



## **REINING RULES**

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## **PREAMBLE**

The present Reining Rules are the 4th edition, effective 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2012.

As from the aforementioned date, all other texts covering the same matter (other editions and all other official documents) issued previously are superseded.

Although this booklet sets out the detailed Rules of the FEI governing International Reining Events, it must be read in conjunction with the Statutes, the General Regulations ("GRs") and the Veterinary Regulations ("VRs") and any other FEI Rules and Regulations.

Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these Rules. As a result, this edition of the Rules is designed for flexibility to adapt to a developing Discipline by referring in appropriate circumstances to FEI Annex/Notes for Guidance information for suggestions and recommendations on how to safely manage this Discipline and its Events. Additionally, in any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the Ground Jury and any other FEI Official to make a decision in a sporting spirit and approaching as nearly as possible to the intention of these Rules and of the GRs and any other FEI Rules and Regulations.

For the sake of brevity these Rules use the masculine form; this is to be interpreted to include both genders. Terms with a capitalized first letter are defined in the Reining Rules, in the GRs or in the Statutes.

## **FEI CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE WELFARE OF THE HORSE**

The FEI requires all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the Horse must be paramount. Welfare of the horse must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences. The following points must be particularly adhered to:

### **1. General Welfare:**

#### a) Good Horse management

Stabling and feeding must be compatible with the best Horse management practices. Clean and good quality forage, feed and water must always be available.

#### b) Training methods

Horses must only undergo training that matches their physical capabilities and level of maturity for their respective disciplines. They must not be subjected to methods which are abusive or cause fear.

#### c) Farriery and tack

Foot care and shoeing must be of a high standard. Tack must be designed and fitted to avoid the risk of pain or injury.

#### d) Transport

During transportation, Horses must be fully protected against injuries and other

health risks. Vehicles must be safe, well ventilated, maintained to a high standard, disinfected regularly and driven by competent personnel. Competent handlers must always be available to manage the Horses.

### e) Transit

All journeys must be planned carefully, and Horses allowed regular rest periods with access to food and water in line with current FEI guidelines.

## 2. **Fitness to compete:**

### a) Fitness and competence

Participation in Competition must be restricted to fit Horses and Athletes of proven competence. Horses must be allowed suitable rest period between training and competitions; additional rest periods should be allowed following travelling.

### b) Health status

No Horse deemed unfit to compete may compete or continue to compete, veterinary advice must be sought whenever there is any doubt.

### c) Doping and Medication

Any action or intent of doping and illicit use of medication constitute a serious welfare issue and will not be tolerated. After any veterinary treatment, sufficient time must be allowed for full recovery before Competition.

### d) Surgical procedures

Any surgical procedures that threaten a competing Horse's welfare or the safety of other Horses and/or Athletes must not be allowed.

### e) Pregnant/recently foaled mares

Mares must not compete after their fourth month of pregnancy or with foal at foot.

### f) Misuse of aids

Abuse of a Horse using natural riding aids or artificial aids (e.g. whips, spurs, etc.) will not be tolerated.

## 3. **Events must not prejudice Horse welfare:**

### a) Competition areas

Horses must be trained and compete on suitable and safe surfaces. All obstacles and competition conditions must be designed with the safety of the Horse in mind.

### b) Ground surfaces

All ground surfaces on which Horses walk, train or compete must be designed and maintained to reduce factors that could lead to injury.

### c) Extreme weather

Competitions must not take place in extreme weather conditions that may compromise welfare or safety of the Horse. Provision must be made for cooling conditions and equipment for Horses after competing.

### d) Stabling at Events

Stables must be safe, hygienic, comfortable, well ventilated and of sufficient size for the type and disposition of the Horse. Washing-down areas and water must always be available.

## 4. **Humane treatment of horses:**

### a) Veterinary treatment

Veterinary expertise must always be available at an Event. If a Horse is injured or exhausted during a Competition, the Athlete must stop competing and a veterinary evaluation must be performed.

### b) Referral centres

Wherever necessary, Horses should be collected by ambulance and transported to the nearest relevant treatment centre for further assessment and therapy. Injured Horses must be given full supportive treatment before being transported.

### c) Competition injuries

The incidence of injuries sustained in Competition should be monitored. Ground surface conditions, frequency of Competitions and any other risk factors should be examined carefully to indicate ways to minimise injuries.

### d) Euthanasia

If injuries are sufficiently severe a Horse may need to be euthanized on humane grounds by a veterinarian as soon as possible, with the sole aim of minimising suffering.

### e) Retirement

Horses must be treated sympathetically and humanely when they retire from Competition.

## 5. **Education:**

The FEI urges all those involved in equestrian sport to attain the highest possible levels of education in areas of expertise relevant to the care and management of the Competition Horse.

This Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse may be modified from time to time and the views of all are welcomed. Particular attention will be paid to new research findings and the FEI encourages further funding and support for welfare studies.

**Article 300 GENERAL**

- 300.1. Reining is a judged Event designed to show the athletic ability of a western type Horse in the confines of a show arena.
- 300.2 In a Reining Competition, Athletes/Horses are required to run one of several approved patterns. Each pattern includes small slow circles, large fast circles, flying lead changes, roll backs over the hocks, 360 degree spins done in place, back ups and the sliding stops that are the hallmark of the reining Horse.
- 300.3 Each Horse may only start in one Competition per \*Level, per day.
- 300.4 A Horse may not start in a National class within one hour of the Horse Inspection for a CRI/CRIO.
  
- 300.5 Restrictions on Schooling Horses: All schooling must be in the designated arena(s)
  - 300.5.1. Following the Horse Inspection: Any Horse(s) taking part in a CRI/CRIO may only be ridden by the Athlete who will ride the Horse in the Competition. The penalty for violating this rule shall be immediate Disqualification.
  - 300.5.2. During warm up and exercise sessions Horses must not be closer than two meters to the boundary of the arena at the completion of a sliding stop. The penalty for violating this rule shall be an Immediate Yellow Warning Card.
  - 300.5.3. During warm up and exercise sessions Horses cannot be spun more than eight consecutive times in a high speed spinning movement. The penalty for violating this rule shall be an immediate Yellow Warning Card.
  - 300.5.4. During warm up and exercise sessions Horses must not perform more than eight high speed spinning movements either to the left or to the right in total. The penalty for violating the rule shall be an immediate Yellow Warning Card.
  - 300.5.5. The maximum time allowed for a warm up or exercise session is ninety minutes. The penalty for violating the rule shall be an immediate Yellow Warning Card.

**Article 301 CATEGORIES**

- 301.1. International Reining Events are divided into CRI (Concours de Reining International) and CRIO (Concours de Reining International Officiel)
  - CRI B No Prize Money, only Prizes in Kind
  - CRI A Competitions with Prize Money awarded



301.5 **FEI Championships**

- 301.5.1 They must comply with the requirements of the FEI GRs and the FEI Reining Rules. FEI Championships must always be run over two go-rounds.
- 301.5.2. First go-round: The first go-round is the Team Competition and the first individual qualifying Competition.
- 301.5.3. Second go-round: The second go-round is the final Individual Competition and is open to 50% of the starters or a maximum of twenty starters from the first go-round, including ties for the 20th place.
- 301.5.4. Medals: FEI Medals will be awarded for the first three teams in the Team Championships and for the first three individuals in the Individual Championship.

301.6. **Regional Games**

- 301.6.1 They must comply with the requirements of the GRs, the Reining Rules and the requirements laid down by the various affiliated Regional Games Associations.

301.7 **FEI World Equestrian Games**

- 301.7.1 The following Competition formula shall be used for FEI World Equestrian Games:  
Day 1 Team/Individual Competition 1<sup>st</sup> part  
Day 2 Team/Individual Competition 2<sup>nd</sup> part - Team Medals  
Fifteen best Athletes qualify directly for the Individual Final.
- 301.7.2 Day 3 Rest day  
Day 4 Second Qualifying Competition  
Open to Athletes placed sixteenth to thirty-fifth in the Team/Individual Competition. The five best Athletes qualify for the Individual Final.
- 301.7.3 Day 5 Rest day  
Day 6 Individual Final – Individual Medals  
  
Open to the fifteen best Athletes as above and five best Athletes from the Second Qualifying Competition.

301.8. **Breed specific CRI (CRI Br)**

- 301.8.1. The purpose of the CRI Br is to allow Reining Competitions being held by Breed Associations to be approved by the home NF and FEI.
- 301.8.2. Breed Associations such as, but not limited to: American Quarter Horses, American Paint Horses, American Morgan Horses, and Arabian Horse Club of America may hold Breed



specific CRIs. All Athletes and Horses in a CRI Br must be registered with the FEI and be members of a Breed Association which is recognized and approved by their NF.

- 301.8.3. The FEI Reining Rules apply and any specific rules and conditions for CRI Br will be published separately.

