as title of competitions, Cups or any other classifications may only be used with approval of the Bureau.
3. The use of other names given to an event or to a number of linked events (Series) as defined in Art. 101.7 taking place under the jurisdiction of one or more than one NF requires the approval of the Executive Board and the NFs concerned.

Article 114 - ORGANISATION OF EVENTS

1. The schedules for all CIs, CIOs, World Cup Finals and Championships must clearly state that the FEI Statutes, GRs, VRs, Rules and, where appropriate, SRs apply.
2. International competitions may never be held under national rules.
3. If a competition under national rules is included during the course of CIs, the FEI Rules come into force as soon as the results of the competition under national rules have been announced. The GRs and VRs remain in force throughout the event (see Art. 139.2).
4. With the approval of the FEI, a CIO for one discipline may include a CI for competitions in another discipline. For example a CSIO may include a CDI or a CAI. In such a case the schedule and the programme must clearly state which are CIO and which are CI competitions.
5. OCs of international events must inform the FEI and NFs whose teams or individuals have taken part of the results and prize money paid to each placed competitor and team and send a copy of the programme within one week following the event.
6. Schedules, notices, instructions and announcements over the public address system at all international events (except CIMs, see Appendix D) must be written or spoken in one of the official languages in addition to the national language, except in cases where all concerned speak the same language. Where the national language is the same as one of the official languages the addition of the other official language is recommended.
7. Schedules, notices and instructions at all Senior World and Continental Championships must be written in both official languages in addition to the national language, except where all concerned normally use one of the official languages.
8. All announcements over the public address system at World Championships and World Cup Finals must be made in both official languages.
9. OCs of international events must provide adequate medical and veterinarian assistance and a sufficient number of ambulances, so that first aid is constantly available.

Article 115 - SCHEDULES FOR EVENTS

1. After the autumn Bureau Meeting the FEI Secretariat shall send through the relevant NFs a check list for the schedule to all OCs of CIMs, CIs, CIOs, Championships and Games, as listed in the approved Official Calendar for the next year. The OCs must return the forms completed in one of the official languages to their NF. The NF must then check and correct the forms for any errors in relation to the FEI Statutes, GRs, VRs, SRs and Rules before they send them to the FEI Secretariat for final approval no later than 16 weeks before the event takes place. Any subsequent changes must be brought to the attention of, and approved by, the Secretary General. Changes must be notified to the NFs concerned by the quickest possible means.

2. In exceptional circumstances, together with the approval of the Chefs d'Equipe, host NF delegate, if any, and the Ground Jury, the OC reserves the right to modify the schedule in order to clarify any matters arising from an omission or due to unforeseen circumstances. Any such changes must be notified to all competitors and officials as soon as possible and they must be reported to the FEI Secretary General by the Foreign Judge.

3. All schedules must give the dates and location of the event and the dates by which entries must be received in accordance with the following check list:

- 3.1. The disciplines in which competitions will be held,
- 3.2. The programme of competitions,
- 3.3. Whether the competitions will be indoors or outdoors,
- 3.4. The type and dimensions of the schooling areas and the competition arenas,
- 3.5. The categories of invited competitors and horses,
- 3.6. The stabling and accommodation available,
- 3.7. The value of the prizes and their distribution,
- 3.8. The national veterinary health requirements and the VRs,
- 3.9. Whether betting is allowed,
- 3.10. Code of Conduct,
- 3.11. Disclaimer of responsibilities,
- 3.12. Any other relevant details.

4. The Schedule must also give the time and place of the commencement of the inspection or First Inspection under Art. 1011 Veterinary Regulations.

Failure, without a reasonable excuse or the prior permission of the OC, to present a horse for inspection under Art. 1011 Veterinary Regulations at the time and place stated in the Schedule shall render the offending team or competitor liable to disqualification by the Ground Jury from the whole event.

Article 116 - EVENTS WITH BORROWED HORSES

1. International Competitions may be organised with horses provided by the host NF.
2. The relevant rules and regulations for each discipline and category or the schedule of the event shall apply for events with borrowed horses where appropriate.
3. The horses must wear their usual bit and bridle which must not be changed during the event unless permission is given by or on behalf of the owner.
4. Each competitor will be given the opportunity to ride the horse obtained in the draw in at least two riding sessions of one hour each according to the rules established by the Organising Committee.
 - 4.1. If there is an apparent complete incompatibility between horse and competitor, the Organising Committee may substitute a reserve horse at the discretion of the Ground Jury.
5. The Person Responsible under Art. 142.2 is also, in the case of a borrowed horse, the owner or the person who is normally in charge of the horse as well as the competitor to whom the horse has been allotted.

Article 117 - OFFICIAL CALENDAR

1. The Official Calendar shall be established by regular publication of the latest entries in the Bulletin and be approved by the Bureau at its autumn meeting for the following year. A provisional Long Term Calendar for the two succeeding years must likewise be published in the Bulletin.
2. Applications for CIMs (See Appendix D) shall be sent to the Secretariat as early as possible.
3. Applications for other CIs shall be sent to the Secretariat as early as possible and must reach it at the latest by 1st October preceding the Bureau meeting indicated in paragraph 1 above.
4. Applications for CIOs, World Cup competitions and other FEI-named events or competitions must be sent to the Secretariat at the latest by 1st October, two years before these events/competitions are due to take place. Under exceptional circumstances the Executive Board may modify this term.

5. The allocation of Championships, World Cup Finals shall be published in the Bulletin immediately. These shall take precedence over all other events.
6. CIOs which have been held on a similar date in previous years take precedence over other CIOs or CIs.
7. If two or more applications for CIOs on conflicting dates are made within the time limit prescribed by paragraph 4, the FEI shall create an arbitration panel composed of a member of the IEQA, a member of the relevant FEI Technical Committee and a staff member of the FEI Secretariat to allocate the date and the panel's resolution of the problem shall be final.
8. The OC of a CIO which has applied after the time limit prescribed by paragraph 4 for a date which conflicts with a date already allocated to a CIO must negotiate with the OC of that CIO. If negotiation is unsuccessful, the OC which has made a late application may request the arbitration panel to decide whether the events can reasonably be held at the same time considering the best interests of the sport and the fact that one application had not been made in time.
9. If the dates for Championships and the Nations Cup Final are already established, there may be no clashes of dates between CSIOs holding four star Nations Cup competitions. If a clash of date arises, priority must be given to events with traditional dates. For events which clash and do not have traditional dates, the Nations Cup Committee will take a decision following receipt of a recommendation from the Nations Cup Steering Committee.
10. CIs other than CIMs applying for dates after the approval of the Official Calendar may only be entered in the calendar with the approval of the Secretary General and the NFs affected. The FEI Secretary General must be informed of any particular agreements entered into by the OC/NF of a CI which has applied for a date after the approval of the Official Calendar. The FEI must ensure that these agreements are respected and may sanction the OC/NF.
11. No NF or OC may organise any international event which has not been published in the Official Calendar or approved by the Secretary General.
12. The Executive Board may permit deviations from the provisions of this Article, in order to promote the best interest of the sport.

Article 118 - CEREMONIES

1. Opening, Prize-giving and Closing Ceremonies may follow local custom but they must include the procedure laid down in the following paragraphs.
2. The representative of the FEI, or if no representative is present, the President of the Ground Jury must be invited to participate in the Opening, Prize-giving and Closing Ceremonies of all Championships and World Cup Finals.
3. All competitors invited to be present at these ceremonies, must remain mounted on the horses on which they have competed, or on their carriages. If a podium is used for the prize-winners (as for the Olympic Games), the prize winners may be asked to dismount.
4. The FEI representative, or the President of the Ground Jury, must present the FEI Medals and Trophies before any other prizes are presented by the OC or sponsors.
5. Opportunities should be taken at these ceremonies and during the course of the event to mention that the event is under the patronage of the FEI.
6. The Prize-giving Ceremony for Championships must take place immediately after the end of the competition.
7. OCs should avoid the necessity for horses to stand for long periods before and during these ceremonies.

Article 119 - COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

1. The FEI owns its title and emblems, the titles, emblems, and competition formulae of all championships and other FEI-named events, series and competitions established under the authority of the FEI as mentioned in Art. 108 and 109.
 - 1.1. The FEI owns the Official International Ranking Lists resulting from the ranking of competitors and horses competing at the events and competitions held under its authority.
 - 1.2. The FEI has the exclusive right to exploit the aforesaid properties through all media, including new media, Internet and TV in all its forms, as well as for sponsorship and marketing purposes according to the conditions laid down in paragraphs 2 and 3 below.
2. With regard to championships and other FEI-named events, a "Working Agreement" (see Art. 110.1) shall be reached between the FEI and the relevant NF and OC, which defines their respective rights and duties related to the exploitation of all commercial properties and the possible sharing of the revenues therefrom.

- 2.1. The Working Agreement shall recognise previous commitments of the relevant NF and OC and resolve any possible conflicts.
- 2.2. Subject to the provisions in paragraph 3, the normal basis for the Working Agreement will be the licence to the relevant NF and OC of the commercial properties for a fee pre-established by the Executive Board for each category of championship or event and for possible profit sharing.
- 2.3. With regard to the FEI-named series and competitions organised as a part of other events, the Working Agreement shall be reached between the FEI and the relevant NF and OC which shall respect previous commitments of the relevant NF and OC, unless otherwise agreed.
3. The Working Agreement must be finalised before the Bureau/ Executive Board confirms the final allocation of the event, series or competition. The exploitation of all commercial properties and TV rights must be negotiated in such a way as to assure the feasibility of the event, series or competition concerned, taking into consideration the technical and sporting conditions and the promotion of equestrian sport.

CHAPTER III

PARTICIPATION OF COMPETITORS

Article 120 - INVITATIONS

1. Invitations for individual foreign competitors to take part in CIs and CIOs must be sent to the NFs of the competitors concerned. Invitations from OCs must be sent through their own NFs to the NFs of the competitors concerned. Invitations must include copies of the schedule. The percentage of competitors personally invited by OCs shall be specified in the rules for the specific disciplines.
2. Invitations to take part in CIOs may only be sent from the host NF directly to other NFs and must stipulate the number of competitors and horses that may be included in the official team and the number of individual entries that can be accepted.
3. At CIOs the number of invited NFs may be limited according to the schedule of the event as approved by the FEI and the Rules of the relevant discipline.
4. Unless the relevant SRs provide otherwise, the announcement of the approved date and place of a Championship automatically counts as an invitation to all NFs eligible to participate. Intentions to participate must be sent to the host NF as soon as possible.
5. All competitors taking part in CIOs, Championships and Games must be given the same allowances and conditions. If similar accommodation facilities are not available for all competitors and their horses, allocation shall be decided by a draw.

