



Key FEI Rule Changes 2020

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ARTICLE 201 ARENA, SCHOOLING AREAS AND PRACTICE OBSTACLES

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

ARTICLE 208 OBSTACLES – GENERAL

5. Under no circumstances, except in Six-Bar, Puissance and Power and Skill Competitions may any obstacle exceed 1.70 m in height. Spread obstacles must not exceed 2.00 m in spread with the exception of triple bars which may have a maximum spread of 2.20 m. This applies also in the case of one or of several jump-offs. The water jump may not exceed ~~4.50~~ **4.00** m in spread including the take-off element.

ARTICLE 224 FALLS

1. Fall of an Athlete

1.1 Fall of an Athlete in the Competition arena

An Athlete is considered to have fallen when, either voluntarily or involuntarily, he is separated from his Horse, ~~which has not fallen,~~ in such a way that he touches the ground or finds it necessary, in order to get back into the saddle, to use some form of support or outside assistance.

1.2 If it is not clear that the Athlete has used some form of support or outside assistance to prevent his fall, the benefit of doubt must be given to the Athlete.

2. Fall of an Athlete anywhere outside of the Competition arena

An Athlete is considered to have fallen when, involuntarily, he is separated from his Horse. If an Athlete has voluntarily dismounted, it is not considered a Fall.

3. Fall of a Horse

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

4. Protocol to be followed in case of a fall of an Athlete and/or a Horse

In case of a fall of an Athlete and/or a Horse at any time in the Competition arena, in the practice arena or elsewhere within the grounds of the Event, the Athlete must be **checked** by the Event's medical service **(or by a medical doctor if the medical service is not available)** before he/she may be permitted to take part in the round in progress or in the next round or Competition at the Event, respectively **the Horse must be cleared** by the Veterinary Delegate, before **it** may be permitted to take part in the next round or Competition at the Event, **according to the provisions outlined in paragraphs 4.1 – 4.3 below.**

4.1 Fall in the Competition Arena

4.1.1 Fall prior to starting the round

In the event of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse at any time prior to starting the round (see JRs Art. 226.2), the combination is not eliminated but will not be permitted to start in the round in question. If the Athlete has entered more than one Horse in the Competition concerned, he/she must be checked by the Event's medical service (or by a medical doctor if the medical service is not available) before he/she can be permitted to take part in the round in progress with his/her other Horse(s). In this case the Ground Jury may give the Athlete a later starting position if considered necessary. The Horse must be cleared by the Veterinary Delegate, before it may be permitted to take part in the next round or Competition at the Event.

4.1.2 Fall during the round

In the event of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse during the round (see JRs Art. 226.2), the combination is eliminated (see JRs Art. 241.25). If the Athlete has entered more than one Horse in the Competition concerned, he/she must be checked by the Event's medical service (or by a medical doctor if the medical service is not available) before he/she can be permitted to take part in the round in progress with his/her other Horse(s). In this case the Ground Jury may give the Athlete a later starting position if considered necessary. The Horse must be cleared by the Veterinary Delegate, before it may be permitted to take part in the next round or Competition at the Event.

4.1.3 Fall after crossing the finish line

In the event of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse after crossing the finish line (see JRs Art. 226.2), the combination is not eliminated from the round in question. The Athlete must be checked by the Event's medical service (or by a medical doctor if the medical service is not available), respectively the Horse must be cleared by the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or Horse may be permitted to take part in the jump-off or second round if applicable, or in any further Competition at the Event. Refer to JRs Art. 235.4 for details relating to a fall of an Athlete and/or a Horse after crossing the finish line.

4.2 Fall in the practice arena

In case of a fall of an Athlete and/or a Horse in the practice arena prior to entering the Competition arena for the first or second round of a Competition, the Athlete must be checked by the Event's medical service (or by a medical doctor if the medical service is not available), respectively the Horse must be cleared by the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or the Horse may be permitted to take part in the round in progress. In this case the Ground Jury may give the Athlete a later starting position in that round if considered necessary. In case of a fall of an Athlete and/or a Horse in the practice arena prior to entering the Competition arena for a jump-off, the Ground Jury may, at its discretion, decide to delay the jump-off for a reasonable amount of time for the Athlete to be checked by the Event's medical service (or by a medical doctor if the medical service is not available), respectively the Horse to be cleared by the Veterinary Delegate, or to eliminate the combination from the jump-off.

