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DC 925.0	377-18	1	FEI Rule Change	1/1/2019	Driving	Approved (12/21/2018)
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EV 153.0	381-18	1	FEI Rule Change	1/1/2019	Eventing	Approved (12/21/2018)
Description: show jumping time faults						
VA 116.2	224-18	1	FEI Rule Change	1/1/2019	Vaulting	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: compulsories						
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VA 127.0	142-18	2	Extraordinary	1/1/2019	Vaulting	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: penalties and deductions						
VA 127.1	167-18	1	FEI Rule Change	1/1/2019	Vaulting	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: penalties and deductions						
VA 127.9	161-18	2	Extraordinary	1/1/2019	Vaulting	Approved (11/12/2018)
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Proposed Change

GR207 High Performance Fees [CHAPTER 2D - Federation Fees and Dues]

GR207 High Performance Fees

d. Eventing FEI Recognized Events [CCIO/CCI's-**L** and **CCIs-S** CIC's, including the North American ~~Youth Junior and Young Rider~~ Championships (**NAYC NAJYRC**)].

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Rule Change Intent

To align with the new language from the FEI for long and short format competitions as well as update the name for the North American Youth Championships

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: HP fees

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Draft 1: No Comments

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Extraordinary Change Reason

Safe Sport Compliance Required

Proposed Change

GR1004 General [CHAPTER 10-B General Rules and Fees]

GR1004 General

20. The following individuals shall comply with the criminal background check and training requirements of the Federation's Safe Sport Policy:

- a. All Federation Licensed Officials, including Guest Judges, Certified Eventing Cross Country Course Designers, and Certified Schooling Supervisors;**
- b. All individuals seeking FEI licensure through the Federation;**
- c. Current Federation FEI officials; and**

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Rule Change Intent

To ensure the safety of US Equestrian members and competition managers, and to be compliant with the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017, all officials who officiate in national classes at Federation licensed and endorsed competitions must successfully complete Safe Sport Training and a background check with the Federation.

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: safe sport

Committee Actions

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/23/2018
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Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: The Council recommends disapproval in line with the Governance Committee due to jurisdictional issues as well as affordability issues for competitions. The Council strongly recommends that the USEF continue to encourage the FEI to adopt their own Safe Sport training.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
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Draft 3: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Proposed Change

Annex 8 Cones Oxer [CHAPTER Annex 8]

Annex 8

8.1 An oxer will be composed of 2 pairs of cones in a straight line. The distance between the first set of cones and the second set will be between 1.5 and 3 metres, at the option of the Course Designer. The oxer counts as a single obstacle and the maximum penalty points for knocking down up to 4 balls is 3 penalty points in total. The first set of cones will have the number of the obstacle and be marked with red and white flags and the second set of cones will be marked with red and white flags. This obstacle will be judged as a single obstacle. The oxer may be crossed. A maximum of five oxers are allowed in a Cones course. The ~~width~~ **distance between the two pairs** between the two pair of cones has to be measured from the balls.

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Rule Change Intent

To adopt 2019 FEI rule change: Minor clarification to Annex 8, describing the Cones Oxer

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: cones

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Proposed Change

DC 920 & DC 931 [CHAPTER DC-6 HORSES & DC-9 SUBSTITUTIONS]

DC920 Examinations and Inspections of Horses

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5. In-Harness Inspection before Cones

5.1 The In-Harness Inspection must be carried out before any horse starts Cones, only when Cones follows Marathon. It must be performed by an Inspecting Committee consisting of one member of the Ground Jury together with the Veterinary Delegate, or the Veterinary Commission. The Inspection is obligatory at all Events when Cones follow Marathon. The Horse(s) must be presented by the Athlete himself; Competing without presenting will result in an Elimination.

5.2 Horses will be inspected harnessed to their carriages. Leg bandages, over reach boots and brushing boots are permitted, but must be removed if required.