## **Article 302 QUALIFICATION**

- 302.1. Any person from the year in which they reach their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday is allowed to take part in all Senior Reining Competitions (CRIs, CRIOS and FEI Championships) either as an individual or as a team member.
- 302.1.1. Any person from the year in which they reach the age of 14 until the year in which they reach the age of 18 is allowed to take part in Junior Reining Competitions.
- 302.1.2. Any person from the year in which they reach the age of 16 until the year in which they reach the age of 21 is allowed to take part in Reining Competitions for Young Riders.
- 302.2. The World and Continental Reining Championships are open to all Athletes eligible according to FEI published qualification criteria.
- 302.3. For World and Continental Championships, a Certificate of Capability ("CoC") is required from NFs for all entered Athletes based on results at CRIs and CRIOS. Minimum qualification standards will be established by the FEI for each FEI World and Continental Championships.
- 302.4. To be qualified, Horses must be at least seven years old. Mares must not compete after their fourth month of pregnancy Mares with foal at foot cannot be entered. See also VRs.
- 302.5. FEI Reining has five levels of Competition, CRI 1\*, 2\*, 3\*, 4\* and 5\*. Athletes have three levels of Qualification (Expertise). These are 1\* (Apprentice), 2\* (Intermediate) and 3\* (Advanced). In order to progress up through the level of Competitions an Athlete must qualify at each level before being allowed/required to compete at the next higher level. National Athletes have automatic entry to 1\* FEI Reining Competitions.
- 302.5.1. CRI 1\* Should an Athlete win four or more Competitions at 1\* level the Athlete will be automatically raised to 2\* status at the start of the next calendar year.
- CRI 2\* Open to Athletes who have qualified for 2\* level Competitions by successfully competing in five FEI 1\* Reining Competitions and achieving a minimum score of at least 65 in one of those five Events.
- Should an Athlete win four or more Events at 2\* level the Athlete will be automatically raised to 3\* status at the start of the next calendar year.

CRI 3\* Open to Athletes who have qualified for 3\* level Competitions by successfully competing in two or more FEI 2\* Reining Competitions and achieving a minimum score of 68 in two Events.

CRI 4\* Open to FEI 3\* Athletes achieving the Championship qualification criteria as published by the FEI in advance of the Championship.

CRI 5\* Open to FEI 3\* Athletes achieving the Championship qualification criteria as published by the FEI in advance of the Championship.

302.6 A star rated Young Rider or Junior is automatically qualified for the equivalent star rating level in Senior Competitions.

302.6.1 A Young Rider or Junior may decide to start participating in Senior Competitions at a star rating level lower than the one he has attained in his own class. This new star level will be the level he will have to start progressing up from, as per Article 302.5.

### **Article 303 DRESS AND SALUTE**

303.1. All Athletes must wear appropriate western attire while competing; this will include a long sleeve shirt with collar, cowboy boots and western hat or safety helmet. When Athletes are training in the Competition arena they are required to wear Competition wear or team attire (no ball caps) under penalty of a Yellow Warning Card.

303.2. Salute: Must be done in accordance with GRs unless the pattern used is a run in pattern.

### **Article 304 EQUIPMENT**

304.1. References to a bit mean the use of a curb bit that has a solid or broken mouthpiece, has shanks and acts with leverage. All curb bits must be free of mechanical device and should be considered a standard western bit. A snaffle bit and the traditional hackamore (bosal) is allowed at all times.

304.1.1. A standard western bit includes 21.5 cm maximum length shank. (A guide to measurement is published in the FEI Reining Judges Guide). Shanks may be fixed or loose.

304.1.2. Concerning mouthpieces, bars must be round, oval or egg shaped, smooth and unwrapped metal of 0.8 cm to 1.9 cm diameter, measured 2.5 cm from the cheek. They may be inlaid, but must be smooth or latex wrapped. Nothing may protrude below the mouthpiece (bar), such as extensions, prongs or wire rings.

304.1.3. The port must be no higher than 8.9 cm maximum, with rollers and covers acceptable. Broken mouthpieces, half-breeds, and spades are standard.

- 304.1.4. Slip or gag bits, donuts or flat polo mouthpieces are not acceptable.
- 304.2. Except for Freestyle Classes and when a snaffle bit or hackamore is used in CRI1\* Competitions, only one hand may be used on the reins, and the hand must not be changed. The hand is to be around the reins; index finger only between split reins is permitted. Violation of this rule results in a penalty score of zero .
- 304.3. When a curb bit is used, a curb strap or curb chain is required. It must be at least 1.27 cm wide, lie flat against the jaw, be free of barbs, wire and/or twists.
- 304.4. Only equipment allowed in Competitions is permitted in warm-up and exercise areas. Spot checks will take place during warm up and exercise sessions, either upon entry or exit to/from the specific areas or, if felt necessary, during a warm up session. These checks can be made by the FEI Stewards officiating at the Event. Should there be a doubt or disagreement, only the President of the Ground Jury can determine if a bit is permitted or not.
- 304.5. Failure to comply with 304.4. will result in immediate Disqualification from the Competition.

