
PROPOSED RULE CHANGES AND ADDITIONS
Effective 1st January 2007

to
Rules for Pony Riders & Children
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Article 3104 Events – add:

4. *Official International Events (CIOP) (Art. 107)*

4.1 A CIOP is an International Event open to 3 or more countries represented by teams.

4.2 It must include the official competitions for teams and individuals as specified in the rules of the appropriate disciplines.

4.3 Not more than two CIOPs may be run during one year in the same country, one indoor and one outdoor.

4.4 A CIOP may, at the discretion of the Secretary General of the FEI, be allowed into the calendar during the year, provided it does not interfere with any International Event for Ponies already inserted in the calendar.

4.5 A CIOP may be organised with the competitors riding borrowed Ponies except in the Continental Championships.

4.6 The Event is open to one team from the host nation and one from each of the foreign countries.

4.7 A Pony team of any discipline consists of four competitors and Ponies of which the results of the best three count. A team of three is acceptable.

4.8 A CDIOP and a CDIP may be held together.

Article 3121 Inspection of Saddlery – add:

Bridle must be ordinary snaffle or pelham (see table of permitted bits under Annex B). Reins must be attached to the bits or the connecting strap. Only running unrestricted martingales are allowed. **Double Bridles**, gags and hackamores, hoods and blinkers are not allowed. This article applies at all times from the arrival until the conclusion of the whole event or Championship.

The Ground Jury can decide whether bits or spurs are abnormal or cruel and therefore may not be used.

A steward must be appointed to check the saddlery of each pony before it enters the arena.

The same rules for saddlery apply for the practice arena, as apply for the competition arena.

When mounted protective headgear secured by a three point retention harness is compulsory.

Article 3128 Dress – add:

Dark coat or club uniform coat. White or fawn breeches or jodhpurs, white shirt with tie or hunting stock, hunting cap. Gloves must be worn. Boots. Neither top hat nor bowler is allowed. No whip of any kind may be used whilst competing. However, one whip of maximum length 1.10 m is allowed in the warm-up. Spurs optional but if used, only blunt metal spurs no longer than 1.5 cm are allowed.

Spurs with rowels are not allowed. ~~Whenever mounted, protective headgear must be worn.~~
When mounted protective headgear secured by a three point retention harness is compulsory.

Article 3129 Saddlery – add:

1. English type saddle must be used. At all times the pony must be ridden in ordinary snaffle (see Annex B) with cavesson noseband, dropped noseband, crossed noseband or flash noseband. **Fly hoods will be permitted solely in order to protect horses from insects. These will be permitted in extreme cases only and at the discretion of the President of the Ground Jury/Technical Delegate. The fly hoods should be discreet and should not cover the horse's eyes.**

2. The snaffle bit must be made of metal or rigid plastic and may be covered with rubber. Rubber snaffles are allowed. **Double bridles, hackamores and gags are not allowed.**

3. Article 428.1, 428.2, 428.3, 428.4 of the FEI senior Dressage Rules apply.

Article 3130 Continental Dressage Championships and CDIOPs – add:

6. Declaration of Starters and Order of Starting

~~See Articles 424 and 425 of the Senior Dressage Rules.~~ **The draw for the Starting order in Dressage Championships will follow Article 425.3 of the FEI Senior Dressage Rules.**

7. Competitions

7.1 Preliminary Competition

Compulsory for all Competitors - No ride-off (Preliminary Competition Test).

7.2 Team Championship and Individual Qualifying Competition

Compulsory for all competitors (Team Championship Test)

7.3 Consolation Competition

Open to competitors/ponies not competing in the Individual Championship (7.4) - No ride-off. (Team Championship Test).

7.4 Individual Championship

Open to the best 15 competitors/ponies of the Team Championship and Individual Qualifying Competition (see 7.2), **- maximum of 3 riders per country may participate (selected by the Chef d'Equipe) -** including those who tie for the 15th placing (Individual Championship Test).