5.3 Only the Ground Jury member has the authority to disqualify the horse if considered to be unfit to continue the event. ***It is permitted to substitute a Horse who has failed the In-Harness Inspection before Cones, upon re-presentation, the Athlete may start the Cones Competition and therefore change the declaration.***

DC 931 Substitutions

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2. Substitutions during an Event

2.1 Substitution of Horses or Athletes during a Competition is not permitted. The penalty will be Disqualification. ***Substitution is allowed in case of a Horse that is not fit to compete, as decided during the In-Harness Horse Inspection before Cones (DC 920.5.3)***

2.2 Athletes in Four-in-Hand classes may start each Competition with any four (4) of their five (5) declared entries.

2.3 Athletes in Pair classes may start each Competition with any two (2) of their three (3) declared entries.

2.4 Athletes in Single classes must start each Competition with their single declared entry.

2.5 A horse may be used by another Athlete in the same class after the first Horse Inspection if that Athlete has not presented a spare horse and providing the borrowed horse has not already been used in a Competition at the Event. This horse must then stay with that new Athlete for the whole Event. In CAIOs and Championships, such Horse must be entered by the same NF as the competing Athlete.

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Rule Change Intent

To align with 2019 FEI rule changes: If a horse in Pairs/Team fails the in-harness horse inspection before Cones, Athletes may substitute a horse & re-present with substituted horse. (Affects DC 920 Examinations and Inspections of Horses, and DC 931 Substitutions)

Linked Rules

Web: substitutions

Comments

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Proposed Change

DC 925 Harness, Carriage and Horses [CHAPTER DC-7 CARRIAGES AND HARNESS]

DC 925 Harness, Carriage and Horses

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11. Application or use of devices, substances or implements

11.1 An attachment to the pole, traces or shafts, application or use of any substance, device, or implement which may cause irritation or discomfort to the horse is forbidden within the Showgrounds.

11.2 Ear muffs **hoods** and plugs are permitted. **Ear hoods may not be attached to the noseband and must allow free movement of the ears of the Horse. Failure to comply will result in 5 penalty points.**

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13. Penalties

13.1 Contravention of any paragraph in this DC in Competition will incur Elimination of the Athlete, exception for Rules ~~DC 940.1.1 to DC 940.1.15.~~ **which note a penalty.**

13.2 For contravention at any other time within the Showgrounds, with the exception of ~~DC 940.2.1~~ **rules noting penalties**; will result in a Yellow Warning Card. A second offence at the same event, will result in a higher penalty, up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

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Rule Change Intent

To adopt 2019 FEI rule change: Not permitting ear hoods to be attached to the noseband, resulting in 5 penalty points. (previous FEI rule required elimination). In 925.13.1 & 2, corrections to rule references - also to adopt FEI change.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: ear hoods

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Proposed Change

DC 939 General Impression [CHAPTER DC-11 DRIVEN DRESSAGE]

DC939 General Impression

1. For FEI Driven Dressage tests:

1.1 Principle

There are two boxes at the end of the Judges Score Sheets for marks on: Athlete and General Impression & Presentation observed by the judges throughout the whole test.

1.2 Athlete

Use of aids, handling of reins and whip, position on the box, accuracy of figures. The mark must reflect the consistent level of accuracy and quality of transitions.

1.3 Para-Driving Athletes in able-bodied competitions Athletes may salute with a nod of their head only. Hats must not be removed at the salute, and contact must be maintained on the reins during the halt and salute.

1.4 General impression & Presentation

Appearance of driver Athlete and grooms, correctness, cleanliness harmonizing with of harness and carriage. Fitness, matching and condition of Horse(s), balanced picture of the complete turnout. Clearance and fit of harness. Harmony between Horse(s) and Athlete.

2. For ADS Driven Dressage tests:

2.1 Principle

There are five boxes at the end of the Judges Score Sheets for marks on General Impression observed by the judges throughout the whole test.

2.2 Paces

Regularity and freedom (if Four-in-Hand, or Pair, maintenance of pace by all horses). The quality of paces in each movement is marked under the appropriate movement. The mark for the general impression must reflect paces and transitions during the whole test.