4.3 In all cases of a fall of an Athlete and/or a Horse anywhere within the grounds of the Event, the Ground Jury reserves the right to exclude the Athlete from participating further in the Competition and/or Event in accordance with Article 140.2 of the FEI General Regulations.

ARTICLE 235 FAULTS

3. Disobediences and falls occurring between the ~~signal to start~~ moment the Athlete/Horse combination enters the Competition Arena and up until the moment the Athlete/Horse combination crosses the starting line in the correct direction are not penalised. However, in the event of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse from the moment the combination enters the arena up until the moment they cross the starting line in the correct direction once the signal to start has been given, the

combination will not be ~~permitted able~~ to take part in the round or Competition in question. ~~Furthermore, in the event of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse at any time in the Competition arena, whether the signal to start has been given or not, the Athlete and/or the Horse must be cleared checked by the Event's medical service, respectively the Horse must be cleared by the Veterinary Delegate at the Event, before the Athlete and/or Horse can be permitted to take part in the next round or Competition at the Event.~~ (Refer also to JRs Art. 224.4.1.1.) The Ground Jury reserves the right to exclude the Athlete from participating further in the Event in accordance with Article 140.2 of the FEI General Regulations.

4. A fall of the Athlete and/or Horse after crossing the finish line does not incur Elimination.

However, in the event of a fall after the finish line, the following applies:

4.1. In case of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse after crossing the finish line in a Competition with an immediate jump-off, the Athlete/Horse combination is eliminated from the jump-off, and will be placed equal last in the jump-off with Athletes who have withdrawn, retired or been eliminated from the jump-off. The Athlete ~~and/or the Horse~~ must be ~~cleared checked~~ by the Event's medical service (or by a medical doctor if the medical service is not available), respectively ~~the Horse must be cleared~~ by the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or Horse can be permitted to take part in any further Competition at the Event.

4.2. In case of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse after crossing the finish line in a Competition with a jump-off (but not an immediate jump-off) or after crossing the finish line of the first round of a two-round Competition, the Athlete ~~and/or the Horse~~ must be ~~cleared checked~~ by the Event's medical service, respectively ~~the Horse must be cleared~~ by the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or Horse can be permitted to take part in the jump-off, respectively in the second round. ~~In the case of a Competition with a jump-off the Ground Jury may, at its discretion, decide to delay the jump-off for a reasonable amount of time for the Athlete to be checked by the Event's medical service (or by a medical doctor if the medical service is not available), respectively for the Horse to be cleared by the Veterinary Delegate, or to eliminate the combination from the jump-off. In the case of a two-round Competition, the Ground Jury may give the Athlete a later starting order in the second round if considered necessary.~~

4.3. In case of a fall of the Athlete after crossing the finish line of a jump-off, or after crossing the finish line of the initial round if the combination did not qualify for the jump off, or after crossing the finish line in a Competition with no jump-off, the Athlete ~~and/or the Horse~~ must be ~~cleared checked~~ by the Event's medical service (or by a medical doctor if the medical service is not available), respectively ~~the Horse must be cleared~~ by the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or Horse can be permitted to take part in any further Competition at the Event.

4.4 ~~In all cases outlined in paragraphs 4.1 – 4.3 above, the Ground Jury reserves the right to exclude the Athlete from participating further in the Competition and/or Event in accordance with Article 140.2 of the FEI General Regulations.~~

ARTICLE 239 TABLE C

2. Penalties under Table C

Fault: (i) Obstacle knocked down while jumping, one or more feet in the water jump or on the lath defining its limits on the landing side;

Penalty: Four seconds (three seconds for ~~the second phase of two-phase Competitions, for~~ knock-out Competitions and for any jump-off under table C) ~~for outdoor Competitions;~~

~~Three seconds for indoor Competitions the following penalties apply:~~

~~Height of obstacles up to 1.40 m: four seconds;~~

Height of obstacles 1.45 m: ~~three or four seconds, at the discretion of the OC, to be specified in the Schedule;~~