Article 121 - ENTRIES

1. The number of horses that may be entered for an event must be in accordance with the schedule, the GRs and the Rules of the relevant discipline.
2. All competitors invited or nominated for an international event must be entered by their NFs. All foreign competitors selected by their NFs, up to the maximum specified in the schedule, must be accepted by the OC. OCs may not accept any other entries.
3. The number of teams and individual competitors allowed to be entered to take part is laid down in the Rules for each discipline.
4. NFs may only enter competitors for World Championships and Olympic Games who are qualified under conditions decided by the relevant Technical Committee and approved by the Bureau and, where appropriate, the IOC.
5. If NFs enter more competitors and horses than the number allowed in the official team, the Chef d'Equipe must designate the competitors and horses selected for the official team before the start of the event (see Art. 126, "Declaration of Starters" and the relevant Rules for each discipline).
6. OCs may not limit the number of entries of eligible competitors or teams for a Championship.
7. Unless it is stated otherwise in the Rules or SRs, entries for Senior Championships must be made following the compulsory three phases outlined under paragraph 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 below. For other events paragraph 7.2 shall not apply but other deadlines may be requested by NF/OC in the schedule.

7.1. Entries in principle

must reach the OC at least eight weeks before the event is due to begin. Entry in principle means that an NF has the definite intention of sending competitors to participate in the event.

It must state whether the intention is to send only a team or a team and individuals or only individuals.

7.2. Nominated entries

must reach the OC at least four weeks before the event and must include a list of the names of competitors and horses from which the Definite Entries and any substitutions will be chosen and state the number of competitors and horses which the NF intends to send. The number of nominated entries of competitors and horses must not exceed twice the number invited in the Schedule or prescribed by the Rules. Once the nominated entries have been sent in, NFs may send fewer competitors and/or horses but never more than the number of nominated entries. NFs which are not represented after having made nominated entries and whose excuse is not acceptable to the OC shall be reported by the OC to the Secretary General for consideration of their excuse by the Judicial Committee.

7.3. Definite entries

must reach the OC by letter or telecommunication at the latest four days preceding the beginning of the Event. These represent the final selection of competitors and horses that will travel to the event. The Definite Entries may not exceed the number listed and must be chosen from the list of names on the Nominated Entries. After the Definite Entries have been sent in, substitutions of horses and/or competitors may only be made with the express permission of the OC.

8. Entry forms for horses must include the name/names, breed, sex, age, colour, country of birth, present nationality and passport number and, where appropriate, qualifications.

9. Should an NF send more competitors and/or horses than shown in the Nominated Entry the OC is not obliged to accommodate them or to allow them to participate in that event even if the rules and schedule would allow such participation.

10. At an event, a competitor may withdraw any or all his horses from a competition, but he may not add a horse not previously entered for that competition without the approval of the OC and the Ground Jury.

11. Where an NF has made a nominated entry of a team and finds that it will be unable to send a team, it must immediately inform the OC.

12. Teams or individual competitors who have been definitely entered by their NFs at any event and fail to take part without valid excuse must be reported by the Foreign Judge/Technical Delegate to the Secretary General for consideration by the Judicial Committee. Competing at another event staged at the same time does not constitute a valid excuse for failure to participate at an event.

13. An NF cannot make definite entries for the same competitor/ horse combinations to more than one OC on penalty of disqualification of such competitor/horse combinations from the event where they eventually participate.

Article 122 - SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS

1. NFs have the final responsibility for the selection of all competitors and horses to participate in any international event or to represent their countries at CIOs, Championships, Regional and Olympic Games, provided that the competitors and horses are qualified in all respects under the conditions laid down for each event.

2. Only horses and competitors in possession of approved Certificates of Capability may be entered for World Championships and Olympic Games. (Appendix B), in accordance with the Special Regulations.

3. Only competitors properly licensed by NFs may be accepted as entries for CIs.

4. Competitors whose NF has been suspended or expelled may not be accepted as entries for any international event, or national event outside their country, during the period of the suspension or expulsion.

5. No competitor may take part "hors concours" in any international competition.

6. No competitor may be accepted as an entry for any international event under any other name than that appearing on his licence.

Article 123 - NATIONALITY STATUS OF COMPETITORS

1. The NF of a country where a competitor has his nationality/citizenship is his own NF.

2. Except as provided in paragraphs 4 and 9, a competitor may take part in international events only under the jurisdiction of his own NF.

3. A competitor who is the national/citizen of more than one nation must decide which is his own NF and must thereafter, subject to paragraph 4, compete under the jurisdiction of that NF.
4. If an associate state, province or overseas department, a country or a colony acquires independence, if a country becomes incorporated within another country by reason of a change of border, or if a new NF is recognised by the FEI, a competitor may continue to represent the country to which he belongs or belonged. However, he may, if he prefers, choose to represent his new NF. This particular choice must receive the approval of the FEI and may be made only once.
5. All changes of a competitor's NF must be reported by the new NF to the Secretary General of the FEI.
6. The provisions of this Article shall apply to all FEI office holders and candidates for nomination or election to an office as they apply to competitors.
7. Competitors Living Abroad - A competitor is considered to be living abroad if he spends more than six months of a year in one foreign country (the host country).
8. A competitor living abroad can take part regularly in CNs and CIMs and competitions for Juniors, Young Riders and Pony Riders of his host country if he is issued with a licence from the NF of his host country. The application for a licence must enclose written permission granted by the competitor's own NF. The competitor, while keeping his own NF, comes under the jurisdiction of the host NF for the above-mentioned events during the period of validity of the licence and he must take part according to the relevant regulations.
9. A competitor living abroad who loses his nationality or becomes a refugee or whose home country does not have an NF which is or ever has been a member of the FEI can compete internationally as if he were a national of the host country in all international events including Championships until his home country has an NF which is a member of the FEI.
10. Paragraph 3 of this article does not apply to any competitor until he reaches the age of 18.

Article 124 - YOUNG RIDERS, JUNIORS, PONY RIDERS, CHILDREN AND VETERANS

1. Competitors may take part in competitions and Championships for Young Riders from the beginning of the year they reach the age of 16 until the end of the year they reach the age of 21.
2. Competitors may take part in competitions and Championships for Juniors from the year they reach the age of 14 until the end of the year they reach the age of 18.
3. Competitors may take part in competitions and Championships for Pony Riders until the end of the year they reach the age of 16 for Jumping, Eventing and Dressage.
4. Competitors may take part in competitions and Championships for Children from the year they reach the age of 12 until the end of the year they reach the age of 14.
5. Competitors of the appropriate age may take part in competitions and Championships of more than one category mentioned in paragraphs 1 to 3 above, but in each discipline only in one of these Championships in any one calendar year.
6. Competitors may take part in Senior competitions and Championships from the beginning of the year they reach the age of 18 but they may only take part either in a Junior or a Young Rider or a Senior Championship in the same discipline in any calendar year. Further exceptions regarding age limits are laid down in the Rules of the relevant disciplines.
7. In exceptional cases, Technical Committees may with the approval of the Bureau vary any of the ages set out in paragraphs 124.1-4 for specific events or regions.
8. Rules and regulations regarding Veteran riders are stipulated in the special regulations of each discipline.

Article 125 - CHEFS D'EQUIPE

1. NFs must appoint a Chef d'Equipe if they have three or more competitors taking part in CIOs, Championships or Regional or Olympic Games. If only individual competitors are entered, or no separate Chef d'Equipe is appointed, NFs must nominate one of the competitors to act as Chef d'Equipe.
2. It is recommended that Chefs d'Equipe be appointed for CIs.
3. Chefs d'Equipe must attend all technical meetings organised for them in relation to the event.
4. The Chef d'Equipe shall be responsible for the following:

- 4.1. The general management and fitness of the horses entered for the event and the observance of the VRs by Team Veterinarians and other official team members.
- 4.2. The declaration and the scratching of competitors and horses entered for the competitions at CIOs, Championships, Regional and Olympic Games, and at CIs if appointed.
- 4.3. The general management, fitness and behaviour of competitors, especially those under the age of 18.
- 4.4. Notifying the OC which competitors and horses have been selected to start in team competitions.
5. The Chef d'Equipe may change the competitors and horses within the selected team but he cannot add or substitute any member and/or horse of the official team by an individual competitor and/or horse entered in that event but not selected for the team, except in cases of accident or illness as per Art. 126.2 (unless the requirements of a Certificate of Capability prevent this change, see World Championships, Olympic Games).
6. Chefs d'Equipe are not allowed to perform any other official functions at an event.
7. A Chef d'Equipe or his NF may appoint a deputy to attend meetings or perform other functions, but the deputy, unless otherwise qualified, shall not be entitled to any of the rights conferred on Chefs d'Equipe by Art. 132.

Article 126 - DECLARATION OF STARTERS

1. Chefs d'Equipe must declare the entries for the official team competition and the names of individual competitors, by the time laid down by the OC in accordance with the Rules.
2. In case of accident or illness of a team member and/or horse nominated for a team competition, an individual competitor and/or horse entered in that event may be substituted for the team member and/or horse in question. This must be announced by the Chef d'Equipe at the latest one hour before the start of the relevant competition. The competitor/horse being withdrawn cannot then take part in any other competition.

Article 127 - DRESS AND SALUTE

1. In all competitions that take place in an arena under the jurisdiction of a Ground Jury, each competitor must salute the President of the Ground Jury as a matter of courtesy, unless the President gives other instructions. The OC in agreement with the President of the Ground Jury must instruct the competitors to salute Heads of State when present, and may do so if there is a special guest occupying the official box.
2. In dressage competitions, the salutes to the President of the Jury are part of the test.
3. The President or a member of the Jury shall acknowledge all salutes.
4. Competitors must be properly dressed when appearing before spectators.
5. Competitors participating in Championships and Games in Jumping as well as in the jumping test of Eventing must wear the official jacket of their NF or traditional hunting jackets in accordance with paragraph 127.6.2. In CSIOs, competitors have to wear the official jacket of their NF or traditional hunting jacket in accordance with paragraph 127.6.2 during the Nations' Cup competition.
6. Colours, in the sense of special colouring of parts of the uniform to be worn at competitions in accordance with the rules of the relevant discipline are subject to approval by the relevant Technical Committee and may be registered by NFs with the FEI in order to retain exclusivity of use in favour of the applicant on the following conditions:
 - 6.1. An application for registration with the registration fee will be accepted by the FEI at any time during the year. The accepted registration will be valid for five years inclusive of the year the application is accepted. The date and time of receipt of the application will establish the order of priority of registration.
 - 6.2. Traditional hunting, black, red and blue jackets with matching collars cannot be registered.
 - 6.3. Colours already widely used by NFs or sponsors which are not registered will not be accepted for registration by a third party unless they have been out of use for one year.
 - 6.4. Colours must be in accordance with the Rules of the discipline concerned.
 - 6.5. The registration of colours is subject to a fee of CHF 150 valid for five years which must be paid before the colours can be registered.
 - 6.6. Colours registered for five years will be automatically re-registered at the appropriate fee of CHF 150 unless such registration is cancelled in writing before 31st December of the fifth year of the prior registration.