2.3 Impulsion

Moving forward, engagement of the hind quarters (if Four-in-Hand or Pair, all Horses working). The level of impulsion may vary between movements and pace, but the mark for impulsion must reflect the performance of the Horses throughout the Test, in all trot and canter paces.

2.4 Obedience and Lightness

Response to aids - willing and without resistance, correctness of bend, suppleness, acceptance of the bit.

2.5 Athlete

Use of aids, handling of reins and whip, position on the box, accuracy of figures. The mark must reflect the consistent level of accuracy and quality of transitions.

2.5.1 Para-Equestrian

Athletes in able-bodied competitions may salute with a nod of their head only. Hats are not required to be removed at the salute and contact may be maintained on the reins during the halt and salute.

2.6 Presentation

2.6.1 Dress of Athlete and Grooms, cleanliness, fitness, matching and condition of Horses, carriage and fitting and correctness of harness.

2.6.2 If the OC chooses to have Presentation at the Halt, a Judge may be appointed and work under the direction of the President of the Ground Jury.

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Rule Change Intent

To adopt 2019 FEI rule changes: Adding new rule for two General Impression scores when using the FEI Driven Dressage tests. Leaving current rule for lower levels (Preliminary & Intermediate) as the ADS is not adopting this change, therefore their tests will still have 5 general impression scores. / Update numeration.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: driven dressage

Committee Actions
Council - Intl Discipline

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Proposed Change

DC 957 Obstacles [CHAPTER DC-13 CONES]

DC 957 Obstacles

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4. Water and bridges

- 4.1 Where Water Obstacles and Bridge Obstacles are included in the course, prior notification must be given in the Schedule for the event.
- 4.2 Water Obstacles must be at least 3m wide, with a depth between 20 and 40 cm and sloping sides. There must be a pair of cones at the entrance (flag lettered A) and exit (flag lettered B) with the cones 2.0m apart.
- 4.3 Knocking down a ball or balls on either A or B will be penalized as 3 penalties for each pair of cones.
- 4.4 Wooden bridges, or bridges of similar suitable construction approved by the Technical Delegate, with fan shaped wings at the entrance, with the bridge surface not more than 20- 35 cm above the ground with a usable width of three metres and a maximum length of ten metres are permitted, boarded or rail sides are essential. The Technical Delegates may grant an exception if the bridge is of a permanent solid construction with strong side rails. There must be a pair of cones at the entrance (flag lettered A) and exit (flag lettered B) with the cones at least 2.0m apart.
- 4.5 A size-adjusted bridge may be offered for VSEs. Bridge dimensions may not be smaller than 2.5 meters wide. 7.5 meters long, 15cm. high. Entrance cones and exit cones shall be at least 2.0m apart.
- 4.6 Water obstacles may not be used as part of a Preliminary level course.

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Rule Change Intent

To adopt 2019 FEI rule changes: change allowed height of bridge surface above ground to 35 cm.

Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions

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Proposed Change

EV104 Participation [CHAPTER EV1 General Rules for All Eventing Competitions]

Please see attached document.

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Rule Change Intent

Changes to all references of the FEI Star system

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: FEI star system

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Proposed Change

EV111 Abuse of Horses [CHAPTER EV1 General Rules for All Eventing Competitions]

EV111 Abuse of Horses

3. WHIP. The use of the whip must be for a good reason, at an appropriate time, in the right place, and with appropriate severity.