Height of obstacles 1.50 m: ~~two*, three or four seconds, at the discretion of the OC, to be specified in the Schedule.~~

~~* The two second penalty may only be applied if at least 50% of obstacles on the course have a height of 1.50 m; if there are fewer than 50% of obstacles at 1.50 m, the three (or four) second penalty must be applied~~

ARTICLE 240 FINES AND YELLOW WARNING CARDS

1. In addition to any other sanction(s) that may be issued in accordance with these JRs and/or the GRs, the President of the Ground Jury, ~~the President of the Appeal Committee~~, the Chief Steward and the Technical Delegate are each authorised to issue a Yellow Warning Card in accordance with GRs Art. ~~169.7.1~~ 164.3.

2. In the following cases fines may be imposed by the President of the Ground Jury ~~or the President of the Appeal Committee~~, in accordance with the GRs, where appropriate:

ARTICLE 244 BOOT AND BANDAGE CONTROL

1. Stewarding – Boot and Bandage Control (see also JRs Art. 257.2.3-257.2.5 and VRs Art. 1023, 1046, 1047)

It is obligatory to carry out boot and bandage control on all Horses taking part in the Grand Prix, Nations Cup, **Puissance and Six-Bar Competitions**, and during the Competition with the highest prize money at each Event. It is also recommended that boot and bandage control be carried out during other Competitions. Refer to the VRs and to the Jumping Stewards Manual for the procedure for boot and bandage control.

ARTICLE 247 ELIMINATION, RETIREMENT OR WITHDRAWAL FROM A JUMP-OFF, ~~OR~~ SECOND ROUND ~~OR~~ WINNING ROUND

1. An Athlete/team that ~~retires~~, is eliminated or ~~that retires in~~ withdraws with the permission of the Ground Jury from a jump-off or second round ~~or winning round~~ will be placed equal last in the jump-off/second round/~~winning round~~. The same applies to teams taking part in team Competitions except in the case of teams withdrawing from the second round of a Nations Cup Competition, as teams that withdraw from the second round are not entitled to any prize money (see JRs Art. 264.8.4).

2. ~~An Athlete, who with the permission of the Ground Jury withdraws from a jump-off, must always be placed equal with an Athlete eliminated or who retires on the course.~~ An Athlete/team that withdraws from a jump-off, second round or winning round without the permission of the Ground Jury or without informing the Ground Jury will be placed after Athletes/teams that have retired or been eliminated in the jump-off/second round/~~winning round~~.

ARTICLE 252 STARTING ORDER

5.7. Horses which lose a shoe prior to starting in a Competition will be given a later starting position. In a jump-off a Horse that loses a shoe prior to starting will be given a new starting place three positions later. If the Horse in question has not had its shoe replaced by that time, the Ground Jury will decide whether, at its discretion, the Horse in question should receive a later starting place or be eliminated.

ARTICLE 254 PARTICIPATION, AGE AND NUMBER OF HORSES

6. The above paragraph also applies at CSIs. However, if in the Grand Prix or in similar Competitions listed in paragraph 5 above, there are 50 Athletes or less entered (subject to the remaining provisions of this article), the OC may allow each Athlete to ride two Horses in the Competition concerned, provided that this is indicated in the Schedule and that the total number of potential starters would not exceed the maximum allowed for the Grand Prix or Competition in question.

With respect to the Grand Prix specifically, the following applies:

- CSI1*/CSI2*: If there are 50 starters or less, each Athlete may ride two Horses (maximum 100 in the Grand Prix)
- CSI3*/~~CSI4*~~: If there are 30 starters or less, each Athlete may ride two Horses (maximum 60 in the Grand Prix)
- ~~CSI4*~~/CSI5*: If there are 25 starters or less, each Athlete may ride two Horses (maximum 50 in the Grand Prix)

ARTICLE 256 DRESS, PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR* AND SALUTE

1.11. Rowel spurs with discs that have notched or serrated edges are not authorised anywhere within the grounds of international Jumping Events; rowel spurs with discs that have smooth, even edges are allowed.

* Note: As of 1 January 2021, amendments to Article 140 of the FEI General Regulations regarding Protective Headgear take effect.