6.7. Colours registered in accordance with these rules can only be worn by those persons authorised to do so by the person or organisation in possession of the registration.

6.8. Disputes about colours are to be referred to the Secretary General whose decision is final.

CHAPTER IV

PRIZES AND EXPENSES

Article 128 - PRIZES

1. All money prizes are awarded to the owners or lessees of horses. Cups or mementoes are awarded to the competitors unless specifically allocated to the owners of horses.
2. All prize money constitutes a partial reimbursement of the costs of keeping a stable and training and travelling expenses.
3. The host NF has the right to impose an upper limit on prize money allocated for any particular competition open to foreign competitors.
4. Betting at an international event may only take place through an approved betting organisation.

Article 129 - ALLOCATION OF PRIZES

1. In all competitions the prizes must be distributed according to the provisions of this Article.
2. The value of the first prize for individuals or teams, either in cash or in kind easily convertible into cash, may never exceed one third of the total value of the prize money and prizes convertible into cash, offered for the whole competition.
3. The minimum number of prizes offered for each competition must be allocated on the basis of one prize for every commenced four competitors, with a minimum of five prizes.
4. Prizes, as laid down above, must be offered for all qualifying competitions for a general classification at that event, or for a general classification after a series of events.
5. A single prize in cash, or in kind, may be allocated for a general classification at the conclusion of a series of qualifying competitions, or at the end of the event for the accumulation of points, or at the conclusion of a series of qualifying events, provided always that prizes have been offered for each of the preliminary or qualifying competitions or events, according to this Article.

Article 130 - DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES

1. The total amount of prize money shown for each competition in the schedule must be distributed. If fewer competitors take part in a competition than the number of prizes indicated in the schedule, the President of the Ground Jury is responsible for recalculating the prize money to be distributed.
2. Prize money must be distributed to the Chefs d'Equipe or to the winning owners, lessees or competitors not later than immediately after the last competition of the event provided they have met all their financial and other obligations to the OC.
3. Prize money for a competition may not be distributed while any objections or appeals relating to that competition are under consideration.

Article 131 - CHALLENGE CUPS

If a challenge cup for an international competition has to be won a specified number of times for outright possession, either by the same competitor or by the same country, the general conditions of the competition may not be changed before the expiration of five years from the first competition or until it has been won outright under the original conditions, whichever first occurs.

Article 132 - EXPENSES

1. Subject to Rules established by Technical Committees for the relevant discipline and agreed by the Bureau, OCs of CIOs and Senior World and Senior Continental Championships are responsible for meeting the costs for accommodation from one day before until one day after the event and for travelling expenses of Chefs d'Equipe, Team Veterinarians (except at CSIOs, CVIOs and CDIOs), competitors and horses belonging to the official teams and of their

grooms, from the frontier of the host country, or the point of arrival in the host country, to the place of the event, including the cost of loading on and unloading from a ship or aircraft, of quarantine as well as customs duties in the host country. The same applies for the return journey.

2. The same conditions may be offered, in whole or in part, to any individual competitors entered in addition to the official teams.
3. For expenses at other Championships, World Cup Finals and Games see the SRs.
4. OCs are under no obligation to meet any of these expenses beyond the time limits published in the schedule, or to meet any travelling or accommodation expenses of any other persons who may be associated with the official teams.
5. If not otherwise specified in the Regulations or Rules, the scale of expenses for the travel and accommodation of competitors and grooms and the stabling and fodder for the horses must be published in the schedule and must cover the reasonable cost of accommodation and meals.
6. No OC may negotiate any special conditions directly with the competitors. If the reimbursement of expenses exceeds in any case the limits authorised by the schedule, this must be paid through the relevant NFs with an explanation for the reasons.

Article 133 - PRIVILEGES

1. Owners of horses present at an event, who are not competitors, are entitled to a pass provided by the OC giving them access to the stands and the collecting ring and a special access pass for the stables. OCs must provide one pass for a minimum of two owners per horse; however, for stable access refer to Art. 1005.2.5 of the Veterinary Regulations.
2. Members and Honorary Members of the Bureau, members of the Standing Committees and holders of FEI Badges of Honour are entitled to free admission to all events under the jurisdiction of the FEI. The Secretary General shall provide certificates to all persons entitled to this privilege upon request.
3. Holders of the certificates must apply, preferably well in advance, to the particular OCs for the necessary tickets and passes. Certificates must be presented with the application and must be returned with the tickets or passes.

CHAPTER V

LICENCES AND SPONSORSHIP

Article 134 - LICENCES

1. All competitors must be in possession of a licence issued by their NF before they can be permitted to take part in an international event. (See Art. 123 Competitors Living Abroad).

Article 135 - SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENTS

1. Competitors may enter a personal sponsorship agreement provided it is in accordance with the rules of their NF.
2. Sponsorship agreements may provide competitors with financial assistance for preparation for and participation in international events. However, such agreements must not contravene the Regulations and Rules, and must conform to the Olympic Charter and its Bylaws.
3. Sponsored Teams will be recognised by the FEI once they have been registered with the Secretariat. The registration is not effective for Games, Championships and Nations Cups.
 - 3.1. Applications for registration must include payment of the Sponsored Team registration fee of CHF 50,000 for the first year and CHF 30,000 for each subsequent year.
 - 3.2. Applications for registration must include permission from the NF of each competitor wishing to be a member of a Sponsored Team.
 - 3.3. A Sponsored Team may include a maximum of six competitors. A maximum of 36 horses may be registered initially and a team may register additional horses by paying CHF 900 for each additional horse.
 - 3.4. Colours, in the sense of special colouring of parts of the uniform to be worn at competitions in accordance with the rules of the relevant discipline are subject to approval by the Technical Committee and may be registered by the

Sponsored Team with the FEI in order to retain exclusivity of use in favour of the applicant. There is no additional charge above the registration fee for Sponsored Teams for registration of colours.

3.5. The FEI and Organising Committees must use the team name provided by the Sponsored Team for its competitors and horses and record, display and announce the full names accordingly and must also accept that the team's competitors wear the colours of their Sponsored Team.

3.6. The FEI may establish a link between the FEI website and the Sponsored Team's home page upon request.

**Article 136 - ADVERTISING AND PUBLICITY
ON COMPETITORS AND HORSES**

1. At all events, except Regional and Olympic Games under the patronage of the IOC (see Special Regulations for Equestrian Events at Olympic Games), competitors may wear the identification (name and/or logo) of the manufacturer of clothing and equipment or as an alternative that of a sponsor as outlined below:

1.1. Identification of the Manufacturer

1.1.1. While present in the competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies the identification of the manufacturer of the clothing and equipment may appear only once per item and may appear on a surface area not exceeding:

- a) 3 cm² for clothing and equipment;
- b) 50 cm² on each side of carriages.

1.1.2. If the manufacturers of clothing and equipment act as sponsors, the provisions under paragraph 1.2 of this article apply.

1.2. Identification of Sponsors

1.2.1. While present in the competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies the name and/or logo of the individual's sponsor(s) and/or team sponsor(s) may appear on a surface area not exceeding:

- a) 400 cm² on each side of carriages and vaulting back pads;
- b) 200 cm² on each side of the saddle cloth;
- c) 80 cm² only once on jackets or top garments at the height of breast pockets except during the endurance test of Eventing and Endurance events;
- d) 100 cm² only once on Vaulting outfits;
- e) 16 cm² on both sides of the shirt collar;
- f) 200 cm² on arm of top garment for the endurance tests of Eventing and Endurance events.

1.2.1.1.OCs of CIs and CIOs may state in the schedule that such logos are not permitted.

1.2.2. Only in the marathon phase of Driving Events, the surface area of the name and/or logo of the individual's and/or team's sponsor(s) appearing on the dash board and both sides of the carriage may not exceed 2520 cm²; on the backs of the grooms they may not exceed 1260 cm².

1.2.3. The OC may display the name and/or logo of a competition and/or Event Sponsor(s) on members of the arena party and on the numbers worn by competitors at CCs, CAs, CVs, CEs and on stable rugs while present in the competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies at all FEI events. This size of name and/or logo on the competitor's number shall not exceed 100 cm².

2. No advertisement or publicity other than logos defined in paragraph 1 above may be displayed on any competitor, official, horse or carriage while present in any competition arena or during the performance. However, competitors inspecting the course may wear the logo of their sponsor within a frame not exceeding 400 cm² on the front and back of their top garments and within a frame not exceeding 50 cm² on head gear.

3. Advertising may appear on obstacles and on the sides of the arena provided the TV agreement allows for it.

4. Horses bearing the names of commercial companies or of commercial products may only be ridden by competitors who have entered a personal sponsorship agreement as under Art. 135, except if the horse is drawn at events with borrowed horses (See Art. 116).

5. A competitor may not allow his name, person, photograph or horse to be used in any way for advertising unless it is approved by his NF or he has entered into a sponsorship agreement with the approval of his NF under Art. 135.

6. For the purposes of this article, the competition area shall include all areas where the competitor is being judged or his horse is undergoing a horse/veterinary inspection. It shall not include collecting rings, the "10 minute box" in Eventing, the holds at the veterinary gates in an Endurance Event or the compulsory rests in a Driving Event.

**Article 137 - OLYMPIC AND REGIONAL GAMES
UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE IOC**

1. Only competitors who satisfy the conditions laid down in the GRs and the Olympic Charter and its Bylaws may be entered for the Olympic and Regional Games under the patronage of the IOC (Appendix A).

CHAPTER VI

HORSES

Article 138 - AGE OF HORSES

1. Horses entered for Olympic Games and World Championships in the Olympic Disciplines must be at least 7 years of age.

2. Horses entered in World Championships in non-Olympic disciplines, Regional Games, Continental Championships, World Cups, CIOs and CIs must be at least 6 years of age unless otherwise stated in the Rules.