1. Reason—the whip must only be used either as an aid to encourage the horse forward, or as a reprimand. It must never be used to vent a rider's temper. Such use is always excessive.
2. Time—As an aid, the only appropriate time is when a horse is reluctant to go forward under normal aids of the seat and legs. As a reprimand, the only appropriate time is immediately after a horse has been disobedient, e.g. napping or refusing. The whip should not be used after elimination. The whip should not be used after a horse has jumped the last fence on a course. **The whip should not be used multiple times between fences.**
3. Place—As an aid to go forward, the whip may be used down the shoulder or behind the rider's leg. As a reprimand, it must only be used behind the rider's leg. It must never be used overhand, e.g. a whip in the right hand being used on the left flank. The use of a whip on a horse's head, neck, etc., is always excessive use.
4. Severity—As a reprimand only, a horse may be hit hard. However, it should never be hit more than ~~two~~^{three} times for any one incident. ~~If a horse is marked by the whip, e.g. the skin is broken, its use is excessive.~~ **If a Horse's skin is broken or has visible marks the use of whip will always be deemed to be excessive**

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Rule Change Intent

To align with the most recent FEI rule changes

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: whip

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Proposed Change

EV115 Saddlery [CHAPTER EV1 General Rules for All Eventing Competitions]

2. DRESSAGE TEST.

a. The following are compulsory: an English type saddle and a permitted bridle.

b. A double bridle with cavesson noseband, i.e. bridoon and curb bits with curb chain (made of metal or leather or a combination), is permitted for some tests. Cover for curb chain can be made of leather, rubber or sheep skin.

1. Cavesson noseband may never be so tightly fastened as to harm the horse.
2. Lipstrap and rubber or leather covers for the curb chain are optional.
3. Bridoon and curb must be made of metal or rigid plastic and may be covered with rubber/*latex*(flexible rubber bridoons and/or curbs are not allowed).
4. The lever arm of the curb bit is limited to 10 cm (length below the mouth piece).
5. **The upper cheek must not be longer than the lower cheek.**
6. If the curb has a sliding mouthpiece, the lever arm of the curb bit below the mouthpiece must not measure more than 10 cm when the mouthpiece is in the uppermost position.
7. The diameter of the ring of the bridoon **and/or curb** must be such as to not hurt the horse
8. **Minimum diameter of mouthpiece to be twelve millimeters (12 mm) for curb bit and then millimeters (10 mm) for bridoon bit.**

c. A rounded snaffle bit made of metal, leather, rubber or plastic material is permitted for all tests.

d. Snaffles are permitted and must have a minimum diameter of fourteen millimeters (14 mm). For ponies the minimum diameter shall be ten millimeters (10 mm). The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece. The reins must be attached to the bit.

e. It may have a cavesson noseband, dropped noseband, crossed noseband, or flash noseband. The noseband must be made entirely of leather or leather like material, except for a small disc of sheepskin, which may be used in the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband.

f. A breast plate may be used. For drawings of permitted bits and nosebands see Annex 1 on the USEF website for Approved Bits for National Competitions. Permitted bits for a particular test are specified on each test.

g. Martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running or balancing reins, etc.), reins with any loops or hand attachments, any kind of boots or leg bandages and any form of blinkers, including earmuffs, earplugs, hoods, and seat covers are, under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden. **h.** Shoes (with or without cuffs) that are attached with nails or glue, or wraps that do not extend past the hair line of the hoof are permitted.

i. Ear hoods are permitted for all Tests and may also provide noise reduction. However, ear hoods must **allow for ears to move freely and must** not cover the horse's eyes and ear plugs are not permitted (**exception for prize giving ceremonies**). The ear hoods should be discreet in color and design. ~~It must not reach inside the auricle or ear canal, and must not impair the movement of the ears.~~ **Ear hoods may not be attached to the noseband.**

j. Nose nets are permitted under the following conditions:

1. The entry must be accompanied by a letter signed by the horse's veterinarian on letterhead, stating that the horse has been diagnosed with head shaking syndrome and that the horse's condition is improved with the use of a nose net.
2. The Nose net must be made of a transparent material and cover only the top half of the muzzle, not the bit or the horse's mouth.