ARTICLE 257 SADDLERY

1.3. Only unrestricted running martingales are allowed; no more than one martingale stopper per rein may be used. Reins may not be configured in such a way as to cause a running martingale to function as a standing martingale.

2.4. For all FEI Jumping Competitions for Young Horses (five, six, seven and eight year old Horses): The following criteria must be respected in relation to hind boots worn in international Young Horses Competitions:

~~All hind leg protections~~ Hind boots that have a protective element on the inside only are the only type of hind boot allowed. The boot must have a maximum interior length of 16 centimetres; the width of the fastener must be at least five centimetres. Hind boots with additional protection for the pastern that extends below the rounded shell on the inside of the boot are allowed providing the protection is made of soft pliable material. The pastern protection that extends below the rounded shell on the inside is not taken into account when measuring the length of the boot. (refer to FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual on the FEI website for ~~diagram~~ photographs).

The rounded protective element of the boot must be placed around the inside of the fetlock.

The inside of the boot must be smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points on the inside of the boot; for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the boot, is permitted. Sheepskin linings are allowed.

Only non-elastic Velcro-type fasteners are permitted; no hooks, buckles, clips or other methods of attaching the fasteners may be used.

No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the boot itself, ~~other than a protective flap, providing it is soft and clearly intended for protection only.~~

Fetlock rings may be used for protective purposes providing they are properly adjusted and providing the total weight of equipment on the horse's leg does not exceed 500 grams (see JRs 257.2.3). ~~Pastern strips may not be used.~~

2.5 At all FEI Jumping Events for U-25, Young Riders, Juniors, Pony Riders, Children, Amateur Owners and Veterans, ~~and at all FEI World Jumping Challenge Events~~, only hind boots meeting the following descriptions may be used:

2.5.1 Boots as described in Art. 257.2.4 ~~for FEI Jumping Competitions for Young Horses.~~

2.5.2 Boots that have a protective element on the inside ~~only~~, and boots with a protective element on the inside and outside, that is, double-shell boots that wrap around the back of the fetlock, are permitted providing they meet the following criteria:

The boot must have a maximum length of 20 centimetres at its longest point (refer to the FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual for instructions on how to measure the length of the boot correctly).

The rounded protective part of the boot must be placed around the fetlock (for boots with a protective element on one side only, the protective element must be placed around the inside of the fetlock).

The inside of the boot must be smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points on the inside of the boot; for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the boot, is permitted. Sheepskin linings are allowed.

The boot may have no more than two elastic fasteners with a minimum width of 2.5 cm each. Only the following types of fasteners are permitted:

<p><u>Velcro-type fasteners:</u></p> <p><u>Straps must:</u></p> <p><u>Have a Velcro or Velcro-type fastening system</u></p> <p><u>Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm if there are two straps or</u></p> <p><u>Have a minimum width of 5 cm if there is only one strap</u></p> <p><u>For boots with a protective element only on the inside of the fetlock, straps may be elastic or non-elastic</u></p> <p><u>For double-shell boots, the straps must be elastic</u></p>	
<p>Stud-type fasteners: straps with holes at the end that fit over a stud</p> <p>Straps must:</p> <p>Be made of elastic</p> <p>Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm</p> <p>Have holes that fit over a stud on the boot</p>	
<p>Hook-and-eye type fasteners: straps with a hook at the end that fits into an "eyelet".</p> <p><u>Straps must:</u></p> <p><u>Be made of elastic</u></p> <p><u>Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm</u></p> <p><u>Have a hook at the end that fits into an "eyelet" on the boot</u></p>	

All fasteners must be one-directional, that is, the fastener must be attached directly from one side of the boot to the other side ~~and may but must~~ not wrap around the entire boot; no mechanism ~~permitting that allows~~ the fastener to double back on itself is permitted.

No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the boot itself.

Fetlock rings may be used for protective purposes providing they are properly adjusted and providing the total weight of equipment on the horse's leg does not exceed 500 grams (see JRs 257.2.3). Pastern strips may not be used.

2.6. ~~For implementation as of 1 January 2020: Only hind boots as described in JRs Art. 257.2.4 and 257.2.5, may be used at FEI Jumping Events for Juniors, Young Riders and U-25.~~ For implementation as of 1 January 2021: Only hind boots as described in JRs Art. 257.2.4 and 257.2.5, may be used at international Jumping Events.