## **Article 305 INVITATIONS**

- 305.1. **CRI**  
The number of Officials and Athletes, competing as individuals, to whom hospitality will be extended is at the discretion of the Organising Committee. The number of individuals, which can be accepted, will be stated in the official invitation to foreign NFs.
- 305.2. **CRIO and FEI Championships**  
Four Athletes and four Horses plus up to two Individual Athletes and Horses, a non-riding Chef d'Equipe and a Team Veterinary must be included in the official invitation to the NF concerned.  
A NF that is not able to send a team may send up to two individual Athletes and two Horses.
- 305.3. The Organising Committee of a CRI, CRIO and FEI Championship must accept one Groom per Athlete.
- 305.4. With regard to the number of NFs required for FEI Championships See GRs
- 305.5. Expenses and Privileges  
Organising Committees of World and Continental Championships may accept responsibility for meeting the travelling and living expenses of all Athletes , Horses, Grooms and team Officials to be invited according to the Rules from the day before the First Horse Inspection until the day after the end of the FEI Championships. This must be published in the Schedule.

Organising Committees of World Equestrian Games must accept responsibility for meeting the living expenses of Athletes, horses, grooms and team Officials (Chefs d'Equipe and Veterinarians) to be invited according to the rules from the day before the First Horse Inspection until the day after the end of the Championships. This must be published in the Schedule.

305.6. Advertising and Publicity on Athletes and Horses: See GRs.

### **Article 306 ENTRIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

306.1. Entries must be made as follows:

306.1.1. Entries in Principle.

Must reach the OC by the date specified in the schedule, usually 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.

306.1.2. Nominated Entries.

Must reach the OC by the date specified in the schedule, usually at least four weeks before the Event and must include a list of the names of Athletes and Horses from which the Definite Entries and any substitutions will be chosen and state the number of Athletes and Horses which the NF intends to send. The number of Nominated Entries of Athletes and Horses must not exceed twice the number invited in the schedule. Once the Nominated Entries have been sent in, NFs may send fewer Athletes and/or Horses but never more than the number of Nominated Entries.

306.1.3. Definite Entries.

Must reach the OC by the date specified in the schedule, usually at the latest four days preceding the beginning of the Event. These represent the final selection of Athletes 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 Athletes may only be made with the express permission of the OC (chosen from the list of names on the Nominated Entries).

306.2. Substitutions

306.2.1 For FEI Championships and Finals, the Organising Committee and FEI will decide on the last date and time for substitutions at FEI Championships and detail this in the schedule. This date and time has to be before the Horse Inspection and substitutions for definitely entered Athletes and/or Horses can only be made with Athletes and/or Horses as entered in the Nominated Entries.

306.2.2. Following the Horse Inspection no further substitutions can be made other than as defined in art. 306.2.3.

- 306.2.3. In the event of an accident or illness directly involving an Athlete and/or Horse declared as a team starter, this Athlete and/or Horse and/or combination may be substituted by an Individual Athlete and/or Horse, up to one hour before the start of the Competition and on production of either a certificate from a Doctor (for an Athlete) and/or Team Veterinary (for a Horse). There must be approval of the Ground Jury. The Athlete and/or Horse removed from the team can no longer compete at that Event

Athletes who withdraw after the Definite Entry Date or who are no-shows will be liable to reimburse the OC for the financial loss incurred by the OC (i.e. stabling and hotel expenses) as a result of such late withdrawal or no-show.

- 307.1. Chefs d'Equipe must declare the members of teams and the names of Individual Athletes and their Horses after the Veterinary Inspection and no later than one hour before the draw.

**Article 308 DRAW FOR THE ORDER OF STARTING**

- 308.1. CRI

308.1.1. There must be a separate draw for each Competition. It shall be made in the presence of the President or a Member of the Ground Jury, the Technical Delegate (CRIO4\*, CRIO5\*, World Cup Final) and the Chefs d'Equipe.

308.1.2. The draw for the order of starting in individual Competitions should be made regardless of nationality. Should an Athlete have more than one Horse, the order of starting may have to be adjusted to ensure that a gap of at least five places is left between his Horses.

- 308.2. CRIO / FEI Championships

308.2.1. The order of starting in Competitions including both Team and Individual Athletes will be conducted by draw.

308.2.2. The Chef d'Equipe of each NF will determine the starting order of team members and, separately, individuals from his NF. The Chef d'Equipe must deliver to the Event Director in writing, at the latest one hour before the draw, the order of go of all Athletes. The order of go for teams and individuals shall be defined as first, second and so on. No slots will remain untaken and in the event that an Athlete is removed from the start list for any reason those Athletes declared to follow will move up to fill the vacant declared slot.

308.2.3. Numbers equivalent to the total number of starters are placed in a bag or receptacle and a draw is made, regardless of nationality, for the starting position of each of the Individual Athletes.

308.2.4. Then the numbers equivalent to the total number of starting teams are placed in a bag, etc. and a draw is made for the starting order for each of the teams.