Article 139 - HORSE PASSPORTS

1. Every horse entered for any competition at CNs or CIMs (see Appendix D) in a foreign country, and all horses entered for other CIs, CIOs, Championships, Regional and Olympic Games, whether at home or in foreign countries, must have an official, valid FEI Passport, or a National Passport approved by the FEI accompanied by an FEI Recognition Card, as a means of identification and to establish ownership.

2. Horses taking part in CNs and CIMs (see Appendix D) in their own country are not required to have such a passport as is mentioned in paragraph 1. All such horses must be properly registered and identifiable and, unless there is no national requirement for equine influenza vaccination in the host country and in the country of origin all horses must have a valid vaccination certificate.

3. All passports must include the full name, address and signature of the owner as registered by the NF. The description of the horse and the diagram must be accurately completed, and the passport must include a record of all vaccinations and medication control tests. Whenever the name of a horse with a passport is changed, or any pertinent changes are made to a passport, the NF must notify the FEI.

4. NFs are responsible for issuing passports for all horses required to have them and for ensuring that the passports are correctly completed, as specified in the Veterinary Regulations, prior to being authenticated by the stamp of the NF and the signature of an official of the NF. NFs must send a photocopy of the identification page to the FEI for registration. The Person Responsible for a horse at an event is responsible for the accuracy of the passport and for presenting it at the Passport Control, except for events with borrowed horses (Art. 116) when this is the responsibility of the host NF.

5. A horse may only have one passport. If an NF is satisfied that a passport has been lost, it may issue a new one clearly marked "duplicate" and bearing the same number as the original passport. The issue of a duplicate passport must be reported to the FEI (see VRs).

6. OCs must arrange for each horse to be positively identified at the Passport Control during the examination on arrival, in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations. Any case of misleading or inaccurate information in a passport, or if the horse cannot be positively identified, must be reported to the President of the Appeal Committee, who must report the case to the Secretary General, giving the number of the passport and the name of the horse.

7. If any horse arrives at a CI, CIO, Championship, Regional Games or Olympic Games without a passport, or if its passport is inaccurate, it must not be allowed to compete unless the Appeal Committee gives its approval. Only in exceptional circumstances may a horse without a passport be allowed to compete.

Article 140 - NAMES OF HORSES

1. In principle, the first registered name of a horse entered in the passport shall be the original name under which it was originally registered by its NF, and this name must remain permanently in the passport.

2. The first registered name may not be the name of a commercial company or product. If this name is considered to be the name of a commercial company or product, a new first registered name must be entered and remain permanently in the passport.

3. A commercial prefix/suffix may be added to the name mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, and must be entered in the passport. However, at Regional and Olympic Games under the patronage of the IOC, such prefix/suffix cannot appear in a programme or be used in any other way.
4. If a new first name shall be used and entered in the passport and/or the commercial prefix/suffix be changed, the horse must carry the new name and/or the new prefix/suffix for the next 12 months as follows: new name and/or new prefix/suffix ex previous name/prefix/ suffix (see VRs).
5. In order to allow names to be recorded on computers and electronic scoreboards, they must be limited to no more than 15 letters.

Article 141 - OWNERS AND LESSEES

1. NFs must keep a register of the owners and lessees of horses with official passports. Changes of owners and records of Leasing Agreements must be entered in the passport and authenticated by the stamp and signature of an official of the NF.
2. The nationality of a horse is that of its owner or of the lessee, where a lease is current, or of the country in which the company owning or leasing it is registered. A company may, however, own a horse in partnership with an individual, see paragraph 3.
3. When one or more horses belong to a partnership of owners of different nationalities, the owners must declare to the FEI, before making the first entry, the nationality under which the horse or horses will compete and that nationality must be entered in the passports. The horses must retain that nationality until the partnership is dissolved or the horses are sold. Any consequent change of nationality must be reported to the FEI.
4. Horses entered for the Olympic Games must be the property of owners of the same nationality as the competitor by 31st December of the year preceding the Games (SRs for the Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games).
5. Competitors may take part in all competitions except Olympic Games with horses belonging to owners of a different nationality (see Art. 142 - Person Responsible).
6. A horse may be leased for all purposes under the following conditions:
 - 6.1. A copy of the leasing agreement must be given to the owner's NF and also to the NF of the lessee, if of a different nationality, and the owner's NF must transmit a copy to the FEI.
 - 6.2. The leasing of a horse must be recorded by the owner's NF in the horse's passport under "Details of Ownership".
 - 6.3. If a leasing agreement is cancelled during the period of the lease or is renewed, the relevant NFs and the FEI must receive written confirmation from the parties to the lease.
 - 6.4. The lessee of a horse shall for all purposes, including the nationality of the horse, be treated as if he were the owner and shall have the same rights and duties.

Article 142 - PERSONS RESPONSIBLE

1. The Person Responsible for a horse has legal responsibility for that horse under the GRs and the VRs and, unless otherwise stated, is liable under the Legal System (Chapter IX).
2. For the purpose of the GRs and the VRs the Person Responsible shall normally be the competitor who rides or drives the horse during an event or in Vaulting the lunge, but the owner may, in addition to the Person Responsible, be regarded as the Person Responsible if he is present at the event or has made a relevant decision about the horse. If the competitor is under 18 years of age, the Person Responsible for his horse must be nominated by the NF or Chef d'Equipe and may be the owner, a parent of the competitor, the Chef d'Equipe, the team coach, the team veterinarian or some other responsible adult.
3. NFs are responsible for selecting and entering qualified horses. For the purposes of the GRs and VRs this is taken to include the fitness and capability of the horses to participate in the competitions for which they are entered (Art. 121 Entries).
4. The Chef d'Equipe, together with the Person Responsible or, in the absence of a Chef d'Equipe, the Person Responsible, are responsible for the condition, fitness and management and for declaring or scratching of each and every horse under their jurisdiction and must know the relevant Regulations and Rules.
5. The Person Responsible is responsible for any act performed in the stables to any horse under his jurisdiction, by himself or by any other person with access to the horse, and is responsible while riding, driving or exercising any horse under his jurisdiction.

6. If, for any reason, the Person Responsible is unable or is prevented from caring for the horses under his jurisdiction he must immediately notify the Secretary of the OC and the Veterinary Commission. Failure to comply with this paragraph must be reported to the Appeal Committee.

CHAPTER VII

PROTECTION OF COMPETITORS AND HORSES

Article 143 - ABUSE OF HORSES

1. Abuse can be defined as acting in a way or omitting to prevent an action which has caused or is likely to cause pain or unnecessary discomfort to a horse, including without limitation any of the following:
 - 1.1. To whip or beat a horse excessively.
 - 1.2. To subject a horse to any kind of electric shock device.
 - 1.3. To use spurs excessively or persistently, or to jab the horse in the mouth with the bit.
 - 1.4. To compete using an obviously exhausted, lame or injured horse.
 - 1.5. To "rap" a horse anywhere in or outside the grounds of the event.
 - 1.6. To abnormally sensitise or desensitise any part of a horse.
 - 1.7. To leave a horse without adequate food, drink and exercise.
 - 1.8. Special Regulations may provide for further restrictions.
2. Officials, or any other persons, reporting a case of abuse should, if possible, secure one or more witnesses to the incident, or any other form of evidence, and either bring them to the Ground Jury, or obtain written statements from them, duly signed, together with their names and addresses.

Article 144 - STEWARDS

1. Organising Committees of all International Events must appoint a Chief Steward and an appropriate number of Stewards under his authority, wearing distinctive badges or arm bands, with complete freedom of access to all areas mentioned in paragraph 2 below.

Organising Committees are responsible for the administration and organisation of the Chief Steward and the Stewards. Any irregularities must be reported immediately by the Chief Steward to the President of the Ground Jury. One Steward must be on duty at the collecting ring whenever it is in use.

2. During the whole Event in every part of the stables, in exercise and schooling areas, collecting rings and all other areas under control of the OC, the Chief Steward and the Stewards officiating with him at the event shall:
 - 2.1. assist the competitors in their reasonable training;
 - 2.2. intervene in time in order to prevent any abuse of horse by riders, grooms, owners or any other person;
 - 2.3. intervene in order to prevent any contravention of the common principles of behaviour, fairness and accepted standards of sportsmanship.
3. The Chief Steward is required to send a report to the Secretary General on the stewarding of the event as a whole and on any incident. A copy of the report must be given to the competent Steward General and to the President of the OC of the event.
4. The Chief Steward must be a person experienced in equestrian sports, particularly in the discipline of the event where he is appointed to officiate. He must speak at least one of the official languages of the FEI. The name of the appointed Chief Steward must be published in the schedule and in the programme of the event.
5. The FEI maintains a list of all qualified FEI Stewards who have been recommended by their NFs and accepted by the relevant Technical Committee. The Chief Stewards must be selected from the appropriate list of FEI Stewards.
6. The qualifications for an FEI Steward are specified in the Rules of each discipline.
7. The NFs must appoint a Steward General in order to maintain communication with the FEI on stewarding matters.
 - 7.1. The Steward General must:
 - 7.1.1. attend an FEI seminar for Stewards General;

- 7.1.2. direct and control the stewarding of all international events organised in his country.
- 7.2. The FEI maintains a list of all Stewards General.
8. Stewards are Event Officials (see Chapter VIII).

Article 145 - MEDICATION CONTROL AND ANTI-DOPING AND PROTECTION OF COMPETITORS

1. Subject to prior authorisation, any competitor found to have a Prohibited Substance in his body at an event or evidence of the use thereof is automatically disqualified from all competitions at the event and the classification adjusted accordingly.
2. The IOC rules and list of Prohibited Substances existing from time to time and as laid down in the Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code and any and all annexes and modifications thereto apply, subject to modifications by any of the governing bodies of the FEI as may be published from time to time.
3. The Ground Jury after consultation with the responsible Medical Officer may at any time exclude from further participation in the competition and/or event any competitor who is unfit to continue by reason of a serious or potentially serious injury or health condition.
4. The Executive Board may order the sampling of international competitors while in competition or out-of-competition.