3. CROSS-COUNTRY TEST AND JUMPING TEST.

1. The following are compulsory: an English type saddle and bridle or hackamore. Any form of blinkers are forbidden.
2. Only unrestricted running martingales with rein stops or Irish martingales are allowed. Reins must be free of any loops or hand attachments and must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle. Exception: u-shaped bit converters may be used so that a bit designed for use with two reins may be controlled with a single rein. Gags or hackamores are allowed. In the interest of safety, the stirrup iron and stirrup leathers must hang free from the bar of the saddle and outside the flap. **For cross-Country, any device which does not allow an immediate and unrestricted separation of the Athlete's boot from the stirrup in case of a fall is forbidden.** There must be no other restrictions or attachments of any kind.

Proponent Details

Eventing

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Rule Change Intent

To align with the most recent FEI Rules

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: saddlery - dressage tests

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Proposed Change

EV142 Cross-Country Definitions of Faults [CHAPTER EV1 General Rules for All Eventing Competitions]

3. CIRCLES.

a. At an obstacle composed of several elements (A, B, C, etc.) a horse will be penalized if it ~~passes around~~ **once it has jumped the first element and before it has jumped the last element if:**

1. ***It passes around the back of any element of the lettered combination that it subsequently jumps.***

2. ***It crosses its tracks between the elements.*** ~~any element, circles or crosses his tracks between elements at any time between first being presented at the obstacle and finally completing the last element.~~

See diagrams App. 7. Also, see EV140.2.c for possible exceptions at black-flagged alternatives.

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Rule Change Intent

To align with the most recent FEI Rule Changes

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: cross-country faults

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Proposed Change

Show Jumping Time Faults [CHAPTER EV1 General Rules for All Eventing Competitions]

Exceeding the time allowed
a-second

0.4 penalty *per commenced second* for each second or commenced fraction of

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Rule Change Intent

To align with the most recent FEI Rule changes

Linked Rules Comments

Web: show jumping time faults

Committee Actions

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Proposed Change

VA116 Compulsories [CHAPTER VA-2 Team Event]

VA116.2.a.8.

2. Compulsory Test for B Team and Junior Team is performed to the left.

a. Each vaulter, including the B Team substitute, if there is one, must perform all compulsory exercises as follows:

1. Mount
2. Basic Seat
3. Flag
4. Mill
5. Scissors Forward
6. Scissors Backward
7. Stand
8. ~~Swing off to the inside from seat astride.~~ **Flank 1st Part, push off to the inside.**

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Vaulting

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Rule Change Intent

We are seeking a January 1, 2019 effective date. The FEI changed the exercise in the Compulsory Test for A Team and our rules must adopt this language as soon as possible.

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: compulsories

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Extraordinary Change Reason

Certified as an EO by the Officers.

Proposed Change

VA119 Gold, Silver, Bronze, Senior, and Junior Individual Event Requirements [CHAPTER VA3 - Individual Event]

VA119 Gold, Silver, Bronze, Senior, and Junior Individual Event Requirements

Gold **Individual Event takes place in one round, consisting of Compulsories, Freestyle I and Freestyle II, performed in separate sections.**

~~and Senior Individual Events takes place in one round, consisting of Compulsories, Technical Test, and Freestyle performed in separate sections.~~

Junior Event takes place in one or two rounds, the first round consisting of Compulsories and Freestyle, and the second round, if offered, consisting of Freestyle only.

~~The Silver and Bronze Individual Events takes place in two one rounds, each round consisting of Compulsories, and Freestyle and Compulsories to the right performed in separate sections. The Bronze Individual Events takes place in two rounds. Round 1 consists of Compulsories, and Freestyle performed in separate sections. Round 2 consists of Compulsories only.~~

1. Competition must be offered at Gold, Silver and Bronze levels. Competition may be offered at Senior and Junior levels.

a. Women's and Men's divisions must be offered at each level.

b. Vaulters who hold AVA Gold Medals may not compete in the Silver or Bronze Division. Vaulters who hold AVA Silver Medals may not compete in the Bronze Division.

2. In Gold, Senior, and Junior Events, the competition is at the center to the left for Compulsory, Technical Test, (**Senior only**), and Freestyle sections.