308.2.5. The starting list is made out with the Individual Athletes placed in the positions they have drawn. The Team Athletes are then inserted in sequence in the remaining places.

308.2.6. The order of go for the Individual Competition at CRIO and FEI Championships shall be as follows:

Individual Final: In reverse order of result from the Team Competition and first Individual Qualifying Competition. Ties will be broken by a draw to be conducted by the Organising Committee "OC".

At FEI World Equestrian Games when a Second Qualifying Competition is held, the starting order shall be in reverse order from the Team Competition.

308.2.7. Each Horse keeps the same identification number received on arrival throughout the Competition. It is compulsory that this number be worn by the Horse at all times outside of the Horse's stable for example; while actively competing and at any time while working in the exercise and schooling areas (from the time of their arrival until the end of the Event) so that they can be identified by all Officials including the Stewards. Failure to display this number incurs a first warning and, in the case of a repeated offence, a Yellow Warning Card.

**Article 309 OFFICIALS**

309.1. **Ground Jury** - the following requirements will apply:

<b>Competition</b>	<b>Prize Money</b>	<b>FEI Judges</b>	<b>*Level Status</b>	<b>National Judges</b>
<b>CRI1*A</b>	Open	1	2* or above	Allowed
<b>CRI1*B</b>	Nil	1	2* or above	Allowed
<b>CRI2*A</b>	Open	1	2* or above	Allowed
<b>CRI2*B</b>	Nil	1	2* or above	Allowed
<b>CRI3*B</b>	Nil	1	3* or above	Allowed
<b>CRI3*A</b>	up to CHF9499	1	3* or above	Allowed
<b>CRI3*A</b>	CHF9500 and above	1	President 4*	Allowed
		2	3* or above (one Foreign)	
<b>CRIO 3*</b>	Open	1	President 4*	Allowed
		2	3* or above (one Foreign)	
<b>CRI/O 4*</b>	Open	5	4* Status (two Foreign)	
<b>CRI/O 5*</b>	Open	5	4* Status (Three Foreign)	

A President or a Member of a Ground Jury is considered to be a Foreign Judge if his nationality is not from the country where the Event is taking place.

309.2. At FEI Championships, FEI Reining World Cup Finals and Regional Games the Ground Jury must consist of five Members, the President included plus one Equipment Judge, and all Judges must be appointed by the FEI and shall whenever possible be of 5 different nationalities.

309.3. The marks of all five Judges are taken into consideration with the top and bottom scores dropped. When two or three Judges are used all count.

309.4. Each Judge must be assisted by a secretary/scribe speaking the same language.

309.5. All Judges of a Jury must speak at least one of the official languages of the FEI (English) and if possible understand the other (French).

309.6. FEI Reining Officials including Appeal Committee Members are not permitted to compete in non-FEI classes at the same Event or at National Events where they officiate in case of possible conflict of interest.

309.7. **Foreign Judge**

Where a Foreign Judge is required (See Article 309.1) the President or a Member of the Ground Jury will act as Foreign Judge and will be required to complete a Foreign Judge's Report. The Foreign Judge must be identified in the schedule.

309.8. **Technical Delegate**

The FEI will appoint a Technical Delegate in addition to the Ground Jury for FEI Championships and Finals.

309.9. **Veterinary Delegate**

At all FEI Reining Events, an FEI Veterinary Delegate is required as per the VRs.

309.10. **Chief Steward**

309.10.1 The Chief Steward is responsible for the organisation of stewarding throughout the Event;

309.10.2. The Chief Steward must ensure that stable security is adequate for the level of Event;

309.10.3 The Chief Steward assists the Organising Committee and Ground Jury, conducts all defined functions during a Competition such as Veterinary Inspections and Examinations, opening and closing ceremonies or any required organised function within the Competition.

309.10.4. The Chief Steward is responsible for the overall security and welfare of participants at the Event. He must liaise closely with the President of the Ground Jury, and the President of the Veterinary Commission/Veterinary Delegate.

309.11. **Equipment Judge**

An Equipment Judge may be appointed in addition to the number of Judges as per 309.1 above.

The duties of the Equipment Judge are:

309.11.1. To inspect the Horse and Equipment prior to and/or following each run.

309.11.2. Notify the Ground Jury scoring the Event of possible No-Score penalty infractions.

309.11.3. Call only those infractions which are obvious. Unclear or borderline calls should receive the benefit of doubt.

309.11.4. The Ground Jury should be notified and shown the infraction as soon as practical (when the next Horse finishes its run). In the case of illegal equipment, the Equipment Judge may wait until the next drag to involve the other Judges, provided the Athlete is willing to leave the equipment with the Equipment Judge. If Athletes fail to do so they are immediately eliminated. If the Equipment Judge calls no score infraction and the Athlete accepts his call, the Chair Judges do not need to be consulted.