Article 146 - MEDICATION CONTROL AND PROTECTION OF HORSES

1. The use of an expedient substance or method which is potentially harmful to the horse's health or enhancing to its performance is forbidden. The precise rules concerning Prohibited Substances and Medication Control are laid down in the VRs.
2. Any horse found to have a Prohibited Substance in any of its tissues, body fluids or excreta at an event as the result of a Medication Test, is automatically disqualified, together with the competitor with that horse, from all competitions at that event and the classification adjusted accordingly, unless the Ground Jury has authorised the horse to participate or continue in the event in accordance with paragraph 3 below, or unless the Judicial Committee decides based on the evidence provided to terminate the proceedings of the case. If the disqualified horse and competitor are members of a team, the rest of the team is not disqualified.
- 2.1. In the case of repeated violations of Art. 146.2, Art. 174.7.2 will always be applied.
3. The Veterinary Commission/Delegate must give written approval on the appropriate form before any veterinary treatment or medication with a Prohibited Substance is administered to a horse during the entire course of an event. If during this period it is urgently necessary to treat a horse with a Prohibited Substance, the Veterinary Commission/Delegate must be informed at once and the circumstances reported to the President of the Ground Jury. Any treatment so administered must be indicated to the Veterinary Commission/Delegate by written certification. The Ground Jury must, on recommendation of the Veterinary Commission/Delegate, decide whether the horse may take part or continue in the event, having regard to the welfare of the horse and to the possibility that the competitor may obtain an unfair advantage.
4. In cases of obvious illness or injury during an event the Ground Jury, after consulting the Veterinary Delegate or Commission, will decide whether the horse may continue in that or subsequent competitions.
5. The Executive Board may order the sampling of horses during an event or at any other time.
6. Any sample of urine and/or blood taken during a medication control and any equipment, device, product, substance, etc. confiscated as evidence at an event is considered to be the property of the FEI. Blood and urine samples must be destroyed once the FEI judicial procedure is final; the FEI may return other confiscated items to the PR once any outstanding judicial procedure is final.

Article 147 - HORSE IDENTIFICATION

The OC will give an identification number to each of the participating horses which must be worn during the whole event at all times when the horse is out of the event stables.

CHAPTER VIII

EVENT OFFICIALS

Article 148 - JUDGES

1. A Judge is a Member of a Ground Jury appointed to control a competition or event. The number and category of Judges to be appointed as members of a Ground Jury for an international competition or event are laid down in the FEI Statutes, GRs, SRs and the Rules for each discipline.
2. There are three categories of Judges: Official International Judges, International Judges and International Candidate Judges. The details of the necessary qualifications for each category are laid down in the Rules for each discipline.
3. NFs are required to send to the Secretary General the names, qualifications and nationality of persons who are recommended to exercise the functions and fulfil the duties required of International Judges and International Candidate Judges for the first time, according to the requirements laid down in the Rules for each discipline.
4. Judges of all categories must retire at the end of the year in which they reach the age of 70. In very special circumstances and on the recommendation of the relevant Technical Committee, this age limit may be extended for a further 4 years.
5. Judges in each category may not fill appointments at a higher level than laid down in the following Articles or the relevant Rules.

Article 149 - INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATE JUDGE

1. The FEI maintains a List of all qualified International Candidate Judges who have been recommended by their NFs and accepted by the relevant Technical Committee.
2. The qualifications and duties of an International Candidate Judge are specified in the Rules of each discipline.

Article 150 - INTERNATIONAL JUDGE

1. The FEI maintains a list of qualified International Judges appointed by the relevant Technical Committee after consultation with the relevant NFs.
2. The qualifications and duties of an International Judge are specified in the Rules for each discipline.
3. The Rules of each discipline may with the approval of the Bureau, specify the qualifications required to be a member or the President of the Ground Jury at different types and categories of international events.
4. Unless the Rules of the relevant discipline otherwise provide, only an International Judge may be appointed as a member of the Ground Jury for a Championship or a World Cup final or as the President for other international events.
5. An International Judge may be appointed as a member of the Ground Jury for a Championship and a World Cup Final and as the President for all other international events.

Article 151 - OFFICIAL INTERNATIONAL JUDGE

1. The FEI maintains a List of Official International Judges selected by the Bureau from the List of International Judges on the recommendation of the relevant Technical Committee, based on technical merit and experience.
2. The Rules of each discipline may with the approval of the Bureau specify the events at which the President of the Ground Jury must be an Official International Judge.
3. Unless the Rules of the relevant discipline otherwise provide, only an Official International Judge, provided he can speak one of the two official languages fluently, may be appointed as President of the Ground Jury for World Cup Finals, Senior Championships, Regional and Olympic Games.

Article 152 - FOREIGN JUDGE

1. A Foreign Judge is required to be appointed for certain international competitions and events according to the FEI Statutes, GRs, SRs and Rules.
2. The President or a member of a Ground Jury is considered to be foreign if he is of a different nationality, and is a resident in a different country, from that in which the event is taking place.
3. A Foreign Judge must be selected from the appropriate Lists of Judges.

4. The Foreign Judge, in addition to judging the competitions, may offer advice to the OC on the general running of the event and has the authority to interpret the Regulations and Rules and to see that they are observed. He is required to send a report to the Secretary General on the competitions and on the organisation of the event as a whole.

5. If a Technical Delegate is not appointed, the Foreign Judge at an event, apart from judging the competitions, is required to check, observe and follow-up everything to do with the organisation and running of the event.

Article 153 - GROUND JURIES - APPOINTMENT

1. The Ground Jury shall consist of a President and a number of Judges of the appropriate categories as laid down in the Rules for each discipline and in the SRs. It is responsible for the technical judging of all competitions and for all other decisions except where otherwise stated in the Rules or Regulations.

2. A Ground Jury is considered to be international if the President, or one of the Judges, is a Foreign Judge, unless more than one Foreign Judge is required for a particular event by the Rules for that discipline.

3. International Ground Juries are optional at CIMs (see Appendix D) but compulsory at other international events.

4. In exceptional circumstances the Secretary General may authorise CSIs outside Europe to be organised without the presence of a Foreign Judge.

5. The President and members of Ground Juries at international events shall be appointed by the relevant NF/OC, unless otherwise stated in this article or in the relevant Rules or SRs.

6. The Foreign Judge for CIs(W) and CIOs must be nominated by the Technical Committee for appointment by the relevant NF/OC.

7. The Technical Committees shall with the agreement of the Bureau appoint the Presidents of Ground Juries for:

7.1. World Cup Finals and other FEI-named events or competitions.

7.2. Continental and Regional Championships of all disciplines and categories, unless not scheduled in the relevant Rules or SRs.

7.3. Regional Games.

8. The Technical Committees shall with the agreement of the Bureau appoint the Presidents and the members of the Ground Juries for:

8.1. Continental Dressage Championships for Ponies, Juniors, Young Riders and Seniors

8.2. Dressage competitions at Regional Games

8.3. Continental Vaulting Championships

8.4. World Championships for all disciplines

8.5. Dressage World Cup Finals

8.6. Olympic Games

9. In the event of any official appointed by a Technical Committee being unable to attend, the Chairman of the relevant Technical Committee is responsible for selecting a substitute.

10. A judge appointed by a Technical Committee may never fulfil any functions of a purely national character at the same event.

11. The duties of the Ground Jury are set out in Art. 163.

Article 154 - APPEAL COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENT

1. An Appeal Committee consisting of a President and at least two members may be appointed for any international event and shall be so appointed unless the Rules of the relevant discipline provide otherwise. The NF of an event must be consulted about the dispensation of the Appeal Committee.

2. The Appeal Committee must be international (i.e. the President or one of the members must be foreign) for World Cup Finals, Championships, Regional and Olympic Games.

3. Appointments:

3.1. The Bureau shall appoint the Presidents and all the members of Appeal Committees for World Equestrian Games and Olympic Games.

- 3.2. The Technical Committees shall with the approval of the Bureau appoint the President of the Appeal Committee for World Cup Finals, Championships and Regional Games.
- 3.3. The Technical Committees shall appoint the members of the Appeal Committee for World Cup Finals, Championships and Regional Games.
4. The Presidents and Members of the Appeal Committees must be expert in Equestrian Events. At least one of them must be or have been an International Judge (or Technical Delegate for Eventing) and one should have knowledge in legal matters. They shall be chosen from among the following:
 - 4.1. The Members of the Bureau.
 - 4.2. The Members of the Standing Technical Committees.
 - 4.3. Persons on any of the FEI Lists of Officials, active or retired Judges, Chief Stewards, Technical Delegates, Course Designers and Event Veterinarians.
 - 4.4. Persons of the host NF who are qualified and expert as required above.
5. In the event of any official appointed by the Bureau or the Technical Committees being unable to attend, the Chairman of the relevant Technical Committee is responsible for selecting a substitute.
6. The duties of the Appeal Committee are set out in Art. 164.
7. Where no Appeal Committee is to be appointed, Appendix E shall apply.

Article 155 - INTERNATIONAL COURSE DESIGNERS

1. The FEI maintains Lists of Official International, International and International Candidate Course Designers.
2. The qualifications necessary to be appointed an Official International, International and an International Candidate Course Designer are laid down in the Rules for each discipline.
3. NFs are required to send to the Secretary General the names and qualifications of persons of their nationality, under the age of 60, who are recommended to be accepted for the first time, by the relevant Technical Committee as Official International, International and International Candidate Course Designers according to the requirements laid down for each discipline.
4. The Course Designer is responsible to the Technical Delegate - if one is appointed - or to the President of the Ground Jury, for laying out the course, building any obstacles and measuring the course.
5. The Course Designer must report to the Technical Delegate - if one is appointed - or to the President of the Ground Jury, when he is satisfied that the course is ready in all respects.
6. The Ground Jury may not order a competition to start until either the Technical Delegate or the Course Designer has reported that the course is ready. Thereafter the Ground Jury is solely responsible for the conduct of the competition.
7. The Rules of each discipline may specify the qualifications required by Course Designers to be appointed for different types and categories of international events and the bodies by which they are to be appointed.
8. Unless the Rules of the relevant discipline otherwise provide, the Course Designer at international events shall be appointed by the relevant NF/OC, unless stated otherwise in paragraph 9 below.
9. The Course Designers for World Cup Finals, World Championships and Olympic Games shall be selected from the FEI list of Course Designers and appointed by the relevant NF/OC with the agreement of the Bureau and the relevant Technical Committee.

Article 156 - TECHNICAL DELEGATES

1. Technical Delegates are required to approve all the administrative arrangements for an event from the time of their appointment till the end of the event. They must commence their duties early enough to be able to satisfy themselves that the accommodation for competitors and grooms and the stabling and feed for the horses, and the training areas etc., are suitable in all respects.
2. Any proposed visits to be made by the Technical Delegate, between the time of his appointment and the beginning of the event, must be arranged with the agreement of the Secretary General
3. The Technical Delegate together with the Veterinary Delegate or the Foreign Veterinary Delegate and a member of the OC should be at the location of the event at least 2 days before the start of the first competition, and preferably before the first horses are due to arrive.