Article 3111 Passports and Certificates of Pony Measurement – amend:

1. The General Regulations of the FEI apply (Art. 139).

~~2. The passport for ponies must include an FEI Official Measurement Certificate (see Annex C) issued and authenticated by the NF being represented by the pony. The procedures and method for measurement are defined in Annex C.~~ **All ponies must be in possession of a valid FEI passport.**

~~3. The certificate for ponies under eight years must be issued not earlier than 30 days prior to the first FEI event in which the pony competes in each calendar year. No further measurement of ponies of eight years and older is required except in the case of a pony representing a new NF or in the case of a pony requiring remeasurement in terms of sub-paragraph 5 below.~~

~~4. If a pony is not in possession of a fully and correctly completed Measurement Certificate at an event, the Ground Jury may order the pony to be remeasured by the Veterinary Commission. Failure to agree to the pony being remeasured will entail disqualification from the entire Event.~~

~~The Veterinary Commission will then report the result of the remeasurement to the Ground Jury, which must then exclude the pony from competing if it is over height (Art. 3103.1).~~

~~5. If the Ground Jury is not satisfied that the height of a pony is as stated on its Measurement Certificate it may request, through the FEI, that the NF being represented by the pony remeasure the pony at the expense of the NF. A note must be made on the identification pages (pages 14 to 27) of the passport stating that the pony is required to be remeasured prior to its being allowed to compete in further FEI events. Remeasurement must be made within one month after the date of receipt by the National Federation of the request from the FEI. At least two Measuring Veterinarians must remeasure the pony neither of whom may be the same Veterinarian who signed the Measurement Certificate in question. The remeasurement procedure must take place at a University Veterinary Clinic. At the time of remeasurement, the physical condition of the pony must, in the opinion of the Measuring Veterinarians, be such that the pony is fit to compete.~~

~~The pony may not compete in further FEI events without a fully and correctly completed Measurement Certificate being presented to the President of the Ground Jury on arrival at the first FEI event in which the pony next competes.~~

~~The NF represented by the pony is required to advise the FEI of the outcome of the re-measurement procedure and to provide the FEI with a copy of the newly issued Measurement Certificate. If the pony is remeasured overheight, it will be disqualified from the event from which it was referred. If the pony is found to measure within the height, the pony will henceforth be eligible to compete and no further remeasurements will be required except in the case of the pony representing a new NF. A note must be made in the passport of the pony stating that the pony has been remeasured in terms of this article.~~

6. If at the remeasurement proceedings, the pony is found to be over height, the owner of the pony may request a further remeasurement within a period of fourteen days from the date of the first remeasurement. This request must be submitted to the National Federation in writing with a copy to the FEI. The second remeasurement, which shall take place at a University Veterinary Clinic, must be performed within fourteen days of receipt by the NF of the request and will be undertaken by at least two Veterinarians who are not the same Veterinarians as those who performed the initial remeasurement. The results of the second remeasurement will be final except in the case of the pony representing a new NF.

In the case of all four Measuring Veterinarians from the relevant NF being ineligible as a result of having already measured the pony, the NF may appoint (with the approval of the FEI) two further FEI recognised veterinarians to perform the second remeasurement procedure.

~~3. All ponies competing at international events (CSIP, CSIOP, CDIP, CDIOP, CCIP, Championships etc.) at the CH-EU-P will be measured on site before the competition, at the Horse Inspection. Random testing at various CIP may also take place. The FEI Measuring Veterinarians on site will present their results to the Ground Jury following the Horse Inspection.~~

4. The FEI definition of a pony is in accordance with Article 3103.1. Nevertheless, to allow for the fact that FEI pony measurement takes place under competition conditions ponies measured at competition must not exceed 150cm without shoes or 151cm with shoes in order to be permitted to compete.

5. The Veterinary Regulations of the FEI apply to ponies and should be referred to for all veterinary matters including vaccinations, identification and medication control.

~~8. No FEI Measurement Certificate may be issued to a pony that has undergone a surgical operation on the withers. Any previous certificates issued to such ponies in the past must be cancelled.~~

6. Regarding Veterinary Examinations, Inspections, etc., please refer to Annex D of this Rule-Book.

Annex C - I

Measurement Procedure

1. Measurement of ponies ~~for~~ **at** FEI Events and Championships can only be conducted by a designated Measuring Veterinarian appointed by the NF ~~FEI~~ and working under instruction of the NF **FEI**. Each NF should have not more than four such Measuring Veterinarians appointed from the list of FEI Contact or Event Veterinarians who may also work as a panel if preferred. Their independence and freedom from conflict of interest must be assured in each case. ~~Each NF must notify the FEI of the names of their Measuring Veterinarians, and keep the FEI informed of changes to the list.~~

2. The ~~owner~~ **Organising Committee** should must ensure that a suitable smooth and level area at least 3 meters by 1 meter is available at the place of measurement, free from avoidable disturbances and distractions which may unsettle the pony. **This will be verified by the Technical Delegate in consultation with the Veterinary Delegate.**

3. It is the responsibility of the owner, and in his interest, to ensure that the pony is well handled, accustomed to the application of a measuring stick, and correctly prepared for measurement.