309.11.5. To serve as the Reserve Judge when needed (Provision: see Art. 309.11.8).

309.11.6. When Ground Jury Members cannot fulfil his responsibilities to judge the Event, the Equipment Judge is the alternate. The OC may choose to replace the Equipment Judge or have the Horse and equipment inspected in the arena by a Ground Jury Member.

309.11.7. Situations that may result in the Organising Committee choosing to replace a Chair Judge may include but are not limited to the following:

- Late arrival or being unable to get to the Event.
- Illness or impairment either before or during the Event.
- Conflicts of interest between a Judge and an Athlete or Owner.

309.11.8. It must be noted that Events using National Officials/non FEI Judges as Equipment Judges cannot use them as an alternate Chair Judge.



- 309.11.9. To work with the Organising Committee to control the gate area and to assist Athletes.
- 309.11.10. Athletes may choose to have their equipment inspected prior to Competition. However, this does not preclude the requirement of the Equipment Judge to inspect the Horse and equipment following the run.
- 309.11.11. To assist in keeping the gate area clear and in safe order.
- 309.11.12. Prevent and report any Abuse of Horse or unsportsmanlike behaviour by an Athlete, Owner, assistant or spectator.

#### **Article 310 APPEAL COMMITTEE**

The GRs apply. An Appeal Committee is only required for CRIOS, FEI Championships and Finals.

#### **Article 311 SCORING AND TIES**

- 311.1. Scoring will be on a basis of 0-Infinity, with 70 denoting an average performance. The individual manoeuvres are scored in ½ point increments from a low of -1 ½ to a high of +1 ½ with a score of 0 denoting a manoeuvre that is correct with no degree of difficulty. Scores will be announced after each Horse works.
- 311.2. All ties for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be worked off in FEI Championships, CRIOS and Finals, using the same pattern and order of go as was used during the Event, however, there will not be more than one run off.
- 311.3 Working off ties is optional for all other CRIs. Ties for 1<sup>st</sup> place will be worked off, except in the instance where both entrants have agreed to satisfactorily break the tie without the use of a run off. Any ties for 1<sup>st</sup> place will be worked off, except in the instance where added money is less than CHF 2'000 and where both Athletes have agreed to satisfactorily break the tie without the use of a run off. (Ties will be worked off if a CRI is combined with a National Championship involving National Gold, Silver and Bronze medals).
- 311.4 A Horse not returning for a run off without such an agreement will forfeit 1<sup>st</sup> place money and be awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place money regardless of the added monies. Athletes eliminated in a runoff cannot be placed any lower than the lowest position for which he was tied, i.e., 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, in case of disqualification; the Horse would be placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. All other ties are not run off and will involve, as many places as there are Horses tied, e.g., 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>. The prize money for the divided placing is split equally between the dividing Athletes.

- 311.5. In the event of a tie at a Five-Judges Event, the following tie breaking procedures will apply:
- 311.5.1. A run off;
  - 311.5.2. If the Athletes are still tied, all five Judges scores from the runoff will be tallied to determine the winner;
  - 311.5.3. If there is still a tie, all five Judges scores from the Finals will be tallied to determine the winner;
  - 311.5.4. If there is still a tie, all five) Judges scores from the go rounds will be tallied to determine the winner;
  - 311.5.5. If a tie still exists, the tied Athletes will be placed equally.
- 311.6. Ties at Continental and World Championships.  
**The first three teams will be awarded the Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals.**
- 311.6.1 Teams: In case of equality of scores for the teams in the Team classification it is decided to break ties as follows for Gold, Silver and Bronze team medals;
  - 311.6.2 The scores from all five Judges are added for the three counting Team Members.  
  
If still tied:  
  
The scores are added from the three counting Judges for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Horses.  
  
If still tied:  
  
The scores are added from the three counting Judges for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Horse.  
  
If still tied:  
  
The scores are added from the three counting Judges for the 1<sup>st</sup> Horse.
  - 311.6.3 Individuals: In case if equality of scores in the Individual Competition it is decided to break ties in the following manner for the Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.
  - 311.6.4. There will be a run off for ties, using the same pattern and order of go as was used during the

Competition, however there will not be more than one run off. The run off starts from afresh on score.

If still tied after the run off:

The scores from all five Judges are added to determine the highest score.

If still tied:

The score of the President of the Ground Jury in the runoff will decide.

If still tied:

The score of Judge two will decide.

If still tied:

The score of Judge three will decide.

If still tied:

The score of Judge four will decide.

If still tied:

The score of Judge five will decide.