4. The Technical Delegate has the following duties and responsibilities at the event:
 - 4.1. To inspect the courses and arenas and to satisfy himself that the technical details are in accordance with the Regulations and Rules;
 - 4.2. To satisfy himself that the course is fair, particularly to foreign competitors, and that knowledge of local conditions would not give an unfair advantage;
 - 4.3. To instruct the OC and the Course Designer to make any alterations to the arena or to the course, or to any technical detail associated with the conduct of the competition that he considers necessary;
 - 4.4. To help the Ground Jury to supervise the technical conduct of the competition after he has indicated to the President that he is satisfied with the arrangements.
5. Foreign Technical Delegates appointed by the Technical Committees with the agreement of the Bureau are required to send a report to the Secretary General at the conclusion of the event.

Article 157 - APPOINTMENT OF TECHNICAL DELEGATES

1. The appointment of Foreign Technical Delegates for CIs and CIOs is not compulsory, unless stated otherwise in paragraph 3 below or in the relevant Rules or SRs, but the Foreign Judge may act as a Technical Delegate if the OC invites him to do so.
2. The Rules of each discipline may provide for the appointment of the Foreign Technical Delegate at different types and categories of event.
3. Unless the Rules of the relevant discipline provide otherwise, the Technical Committee shall with the agreement of the Bureau appoint the Foreign Technical Delegates, selected from the appropriate FEI lists, for:
 - 3.1. All World Cup Finals;
 - 3.2. All Championships;
 - 3.3. Each discipline at Regional and Olympic Games.

Article 158 - VETERINARY DELEGATES

1. Veterinary Delegates must be appointed according to the VRs.
2. The NFs/OCs shall appoint the Foreign Veterinary Delegates for CIOs, Regional Games and Continental Games.
3. The Technical Committee shall with the agreement of the Bureau appoint the Foreign Veterinary Delegates for all World Cup Finals, Championships and Olympic Games.

Article 159 - EXPENSES OF OFFICIALS

1. Unless otherwise agreed by the Executive Board, the NFs and OCs shall meet the travelling, accommodation and meals expenses of all Officials according to the FEI Statutes, GRs, VRs, Rules and SRs.
2. FEI appointed officials whose expenses are to be paid by the OC shall be appointed with the agreement of the OC.

Article 160 - STATUS AND LIABILITY OF OFFICIALS

1. Any judge or other FEI official may be removed from a list or from office or demoted by the body which appointed him. This paragraph confers no power of removal on the OC of an event.
2. Any proposal to take action under paragraph 1 must be reported to and approved by the Bureau.
3. Any person who was elected to an office by the General Assembly may, on the proposal of the Bureau, be removed from that office at an Ordinary Session, or in exceptional circumstances at a Special Session, of the General Assembly.
4. The Secretary General shall notify in writing any person whom it is proposed to remove or demote and that person may make oral and/or written representations against the proposal at the meeting of the Bureau or the Session of the General Assembly at which the proposal is to be considered.
5. All officials at an international event are acting on behalf of the FEI and therefore are not liable financially or otherwise for any acts, omissions or decisions undertaken in good faith in connection with their duties.

CHAPTER IX

THE LEGAL SYSTEM

Article 161 - PREAMBLE

1. The Legal Structure is established by the Statutes.
2. The Legal System is established by the General Regulations and provides for the following:
 - 2.1. The legal powers and responsibilities of Officials and bodies appointed under the Statutes, Regulations and Rules;
 - 2.2. A scale of penalties;
 - 2.3. A procedure for lodging objections, complaints and reports against the actions or behaviour of individuals or bodies under the jurisdiction of the FEI;
 - 2.4. A process of appeal to a higher body against decisions taken or penalties imposed by any person or body acting under the Statutes, Regulations or Rules.
3. Any case of violation of the Statutes, Regulations and Rules, or of the common principles of behaviour, fairness, and accepted standards of sportsmanship, which occurs:
 - 3.1. During, or in direct connection with, an international event, shall be dealt with by the Ground Jury, the Appeal Committee, the Judicial Committee or the CAS, according to their competence as laid down in this Chapter;
 - 3.2. In circumstances not covered by paragraph 3.1 or during or in direct connection with an international event but which was not known until after the end of the event, shall be reported to the Secretary General and dealt with by the Judicial Committee or the CAS according to their competence under this Chapter. A case shall not be deemed to occur in direct connection with an event unless it occurs during the journey towards the event or, after arrival, during the period of quarantine, training or acclimatisation.
4. Complaints or reports concerning incidents during an event which were not known at the time of the event, or which are not presented during the jurisdiction of the Ground Jury or the Appeal Committee at an event, must be sent to the Secretary General and must reach him not later than 14 days after the end of the event.
5. The following procedures are available under the Legal System:
 - 5.1. An objection under Art. 167, which may be lodged with the Ground Jury during its period of jurisdiction (see Art. 163.2) for failing to observe the Statutes, Regulations or rules in the organisation or conduct of a competition;
 - 5.2. A complaint under Art. 168, which may be lodged with the Appeal Committee at any time during its period of jurisdiction (see Art. 164.8) and thereafter with the Secretary General, against any person or body for failing to observe the Statutes, Regulations or Rules or for other reasons, including the contravention of the common principles of behaviour, fairness and accepted standards of sportsmanship;
 - 5.3. A Report under Art. 169, which may be made to the Ground Jury during its period of jurisdiction, or thereafter to the Secretary General concerning alleged acts of abuse of horses;
 - 5.4. An Appeal under Art. 170, which may be made in accordance with that Article from a decision of a lower deciding authority to a higher authority which may affirm, alter or reverse the decision of the lower authority and which may, within the limits of the lower authority's jurisdiction, affirm, annul, increase, decrease or impose any penalty.
6. Before reaching a decision on any objection, complaint, report or appeal the relevant body must examine the available evidence, whether written and oral, hear all the parties concerned (provided they are available) and take into account all relevant material, in every case trying to reach a fair and sportsmanlike decision.

Article 162 - CONFLICT OF INTEREST

1. No person may be an official at an event if his duties will involve a conflict of interest.
2. The following persons may not be members of a Ground Jury or an Appeal Committee or officials at an event:
 - 2.1. The owners and riders of horses taking part in the event;
 - 2.2. Chefs d'Equipe, team officials, regular trainers and employers and employees of competitors;
 - 2.3. Close relatives of owners, competitors, Chefs d'Equipe or team officials;

- 2.4. Persons having a financial or personal interest in a horse or competitor taking part in a competition.
3. Except as provided by the Rules of the relevant discipline, a Technical Delegate, Course Designer or Veterinary Official at an event may not be a member of a Ground Jury or Appeal Committee.
4. Members of the Ground Jury may not serve on the Appeal Committee and vice versa.
5. A member of the Ground Jury or Appeal Committee at an event may not take part as a member of CAS at a hearing arising out of that event.
6. A Team Veterinarian or Individual Private Veterinarian may not act as a Veterinary Delegate or a member of the Veterinary Commission or compete at an event.
7. The Veterinary Delegate or any member of the Veterinary Commission may not act as a Team Veterinarian or a Treating Veterinarian or compete at an event.
8. In exceptional circumstances and in order to promote the best interests of the sport, the Executive Board may permit deviations from the provisions of Art. 162.

Article 163 - GROUND JURY - DUTIES

1. The Ground Jury shall be competent to deal with all Objections and Reports which relate to anything occurring during or in direct connection with an event and are presented within the period of its jurisdiction.
2. The period of jurisdiction of the Ground Jury commences one hour before the beginning of the first horse inspection and terminates, so far as each discipline is concerned, half an hour after the announcement of the final results in that discipline.
3. The Ground Jury may impose the following penalties on officials (other than those appointed by the FEI), owners of horses, Persons Responsible, competitors and team officials:
 - 3.1. A Warning;
 - 3.2. A fine of a maximum of CHF 1,000;
 - 3.3. Disqualification with one or more horses from the competition;
 - 3.4. Suspension with one or more horses for the following 24 hours of a competitor whose horse has left without permission the restricted area. The horse in question will automatically be disqualified for the rest of the event;
 - 3.5. Immediate disqualification during the competition with a referral to the Appeal Committee if the case is serious.
4. The Ground Jury shall refer the following to the Appeal Committee:
 - 4.1. Any case which is beyond its jurisdiction;
 - 4.2. Any case, within its jurisdiction but which it considers deserving of penalties not in the competence of the Ground Jury;
 - 4.3. Any matter under Art. 169.1 the decision of which is not immediately required for the purpose of judging a competition and which, having regard to its primary duty to judge the competitions, it deems more appropriate to be dealt with by the Appeal Committee.
5. Decisions must be notified in writing to the parties concerned. Cases involving penalties must be recorded by the Foreign Judge.
6. There may be an objection under Art. 167, but there is no appeal against decisions of the Ground Jury in the following cases:
 - 6.1. Where the question for decision was what in fact happened during a competition or where marks are awarded for performance;

Examples (which are not exhaustive): whether an obstacle was knocked down, whether a horse was disobedient, whether a horse refused at an obstacle or knocked it down while jumping, whether a rider or horse has fallen, whether a horse circled in a combination or refused or ran out, what was the time taken for the round, or whether an obstacle was jumped within the time; whether, according to the Rules, the particular track followed by a competitor has caused him to incur a penalty. Contrast questions involving interpretation of the Rules, which can be the subject of appeal;
 - 6.2. The elimination of a horse for veterinary reasons;
 - 6.3. The imposition of a Warning;

6.4. Immediate disqualification during a competition.

Article 164 - APPEAL COMMITTEE - DUTIES

1. The President and at least 2 members of the Appeal Committee must be available throughout the event as defined in Art. 101 paragraph 5 which corresponds to its period of Jurisdiction. If an objection or report lodged with the Ground Jury is still pending, the Appeal Committee must be available and has jurisdiction until one hour after the relevant decision of the Ground Jury has been announced.

2. The Appeal Committee shall deal with the following matters:

2.1. Appeals against decisions of the Ground Jury. In these cases the decision of the Appeal Committee is final;

2.2. Complaints addressed to the Appeal Committee as well as objections and reports of abuse referred to it by the Ground Jury, and all cases of violations of the Statutes, Regulations and Rules which do not come under the jurisdiction of the Ground Jury.

3. In appropriate cases the President of the Veterinary Commission or the Veterinary Delegate at an event must be invited to join the Appeal Committee in an advisory capacity.