2.7. Plastic shields that cover the horse's eyes (i.e. glasses or sunglasses for horses) are forbidden.

2.8. The use of a tongue-strap is forbidden. For the use of tongue guards, see VRs Art. 1046.5.

2.9. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of Art. 257.2.1 – 257.2.6 8 in the Competition arena will incur Elimination (see JRs Art. 241.3.21).

ARTICLE 259 OFFICIALS

1. Ground Jury

Events	Number of Judges ¹	President Ground Jury	Foreign Judge	Members	Additional Members	President of Competition	Water Jump Judge
	Minimum	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualification
CSIO1* - 2* CSIO-Y/J/P/Ch	President + Foreign Judge (***) + 3 Members	Level 3 Preferably from host nation	Level 3	Min. one Level 3; one Level 2; one National ² or Level 1	National ² or Level 1	Level 2	Level 2
CSI5*	President + Foreign Judge (***) + 2 Members	Level 3 Preferably from host nation	Level 3	Min. one Level 3; one Level 1	Level 1	Level 3	Level 2
CSI4*, CSI3*	President + Foreign Judge (***) + 2 Members (*)	Level 3 Preferably from host nation	Level 3	Min. one Level 3; one National ² or Level 1	National ² or Level 1	Level 2	Level 2
CSI2* / CSIYH2* CSIU25 Cat. A & B CSIY/J/Ch/V/Am Cat. A CSIP	President + Foreign Judge + 2 Members (*)	Level 3 Preferably from host nation	Level 3	Min. one Level 2; one National ² or Level 1	National ² or Level 1	Level 2	Level 2

² National Judges may officiate as Ground Jury members at Events of this category until 30 June 2020. Effective as of 1 July 2020 National Judges may no longer be appointed as Ground Jury members at Events of this category, and may only officiate on the Ground Jury at CSI1*/CSIYH1* and CSIY/J/Ch/V/Am Cat. B Events.

5.1.7. OCs of Events with Competitions taking place in more than one arena and/or OCs of multiple Events held concurrently at the same venue may appoint more than one Course Designer. However, only one Course Designer may be appointed as the official Course Designer for each category of Event, e.g. CSI5*, CSI3*. Only the Course Designer who will be responsible for building the Grand Prix or the Competition with the highest prize money if there is no Grand Prix (and the Nations Cup for CSIOs) at the respective category of Event may be named in the Schedule as the official Course Designer for that particular Event. Additional Course Designer(s) at such Event(s) may not build courses for Competitions of a higher star level than their qualification allows.

ARTICLE 274 COMPETITION IN TWO PHASES

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

Invitation Rules for CSI2*/CSI3*/CSI4*/CSI5* Events (Worldwide)

Please refer to the "Implementation of the FEI Online Invitation System for Jumping Guidelines" which are published on the FEI website for technical details and further information.

ARTICLE 280 VETERINARY EXAMINATIONS, HORSE INSPECTIONS AND PASSPORT CONTROL

3. Ground Jury, ~~Appeal Committee~~ and Veterinary Commission Liaison

ANNEX VI CSI/CSIO REQUIREMENTS

- Horses may take part in national Events up to two hours prior to the start of the international Event's Horse Inspection;
- ~~- If the national Event ends at the latest one hour prior to the start of the Horse Inspection of the international Event, Horses may take part in both;~~
- ~~- If the national Event ends later than one hour prior to the start of the Horse Inspection at the international Event, Horses may not take part in national Competitions and international Competitions;~~
- If the national Event includes Competitions ~~on the day~~ after the international Event ends, ~~either on the same day or on the following day(s)~~ Horses having taken part in the international Event may take part in national Competitions ~~on that day only, i.e. on the day~~ following the conclusion of the international Event.

Footing CSI5* - On-site footing testing as established in the FEI Footing Standard; at OC expense

2. ADDITIONAL CSI REQUIREMENTS FOR EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

Accommodation for Grooms at CSI5* events: At OC expense (if requested with the Athlete's entries and provided the room is for the groom of the Athlete concerned; if the groom transfers the room to another person the Athlete will be liable to reimburse the OC for the cost of the room)