311.7. **No score.** The following will result in "no score", in addition to any other penalty, which may be imposed under the FEI GRs:

311.7.1 Abuse of Horse in show arena and/or evidence that an act of abuse has occurred prior to or during the exhibition of a Horse in Competition;

311.7.2. Use of illegal equipment, including wire on bits, or curb chains;

311.7.3. Use of illegal bits or curb chains;

311.7.4. Use of tack collars, tie downs or nose bands;

311.7.5. Use of whips or bats;

311.7.6. Use of any attachment, or any act, which alters the movement of or circulation to the tail;

311.7.7. Failure to dismount and/or present Horse and equipment to the appropriate Judge for inspection;

311.7.8. Disrespect or misconduct by the Athlete;

311.7.9. The Judge(s) may excuse a Horse at any time while in the arena for unsafe conditions or improper exhibition pertaining to either the Horse and/or Athlete.

311.8. **Reins.**

Closed reins are not allowed except as standard romal reins or when a bosal is used. A mecate is permitted. Excess rein may be straightened at any place that a Horse is allowed to be completely stopped during a pattern. When using a romal, no fingers between the reins are allowed. The free hand may be used to hold the romal, provided it is held at least 40 centimetres from the reining hand and in a relaxed position. Use of the free hand while holding the romal, to alter the tension or length of the reins from the bridle to the reining hand, is considered to be use of two hands, and a score of 0 will be applied, with the exception of any place a Horse is allowed to be completely stopped during the pattern.

311.9. **0 score.** The following will result in a score of 0:

311.9.1. Use of more than index or first finger between reins;

311.9.2. Use of two hands (except in 1\*Competitions with the use of snaffle bit or bosal) or changing hands;

311.9.3. Use of romal other than as outlined in Article 304 of the Rules;

311.9.4. Failure to complete pattern as written;

311.9.5. Performing the manoeuvres other than in specified order;

311.9.6. The inclusion of manoeuvres not specified including but not limited to;

- Backing more than two strides;

- A turn of more than 90 degrees;

- Exception. A complete stop in the first quarter of a circle after a canter departure is not to be considered an inclusion of manoeuvre; two points break of gait penalty would apply;

311.9.7. Equipment failure that delays completion of pattern;

311.9.8. Balking or refusal of command where performance is delayed;

- 311.9.9. Running away or failing to guide where it becomes impossible to discern whether the entry is on pattern;
  - 311.9.10. Jogging in excess of one-half circle or one-half the length of the arena while starting a circle, circling or exiting a rollback;
  - 311.9.11. Over spins of more than 1/4 turn;
  - 311.9.12. Fall to the ground by Horse or Athlete. A Horse is deemed to have fallen when its shoulder and/or hip and/or underline touches the ground;
  - 311.9.13. Dropping a rein that contacts the ground while the Horse is in motion.
- 311.10. Neither a "no score" nor a 0 is eligible to place in a go round or class, but a 0 (zero) may advance in a multigo Event while a "no score" may not.
- 311.11. The following will result in a penalty of five points:
- 311.11.1. Spurring in front of cinch;
  - 311.11.2. Use of either hand to instil fear or praise;
  - 311.11.3. Holding saddle with either hand;
  - 311.11.4. Blatant disobedience including kicking, biting, bucking, rearing and striking.
- 311.12. The following will result in a penalty of two points:
- 311.12.1. Break of gait;
  - 311.12.2. Freezing up in spins or rollbacks;
  - 311.12.3. On walk in patterns, cantering prior to reaching the centre of the arena and/or failure to stop or walk before executing a canter departure;
  - 311.12.4. On run in patterns, failure to be in a canter prior to reaching the first marker;
  - 311.12.5. If a Horse does not completely pass the specified marker before initiating a stop position.
- 311.13. Starting or performing circles or eights out of lead will be judged as follows:

- 311.13.1. Each time a Horse is out of lead, a Judge is required to penalise by one point. The penalty for being out of lead is cumulative, and the Judge will add one penalty point for each 1/4 of the circumference of a circle or any part thereof that a Horse is out of lead.
- 311.13.2. A Judge is required to penalise a Horse 1/2 of a point for a delayed change of lead by one stride, where the lead change is required by the pattern description.
- 311.14. Deduct 1/2 point for starting circle at a jog or exiting rollbacks at a jog up to two strides. Jogging beyond two strides but less than 1/2 circle or 1/2 the length of the arena, deduct two points.
- 311.15. Deduct 1/2 point for over or under spinning up to 1/8 of a turn; deduct one point for over or under spinning up to 1/4 of a turn.
- 311.15. In patterns requiring a run-around, failure to be on the correct lead when rounding the end of the arena will be penalized as follows: For 1/2 the turn or less, one point; for more than 1/2 the turn, two points.
- 311.16. There will be a half-point penalty for failure to remain a minimum of 20 feet from wall or fence when approaching a stop and/or rollback.
- 311.17. The Ground Jury may not confer as to any penalty or manoeuvre score prior to submitting a score. If a major penalty (a penalty which results in a no score, a 0, or a five point penalty) is unclear, Ground Jury Members will submit his score and ask that the score be held, pending a conference and/or review of the official video at the next drag or as soon as practical. Should the Ground Jury determine via conference or official video replay that a penalty was incurred, it should be applied. If, however, no penalty occurred, the score will be announced as originally submitted. No Ground Jury Member shall be required to change his score following a conference or official video replay. Each Ground Jury Member's decision is an individual call and based on individual decision from a conference or official video replay.
- 311.18. The Ground Jury shall have the authority to disqualify any Athlete from an Event he is judging, should said Athlete show any disrespect or misconduct as to render himself or the Event in an unprofessional manner.