3. In Silver and Bronze Events, the competition is at the center to the left for the Compulsory and Freestyle section and to the right for the second Compulsories section.

4. In the event there are more than 30 competitors in the Bronze and/or Silver Event, Competition Management, at its discretion, may limit the number of competitors who compete in the Compulsories to the Right section. In this instance, the top 20 15 highest scoring women and the top 20 15 highest scoring men in Bronze event and the top 20 15 highest scoring women and the top 20 15 highest scoring men in the Silver event will advance to compete in the Compulsories to the right section.

5. If two rounds are offered in the Junior Event, the twelve (12) highest scoring women will compete in Round 2 of the Women's Event and the twelve (12) highest scoring men will compete in Round 2 of the Men's Event. Competition Management, at its discretion, may add up to three (3) of the next highest-scoring competitors to compete in Round 2, for a total of fifteen (15) women and fifteen (15) men.

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Rule Change Intent

This language was adopted by the affiliate, AVA, at their November, 2017 Board meeting to take effect January, 2019.

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: individual event

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Draft 2: No Action

Draft 3: No Action

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Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Proposed Change

VA120 Compulsories [CHAPTER VA3 - Individual Event]

VA120 Compulsories

3. For Individual Silver, Bronze and Junior Event, all exercises are performed without interruption. Vaulters must perform all Compulsory exercises as follows:

1. Mount
2. Basic Seat
3. Flag
4. Mill
5. Scissors Forward
6. Scissors Backward
7. Stand
8. ~~Swing off to the inside from seat astride~~ **Flank 1st Part, push off to the inside.**

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Rule Change Intent

The FEI changed the compulsory exercises for the 2019 season. USEF rules must match the FEI language.

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: compulsories

Committee Actions
Council - Intl Discipline
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Proposed Change

VA125 Judging Code [CHAPTER VA-5 Scoring]

SUBCHAPTER VA-5 SCORING

VA125 Judging Code. (Listed in alphabetical order by term).

- AL Alignment
- AB Arched Back
- A Arms
- B Balance
- C Collapse
- CD Come Down
- DL Down Leg
- E Elevation
- X Extension
- O Fall
- OD Fall After Dismount
- FT Feet
- ~~1H First Half~~
- F Form
- FK Frog Kick
- FH Front High
- FL Flight
- G Ground Jump
- HZ Hands
- HM Harmony
- H Head
- HH Hit Horse
- INT Interruption
- K Kneel
- KZ Knees
- L Legs
- LA Legs Apart
- LD Late Dismount
- LF Legs Forward
- LH Land Heavily
- ~~LT Late Turn~~
- MX Mechanics
- M Mount
- NC Not Clear of Horse
- NH Not Held
- NT No Turn**
- OC Off Center
- OH Off Horse
- PD Pad
- PK Pike
- PL Poor Landing
- P Posture
- PB Push Back
- PT Partial Turn**
- Q Quick
- R Repeat
- SC Scope
- ~~2H Second Half~~
- SK Security
- SH Shoulders
- SL Slow
- SS Side Seat
- ST Stiff
- SX Stretch
- T Timing
- TG Touched Ground
- TI Turned In
- TW Time Wasted
- TZ Toes
- TH Touched Horse
- TR Transition
- UE Uneven Elevation
- UR Uneven Rhythm
- UW Uneven Width
- WD Width
- W Wrap

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Rule Change Intent

The FEI changed the compulsory exercises for 2019, There is no longer a first half or second half, therefore language deleted. The FEI no longer has the deduction for Late Turn. This deduction is replaced with NT No Turn and PT Partial Turn. The committee wishes to follow the FEI rule.