4. The Appeal Committee may impose the following penalties on Officials (other than those appointed by the FEI), owners of horses, Persons Responsible, competitors and team officials:

4.1. A Warning;

4.2. A fine of a maximum of CHF 2,000;

4.3. Disqualification with one or more horses from a competition or from the whole event;

4.4. Suspension with one or more horses for the following 24 hours of a competitor whose horse has left without permission the restricted area. The horse in question will automatically be disqualified for the rest of the event.

5. The Appeal Committee shall report to the Secretary General for referral to the Judicial Committee:

5.1. Any case within its competence other than an appeal which it considers deserving of more severe penalties than the Appeal Committee can impose;

5.2. Any case outside its competence.

Article 165 - JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

1. The Judicial Committee shall consider all cases submitted to it by the Secretary General and after considering the evidence (written and/or oral) it may impose the following penalties:

1.1. A Warning;

1.2. A fine up to a maximum of CHF 15,000;

1.3. Disqualification with one or more horses from competitions or from events;

1.4. Suspension of a body for any period (see Statutes Art. 007.3);

1.5. Suspension of individuals and horses for any period up to suspension for life;

1.6. Expulsion of NFs.

Article 166 - COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS)

1. The CAS has the power to impose the same scale of penalties as the Judicial Committee.

2. In appropriate cases the CAS may impose more severe penalties (within the limits of the penalty jurisdiction of the body from which the appeal is brought) than those imposed in the first instance.

Article 167 - OBJECTIONS

1. Objections may be lodged with the Ground Jury during its period of jurisdiction, for failing to observe the Statutes, Regulations or Rules in the organisation or conduct of a competition. The Ground Jury's decision of an objection is a prerequisite to a right of appeal.

2. Only Presidents of NFs, Officials appointed under the Regulations or Rules, Chefs d'Equipe, or if there is no appropriate Chef d'Equipe present, Persons Responsible for horses taking part in the event and Team Veterinarians may lodge objections.

3. Objections must be in writing, signed by the authorised person making the objection, and presented personally to the President of the Ground Jury, together with any supporting evidence and names of witnesses and the necessary deposit (see Art. 171).

4. Objections addressed to the President of the Ground Jury must be lodged within the following time limits:

4.1. Objections against the eligibility of a competitor or horse or to the conditions of the arena: not later than 30 minutes before the start of the relevant competition;

4.2. Objections to an obstacle, or to the plan or length of the course for a jumping or obstacle driving competition: not later than 15 minutes before the start of the competition;

4.3. Objections to the steeplechase, cross-country or marathon courses or obstacles in CAs or in Eventing: not later than 1800 hours on the day before the relevant competition;

4.4. Objections concerning irregularities or incidents during a competition, or the classification of a competition: not later than 30 minutes after the announcement of the results.

Article 168 - COMPLAINTS

1. Complaints which relate to anything occurring during or in direct connection with an international event, except any matter which can be or could have been the subject of an objection under Art. 167, may be lodged against any person or body involved in any capacity in an international event for failing to observe the Statutes, Regulations and Rules and for other reasons, which may include any contravention of the common principles of behaviour, fairness and accepted standards of sportsmanship, including such matters as welfare of the horse, the conditions of transport, accommodation and treatment by officials and veterinarians at the frontier, and behaviour which is detrimental to the character and/or prejudicial to the interests of the sport.

2. Complaints may be lodged with the Appeal Committee at any time during its jurisdiction. Thereafter they must reach the Secretary General not later than 14 days after the event for referral to the Judicial Committee.

3. Complaints under paragraph 1 may only be lodged by Presidents of NFs, Officials appointed under the Rules and Regulations, Chefs d'Equipe, or if a Chef d'Equipe is not present, by a Person Responsible for horses taking part in the event, or a Team Veterinarian.

4. Any person may make a complaint to the Secretary General for referral to the Judicial Committee against any person or body subject to the jurisdiction of the FEI on any of the grounds set forth in paragraph 1 of this article, even if the act or omission alleged in the complaint did not occur during or in direct connection with an event.

5. Complaints must be in writing, signed by the authorised person making the complaint, and presented personally to the President of the Appeal Committee or sent to the Secretary General together with a note of any supporting evidence and names of witnesses and the necessary deposit.

6. In addition, the Secretary General may at any time, without payment of a deposit, refer to the Judicial Committee his own complaint against any person or body mentioned in paragraph 1 or paragraph 4 of this article on any of the grounds therein specified.

Article 169 - REPORTS

1. Any person or body may make a report to the Ground Jury during its period of jurisdiction (or after that period to the Secretary General for referral to the Judicial Committee), concerning alleged acts of abuse of horses. The report must be in writing and include the supporting evidence and be signed by the person making the report which, if made to the Secretary General, must reach him not later than 14 days after the end of the event.

2. The Foreign Judge and/or Technical Delegate and the Veterinary Delegate or the Foreign Veterinary Delegate must report any acts of abuse of horses, other violations of the Statutes, Regulations and Rules, or contraventions listed under Art. 168.1 to the Secretary General.

Article 170 - APPEALS

1. An Appeal may be lodged by any person or body with a legitimate interest against any decision made by any person or body authorised under the Statutes, Regulations or Rules, provided it is admissible see paragraph 2 below:

- 1.1. With the Appeal Committee against a decision of the Ground Jury.
- 1.2. With the CAS through the Secretary General against decisions of an Appeal Committee or the Judicial Committee.
2. An Appeal is NOT admissible:
 - 2.1. Against decisions of the Ground Jury in cases covered by Art. 163.6.1 - 4;
 - 2.2. Against the decision by the Appeal Committee of an appeal from a decision of the Ground Jury.
3. Appeals to the Appeal Committee must be in writing and signed and include supporting evidence in writing or the presence of one or more witnesses and be lodged not later than 1 hour after the decision of the Ground Jury.
4. Appeals to the CAS together with supporting documents must be despatched to the Secretary General and signed by the appellant or his authorised agent:
 - 4.1. In case of an appeal against decisions of an Appeal Committee so as to reach the Secretary General not later than 14 days after the end of the event;
 - 4.2. In case of an appeal against decisions of the Judicial Committee so as to reach the Secretary General within 30 days of the date on which the Secretary General's notification was sent according to Art. 172.2;
 - 4.3. Appeals reaching the Secretary General after the time limits as indicated above will not be considered.

Article 171 - DEPOSITS

1. Objections, complaints and appeals to the Ground Jury or the Appeal Committee must be accompanied by a deposit of the equivalent of CHF 150.
2. Complaints and appeals to the Judicial Committee or the CAS must be accompanied by a deposit of the equivalent of CHF 500.
3. Objections, complaints or appeals will not be considered unless the above conditions have been met.
4. The deposit shall be refunded if the objection, complaint or appeal is upheld. If the objection, complaint or appeal is rejected, the deposit is retained by the body with which the deposit was originally lodged, unless the body hearing the objection, complaint or appeal otherwise directs.

Article 172 - RECORDING PENALTIES, OBJECTIONS, COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS

1. The Foreign Judge (Technical Delegate for Eventing) must include in his report to the Secretary General all objections and reports received by the Ground Jury and all decisions and penalties awarded by the Ground Jury on these and other relevant matters.
2. The President of the Appeal Committee must report to the Secretary General all appeals, objections, complaints and reports received by the Appeal Committee and all decisions and penalties awarded by the Appeal Committee on these and other relevant matters.
3. The Secretary General shall be responsible for:
 - 3.1. Recording of delivery of warning cards, and proceedings of the Judicial Committee and CAS;
 - 3.2. Notifying the decisions of these bodies, including the dates on which they become effective, to the parties concerned;
 - 3.3. Publication of all decisions which have to be published.

Article 173 - TIME OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS

1. Decisions against which there can be no appeal shall become effective immediately and must be notified as soon as possible to the persons or bodies concerned.
2. Decisions to which the parties concerned have formally renounced their right of appeal shall become effective on the date when the renunciation reaches the FEI.
3. Decisions taken by Ground Juries and Appeal Committees, which are open to appeal, shall be effective from the moment the time for lodging an appeal has expired or the parties concerned have formally renounced their right of appeal.

4. Notwithstanding any right of appeal, decisions taken by the Judicial Committee in the first instance may be made effective from the day of notification to the persons and bodies concerned or on a specific date if the Judicial Committee so decides.

5. Decisions taken on the second or final instance by Appeal Committees, the Judicial Committee and the CAS shall be effective from the day of notification to the persons or bodies concerned.

Article 174 - PENALTIES

1. Appropriate penalties shall be imposed in cases of infringement of the Statutes, Regulations or Rules or of contravention of the common principles of behaviour, fairness and accepted standards of sportsmanship, particularly in the following circumstances:

- 1.1. Any action resulting in an unfair advantage to the offender or a competitor;
- 1.2. Any action resulting in a material disadvantage to any other person or body involved;
- 1.3. Any action involving the maltreatment of horses;
- 1.4. Any action involving the dignity or integrity of any person involved in the sport;
- 1.5. Any action involving fraud, violence or abuse or similar criminal acts.

2. Ignorance of the relevant articles of the Statutes, Regulations or Rules does not affect liability for actions in violation of the Statutes, Regulations or Rules.

3. An oral or written warning is appropriate in cases of minor violations or contraventions committed unintentionally and without significant consequences.

4. A fine is appropriate particularly in cases where the offender has objectively gained an unfair advantage or has disadvantaged another person, or has infringed the Statutes, Regulations or Rules by negligence.

5. Disqualification is appropriate when it is specified in the Regulations or Rules, or if the circumstances demand immediate action.

5.1. Disqualification from a competition means that the competitor and horses concerned - even should they change ownership - is removed from the list of starters and the classification and includes the forfeiture of prize money won in that particular competition.

5.2. Disqualification from an event means that the competitor and horse or horses concerned - even should they change ownership - may take no further part in that event and it may include the forfeiture of any prize money won in previous competitions at that event where this is provided for in the Regulations or Rules.

6. A suspension, on such terms and subject to conditions as the Judicial Committee may impose, is appropriate in cases of intentional or very negligent violation or contravention of the letter or the principle of the Statutes, Regulations or Rules, particularly in the circumstances mentioned in paragraph 4 above. In certain cases suspension may be automatic under the Statutes, Regulations or Rules.

6.1. Suspension must be for a stated period and during that period the person or body suspended may take no part in competitions or events as a competitor or Official or in the organisation of, or participation in, any event under the jurisdiction of the FEI or any event under the jurisdiction of an NF in accordance with Statutes Art. 062.

6.2. In deciding when any suspension will commence, the appropriate body shall, in order to achieve a just penalty, have regard to the gravity of the offence.

7. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary indicated in paragraphs 3 to 6 above, the penalties listed below shall be imposed in the following cases:

7.1. The finding on analysis of a Prohibited Substance as defined in Art. 145 will entail the disqualification of the competitor from the event and the forfeiture of any prize money won by that competitor in that same event and may entail a suspension of one month to life and/or a fine of CHF 1,000 to CHF 15,000.

7.2. The finding on analysis of a Prohibited Substance as defined in Art. 146.2 will entail the disqualification of the horse from the event and the forfeiture of any prize money won by that competitor on that horse in the same event. The competitor will be disqualified on that horse and may be disqualified altogether;

7.2.1. The finding on analysis of a Prohibited Substance as defined in Art. 146.2 is presumed to be a deliberate attempt of the Person Responsible to affect the performance of the horse and will entail the suspension of the Person Responsible from 3 to 24 months. A fine of CHF 1,000 to 15,000 can also be imposed;

7.2.2. In the case of repeated violations of Art. 146.2, Art. 174.7.2 will always be applied;

7.3. If the Person Responsible can prove that it was not a deliberate attempt to affect the performance of the horse or that the findings are the results of legitimate treatment of the horse or of one or more parts of his body, the sanction may entail a fine up to CHF 15,000, but a suspension from 1 to 3 months may also be imposed;

7.4. Abuse of horses in any form (rapping, abnormal sensitisation or desensitisation of limbs, banned schooling methods etc.) shall entail a fine of CHF 1,000 to 15,000 and/or a suspension of 3 months to life;

7.5. Incorrect behaviour towards event Officials or any other party connected with the event (other rider, journalist, public etc.) shall entail a fine of CHF 200 to 10,000 and/or a suspension of 3 to 12 months;

7.6. Fraud of any kind, violence and other acts defined as criminal by the national law prevailing at the event shall entail a fine of CHF 1,000 to 15,000 and/or a suspension of one month to life.

8.1. In cases of offences mentioned in paragraphs 7.4 and 7.5 above and which are of a less serious nature, the President of the Ground Jury, the President of the Appeal Committee and the Chief Steward, instead of instituting the procedures foreseen in the legal system, may deliver to the Person Responsible a yellow warning card, either by hand or by any other suitable means. The acceptance of a warning card suspends any penalty until new offences take place.

8.2. The Person Responsible may or may not accept the warning card. If the PR does not accept a card which was not delivered at the event, he must send it back to the FEI Legal Department within 48 hours of receipt, and the case will then be submitted to the Judicial Committee. The non-acceptance of the warning card delivered at the event entails the immediate institution of the normal procedures foreseen in the Legal System. Should the same Person Responsible receive one more warning card at the same or any other international event within one year of the delivery of the first card, the case shall be submitted to the Judicial Committee.

9. Where a warning card has been accepted, the offence for which it was delivered shall be taken into consideration when deciding the penalty to be imposed for a similar offence committed within the next twelve months.

10. The penalty imposed in any given case can consist of a combination of fine, suspension and disqualification. The amount of a fine and the duration of a suspension shall be decided according to the guidelines mentioned in paragraph 7 above and to the circumstances of the case.

11. All fines imposed by anybody under the Legal System are due to the FEI. They must not be paid to the OC or any other body but must be paid to the FEI on receipt of a demand. Any person who has not paid a fine within 30 days of receiving a demand for payment will be automatically suspended until the fine is paid.

12. Decisions of the Judicial Committee may also impose on unsuccessful parties the payment of costs borne by the FEI for the judicial procedure in the amount of CHF 500 to 5,000. In addition, a party may be ordered to pay further costs not exceeding CHF 5,000 if the costs of the hearing borne by the FEI have been increased by conducting the hearing in a particular place at his request or by his excessive prolongation of the hearing or other exceptional cause. In the interests of fairness, the cost to the FEI of any hearing which is held in conjunction with other hearings or with an administrative meeting of the Judicial Committee shall be separately calculated.

APPENDIX A

RULE 45, BYLAW, GUIDELINES

Rule 45 - Eligibility Code

To be eligible for participation in the Olympic Games a competitor must comply with the Olympic Charter as well as with the rules of the IF concerned as approved by the IOC, and must be entered by his NOC.

BYLAW TO RULE 45

1. Each IF establishes the eligibility criteria of its own sport in accordance with the Olympic Charter. Such criteria must be submitted to the IOC Executive Board for approval.
2. The application of the eligibility criteria lies with the IFs, their affiliated national federations and the NOCs in the fields of their respective responsibilities.
3. All competitors in the Olympic Games shall:
 - 3.1. respect the spirit of fair-play and non-violence, and behave accordingly on the sports-field;
 - 3.2. refrain from using substances and procedures prohibited by the rules of the IOC or of the IFs;
 - 3.3. respect and comply with all aspects with the Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code.
4. No competitor who participates in the Olympic Games may allow his person, name, picture or sports performances to be used for advertising purposes during the Olympic Games.
5. The entry or participation of a competitor in the Olympic Games shall not be conditional on any financial consideration.

APPENDIX B

CERTIFICATE OF CAPABILITY

To be returned to the FEI accompanied by a "Record of Results" not later than:

For World Championships, the date corresponding to the nominated entries.

For Olympic Games, the date corresponding to the nominated entries for the Games (see FEI Olympic Regulations).

The undersigned, acting as President of the National Federation of

hereby declares that the combinations, competitors and horses mentioned below have the required experience and qualifications to take part in the Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games/World Championships for which they have been entered, and that their performances comply entirely with the standards as laid down in the appropriate Regulations and Rules.

QUALIFIED COMBINATIONS

COMPETITORS Surnames and first names	HORSES Names and Passport No.
(maximum of double the number of competitions and horses allowed to be sent to the Championships) (Art. 121.7.2)	(age, colour, sex, breed, Stud book Registration number, names of sire and dam if known)

Date:

Name and Signature of the President
of the NF (name in capital letters)

Seal of the NF

APPENDIX C

Art. 108

Championships Table

Discipline	Olympic Year	Olympic Year + 1	Olympic Year + 2	Olympic Year + 3
JUMPING	OLYMPIC Individual and Teams	CONTINENTAL Individual and Teams	WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES Individual and Teams	CONTINENTAL Individual and Teams
EVENTING	OLYMPIC Individual and Teams	CONTINENTAL Open-Individual and Teams	WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES Individual and Teams	CONTINENTAL (Open) Individual and Teams
DRESSAGE	OLYMPIC Individual and Teams	CONTINENTAL Individual and Teams	WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES Individual and Teams	CONTINENTAL Individual and Teams
DRIVING	WORLD Four-in-Hand. Individual and Teams Singles Individual and Teams	WORLD -Paris Individual and Teams CONTINENTAL (Europe) -Ponies, Four-in-Hand: Individual and Teams	WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES Four-in-Hand. Individual and Teams	WORLD -Paris Individual and Teams CONTINENTAL (Europe) -Ponies, Four-in-Hand: Individual and Teams
ENDURANCE RIDING	WORLD Individual and Teams	CONTINENTAL Open - Individual and Teams	WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES Individual and Teams	CONTINENTAL Open - Individual and Teams
VAULTING	WORLD Individual and Teams	CONTINENTAL Open - Individual and Teams	WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES Individual and Teams	CONTINENTAL Open - Individual and Teams
YOUNG RIDERS	CONTINENTAL Each year (Jumping – Eventing – Dressage) Individual and Teams	CONTINENTAL Each year (Jumping - Eventing - Dressage) Individual and Teams		CONTINENTAL Each year (Jumping - Eventing - Dressage) Individual and Teams
JUNIORS	CONTINENTAL Each year (Jumping - Eventing - Dressage) Individual and Teams	CONTINENTAL (Endurance) Open- Individual and Teams		CONTINENTAL (Endurance) Open- Individual and Teams
CHILDREN	CONTINENTAL Each year (Jumping) Individual and Teams			
PONIES	CONTINENTAL Each year (Jumping - Eventing - Dressage) Individual and Teams			

Appendix D**CIMs**

Discipline:	
JUMPING (seniors)	Category C
JUMPING (Y,J,P,Ch,V)	Category B
EVENTING EVENT	* & ** (one & two stars)
DRESSAGE	* & ** (one & two stars)
DRIVING	Category B
ENDURANCE	Category B
VAULTING	CVI* (one star)

APPENDIX E**Where there is no Appeal Committee at an international event:**

1. The General Regulations shall be modified as follows:

- 139.7 For "Appeal Committee" substitute "Ground Jury"
154.2-7 Delete
161.3.1 Delete "the Appeal Committee"
161.5.2 For "Appeal Committee" substitute "Ground Jury"
162.2 Delete "or Appeal Committee"
162.4 Delete
162.5 Delete "or Appeal Committee"
163.1 After "objections" insert "complaints"
163.3.5 Delete "with a report to the Appeal Committee if the case is serious"
163.4 Delete
164 Delete except 164.3
164.3 For "Appeal Committee" substitute "Ground Jury"
168.2 For "Appeal Committee" substitute "Ground Jury"
168.5 For "Appeal Committee" substitute "Ground Jury"
170.1.1 For "Appeal Committee" substitute "Judicial Committee"
170.2.1 Add "or in relation to the arena, an obstacle or the course"
170.2.2 For "Appeal Committee" substitute "Judicial Committee"
170.3 For " Appeal Committee" substitute " Judicial Committee" for " be lodged not later than one hour after the decision of the "Ground Jury" substitute" reach the Secretary General not later than 14 days after the end of the event"
170.4.1 Delete
171.1 For "objections, complaints and appeals" substitute "objections and complaints"
Delete "or the Appeal Committee"
172.2 For "objections and reports" substitute "objections, complaints and reports"
Delete from "the President" to the end of the paragraph.
173.3 Delete "and Appeal Committees"
173.5 Delete "Appeal Committees"
174.8.1 Delete "the President of the Appeal Committee"

2. The Ground Jury shall perform all the Appeal Committee's functions under the Veterinary Regulations and shall have the power to disqualify from the event under VR 1019.2.

Note: The effect of these modifications, except where it is expressly stated otherwise, is to confer on the Ground Jury the powers and responsibilities of the Appeal Committee. By virtue of Art. 170, as modified, there is an appeal from the decision of a Ground Jury to the Judicial Committee but, so far as competitions are concerned, the right of appeal is limited to questions of eligibility of a competitor or horse and questions involving the interpretation of the Rules.

The NF of the OC must be consulted about the dispensation of the Appeal Committee (Art. 154.1).