## Reining Rules

- 311.19. The Ground Jury shall be the sole persons responsible to determine if an Athlete has correctly completed the pattern as written.
- 311.20. The Ground Jury has the option of awarding a re-ride to any Athletes who, in the Ground Jury's opinion, are unable to complete a pattern for reasons that are out of the Athlete's control. In the instance where a re-ride is warranted in the Ground Jury's opinion, the President of the Ground Jury should advise the OC of such decision as soon as is possible.
- 311.21. Copies of the score sheets should be posted within one hour of class completion. Original Judges Score Sheets must be returned to the FEI office with the show results for Championships and Finals.

**Article 312 PRE-CHECK AND/OR POST-CHECK.**

- 312.1 Organising committees have the option of using a pre-check or a post-check or both. A pre-check system should not be used in a single judged Event. When a pre-check is used, it is strongly recommended that there be a designated area in close proximity to the pre-check Judge for the checked Horses to remain until they enter the arena. When a pre-check is used, the presence of blood or any other evidence that any act of abuse has occurred prior to the check will result in a no score. If illegal equipment is presented at the pre-check, the Athlete will not receive a no-score, if he is able to correct the problem without delaying the class. If a checked Horse leaves the field of vision of the pre-check Judge prior to showing, the pre-check Judge is to recheck the Horse before allowing it to enter the arena. In this system the first two Horses should be pre-checked eight-10 minutes before the class begins, with all remaining Horses checked when they are in-the-hole. It is suggested that the pre-check Judge, as soon as the first three Horses have been checked, develop the routine of checking each Horse as it becomes the in-the-hole Horse. This requires the Judge to keep track of only two Horses at any one time, the already examined on-deck and in-the hole Horses. In addition, this allows each Athlete time to regain composure and focus following the check, and it gives an Athlete time to correct an equipment problem should one occur. Before entering the arena each Horse will have a final walk around inspection. When a pre-check system is used, all officiating Judges, including the pre-check Judge, are compelled to call any acts of abuse to a Horse while in the arena. If the situation arises where a Chair Judge calls a no score, the Judge making the call should request that the Athlete present his Horse to the pre-check Judge for inspection. If a no score is called, the Athlete can accept or contest the call. If contested, the other Judge(s) shall be called as soon as is practical to examine.
- 312.2 At post-check, all Athletes must dismount and drop the bridle immediately after the performance. The bridle must be dropped by the Athlete or a designated representative. The bridle must be checked by the designated Judge in the arena or in close proximity to the arena. Failure to comply will result in a no score.



**Article 313 VETERINARY INSPECTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS**

The Veterinary Inspections and Examinations must be conducted in accordance with the VRs.

**Article 314 ABUSE OF HORSES, MEDICATION CONTROL AND ANTI DOPING**

- 314.1 The GRs, VRs, Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations ("EADCMR") and Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes ("ADRHA") apply.
- 314.2 In principle, no training session(s) may be organised at night (from 23.00 pm to 5.00 am).

**Article 315 PASSPORTS**

The GRs and VRs apply.

**Article 316 PATTERNS**

- 316.1. The FEI approved patterns are to be worked as stated, not as drawn. The drawn pattern is just to give the general idea of what the pattern will look like in the arena.
- 316.2. Markers will be placed on the wall or fence of the arena as follows:
  - a. At the centre of the arena.
  - b. At least 50' (15 metres) from each end wall.
- 316.3. Where designated in the Pattern for stops to be beyond a marker, the Horse should begin his stop after he passes the specified marker.
- 316.4. Each Pattern is drawn so that the bottom of the page represents the end of the arena entered by Athletes and must be run as such. In the event that an arena has only one gate and it be in the exact middle of the side, that side shall represent the right side of the page the Pattern is drawn on.
- 316.5. All Horses will be judged immediately upon entering the arena and judging will cease after the last manoeuvre. Any fault incurred prior to the commencement of a pattern will be scored accordingly..
- 316.6. All Judges' decisions are final.