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: judging code

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Extraordinary	1/1/2019	10/23/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Extraordinary Change Reason

Rule book does not reflect the correct method of scoring. Must be effective immediately so judge's know how to score these Events properly

Proposed Change

VA127 Penalties and Deductions [CHAPTER VA - 5 Scoring]

11. Silver, Junior, and Bronze Individual Event Scoring:
- a. Compulsory Section (Score 1)
 - 1. The eight (8) Compulsory scores and the Horse/GI Score are added.
 - 2. Total is divided by nine (9).
 - b. Freestyle Section (Score 2)
 - 1. Degree of Difficulty (x 15%)
 - 2. Composition (x 25%)
 - 3. Performance (x 40%)
 - 4. Horse/GI (x20%)
 - 5. The four scores are added together.
 - c. **Compulsory to Right Section (Score 3 - Bronze and Silver Event)**
 - 1. **The eight (8) Compulsory scores and the Horse/GI Score are added.**
 - 2. **Total is divided by nine (9).**
 - d. e. Final score
 - 1. For Silver **and Bronze** Event, in each round, Scores 1, and **Score 2, and Score 3 are added and divided by 3 to produce the final score for the Event.** ~~are added and divided by 2 to produce the score for that round. The scores for each of the two rounds are added and divided by 2 to produce the final score for the event.~~
 - 2. For Bronze Event, Score 1 and Score 2 are added and divided by 2 to produce the score for that round. Score 1 and Score 2 of Round I are added to Score 1 of Round II, and the the total is divided by 3 to produce the final score for the event.
 - 3. 2. For Junior Event, Score 1 and 2 are added and then divided by 2 to produce the final score. If two rounds are offered, Score 1 and Score 2 of Round I are added to Score 1 of Round II. The total is divided by 3 to produce the final score for the event.

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Rule Change Intent

Scoring for Silver, Junior and Bronze Events. This change was submitted last year, but was erroneously deleted while writing a new draft of the rule change.

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: penalties and deductions

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
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Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
FEI Rule Change	1/1/2019	8/31/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Proposed Change

VA127 Penalties and Deductions [CHAPTER VA-5 Scoring]

VA127 Penalties and Deductions

1. Compulsories—Team and Individual Events:

a. Up to one (1) point deducted for:

1. Each landing other than on both feet only.
- b. One (1) point deducted for:
 1. Each stride less than 4 (Basic Seat, Flag, Stand).
 2. Each passing of the leg out of a 4-count rhythm in the Mill and the Half Mill.
 3. Interfering with longe line or side reins.
 4. Touching neck in Flag without loss of form.
 5. No kneel (both knees) before Flag or Stand.
 6. Legs closed at highest point of swing in Swing Backward
 7. Legs are apart during any part of the flight phase in Swing Forward
 8. Legs not closed throughout flight in dismounts, ~~Swing Off to Inside~~ **2nd Part of Flank** or Swing Off to Outside.

c. Up to two (2) points deducted for:

1. Time wasted: between taking grips and vaulting on, before commencing an exercise, and between parts of an exercise.
2. Landing heavily on horse's back.
3. Buttocks leaving horse during Mill or Half Mill.
- d. Two (2) points deducted for:
 1. Exercise fails, but vaulter stays on and repeats successfully.
 2. Retaking grips in Basic Seat, Flag or Stand.
 3. Touching horse with hand behind surcingle in Mill or Half Mill.
 4. In Senior Events, when Basic Seat is shown. Flag receives the deduction.
 5. In Team Events, a compulsory exercise shown out of order in which the vaulter stays on and repeats the correct exercise before dismounting.
 6. Repeating mount (first attempt unsuccessful; second attempt successful).

e. Score of zero (0) for:

1. Coming off horse during a compulsory exercise.
2. Retaking grips twice.
3. Repeating a compulsory exercise twice.
4. ~~Performing Mill in wrong direction (to outside).~~ **After Swing Backward, performing dismount in wrong direction (to outside).** Swing Backward receives the zero.

2. Freestyle and Technical Test, Performance score—Team, Pas de Deux and Individual Events:

a. Up to one (1) point deducted for:

a. Falls: See FEI Guidelines, Section 4.5.1 and Section 5.4.3 (Technical Test) Deduction for Falls.

1. In Team Events, for each landing other than on both feet.
- b. One (1) point deducted for:
 1. In Individual Gold **Senior** Technical Test, each stride held less than four (4) in the required static exercises
- c. Up to two (2) points deducted for:
 1. Falls (**See VA127.2.a. above**)

5. 6. Technical Test, Technical Exercises, Composition score, Performance score

~~Individual Gold and Individual Senior Event.~~

a. See current FEI Rules for Vaulting.

b. See current FEI Guidelines for Judges.

6. 7. Horse / General Impression score— The score for the Horse and General Impression is divided approximately as follows: 90% for Horse; 10% for General Impression.

8. Team Event Scoring: a. Compulsory Section

1. The Scores of the six (6) vaulters for each compulsory exercise are added and divided by 6 (averaged). (In A Team, B Team, and C Team, these are the scores for the six (6) vaulters who perform in the Freestyle. The scores for the seventh vaulter are dropped.)
2. For A Team, the nine (9) averaged scores for the compulsory exercises are added to the Horse/GI Score and divided by ten (10). This is the team's score for the Compulsory section.
3. For B Team, ~~C Team~~, Senior Team and Junior Team, the eight (8) averaged scores for the compulsory exercises are added to the Horse/GI Score and divided by nine (9). This is the team's score for the Compulsory section.
- 4. For C Team, the seven (7) averaged scores for the Compulsory exercises are added to the Horse/GI Score and divided by eight (8). This is the Team's score for the Compulsory section.**

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Rule Change Intent

In reference to:

- b8. the FEI Changed the Compulsory exercises.
- e4. this is clarifying language to make it more clear.
- 2a. The FEI now has standardized and categorized deductions for all Falls. We wish to follow the FEI standards.
- 2b. Gold no longer does the Technical Test.

c1. The FEI now has standardized and categorized deductions for all Falls.
5. Gold no longer performs the Technical Test

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: penalties and deductions

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Extraordinary Change Reason

Certified as an EO by the Officers.

Proposed Change

VA127 Penalties and Deductions [CHAPTER VA-5 Scoring]

40. 9. Gold Individual Event Scoring:

a. Compulsory Section (Score 1)

1. The nine (9) Compulsory scores and the Horse/GI Score are added.
2. Total is divided by ten (10).

b. ~~Technical Test~~ Freestyle I Section (Score 2)

1. ~~Degree of Difficulty (x 15%) (5).~~ This number is (x 50%).
2. Composition (x 25%)
3. Performance (x ~~10%~~ **40%**)
4. Horse/GI (x ~~15%~~ **20%**)

5. The four (4) scores are added together.

c. Freestyle Section (Score 3)

1. Degree of Difficulty (x 15%)
2. Composition (x 25%)
3. Performance (x 40%)
4. Horse/GI (x20%)

5. The four scores are added together.

d. Final Score

1. Score 1, Score 2 and Score 3 are added together. The total is divided by 3 to produce the final score for the event.

9. 10. Senior Individual Event Scoring a. Compulsory Section (Score 1)

1. The eight (8) Compulsory scores and the Horse/GI score are added.
2. The total is divided by 9

b. Technical Test Section (Score 2)

1. The five (5) performance scores for the designated technical exercises are added together and divided by five. This number is (x50%)
2. Composition (x25%)
3. Performance (x10%)
4. Horse/GI (x15%)

5. The four (4) scores are added together.

c. Freestyle Section (Score 3)

- i. Degree of Difficulty (x15%)
- ii. Composition (x25%)
- iii. Performance (x40%)
- iv. Horse/GI (x20%)

v. The ~~five (5)~~ four (4) scores are added together

d. Final Score

1. Score 1, Score 2, and Score 3 are added together. The total is divided by 3 to produce the final score for the event.

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Rule Change Intent

The AVA has requested that Gold goes before Senior Individual Event Scoring as stated in their rules. We'd like to remain consistent.

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: penalties and deductions

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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