~~5. The owner **Organising Committee** should, as far as possible, ensure that the area where the measurement is to take place will be free from avoidable disturbances and distractions which may unsettle the pony. **This will be verified by the Technical Delegate.**~~

4. The Measuring Veterinarian(s) carrying out the measurement must identify the pony against its FEI passport (or its national passport which has been approved by the FEI). **This will be done as the pony is given time to relax.**

~~5. The pony may be measured with or without shoes. The pony must either have all four shoes removed and the feet correctly prepared and balanced as for shoeing, with the wall taken down level with the bearing edge of the sole, or be shod.~~

6. A pony must be presented for measurement in either a head collar without a bit or in a bridle with a bit.

7. The pony should be handled quietly and allowed to relax before measurement is attempted.

8. In the interest of safety no more than two people may accompany the pony to measurement (this may include, owner, rider, Chef d'Equipe, team veterinarian or groom).

9. Any parties impeding the work of the FEI measurement officials or failing to co-operate may be asked to leave the measurement area. The FEI measuring veterinarians may refuse to measure a pony in the event of parties interfering with or obstructing their work.

10. The pony must be positioned for measurement with the front legs parallel and perpendicular; the toes of the front feet should be in line. Both hind-feet must be taking weight and as near perpendicular as possible; the toes of the hind feet should be not more than 15 cm out of line with each other.

11. The pony's head must be in its natural upright position.

12. The measurement must be taken at the highest point of the withers (i.e. immediately above the spinous process of the 5th thoracic vertebra) which should be identified by palpation if necessary and marked before any measurements are made. **The FEI measuring veterinarians may refuse to measure a pony whose withers show signs of having been interfered with.**

13. The veterinarian carrying out the measurement has the responsibility that the stick he uses is an accurate one. The stick must be fitted with a spirit level and must be shod with metal. A laser device can also be used.

14. Each pony will be measured in succession by two FEI Measuring veterinarians. Should the two measurements differ, the lower of the two heights will be taken as definitive and no further measurement will take place at the competition.

15. At the time of measurement, the physical condition of the pony must, in the opinion of the Measuring Veterinarian, be such that the pony is fit to compete. If the pony on presentation to the veterinarian shall in his/her opinion be unfit to be measured for any reason, or present evidence of improper preparation, ~~or if the conditions for measurement are unacceptable, the owner shall be informed that the pony will be measured at a later date, when it is in a fit condition to be measured~~ **cannot be measured and therefore cannot participate in the competition.** The veterinarian's decision as to fitness and preparation for measurement shall be final.

16. If a measuring veterinarian is unable to measure a pony, the owner may request that the pony present for re-measurement. A maximum of one further attempt at measurement may be carried out. This will be carried out by the same FEI veterinarian and the pony must be represented for measurement within a maximum time of 1 hour of the initial measurement. The pony must be accompanied to a holding paddock by an FEI steward for the duration of this waiting period. The pony may be ridden during this period. Should the pony be unfit to be measured a second time for any reason the owner shall be informed that the pony cannot be measured and therefore cannot participate in the competition. The veterinarian's decision as to fitness and preparation for measurement shall be final.

17. In addition to the report made by each FEI designated veterinarian a Checklist (see Annex C-II) will be completed in triplicate for each individual pony measured. A copy will be sent to the FEI by the measuring veterinarian along with his report. A copy will be given to the pony's owner and a copy will be given to the Ground Jury. These forms should form part of the Ground Jury Presidents report to the FEI.

18. It is the responsibility of the President of the Ground Jury to ensure that any pony failing to pass the FEI measurement is not allowed to start in the competition.

~~15. The FEI Official Measurement Certificate (see below) must be completed by the veterinarian who carried out the measurement and forwarded without delay to the National Federation for authentication.~~

~~16. Following authentication by the National Federation the certificate must be returned to the owner and inserted in the passport where it remains until a further measurement is required (i.e. if the pony is under eight years of age, or the pony represents a new National Federation, or the pony is requested to be remeasured in terms of Article 3111.5) or for life if the pony is over the age of eight and no further measurements are required.~~

~~17. In the case of a pony referred by the FEI for remeasurement by its NF, a medication control test will be performed at the time of the remeasurement. The pony must be remeasured by at least two Measuring Veterinarians neither of whom may be the same Veterinarian who signed the Measurement Certificate in question.~~

**To replace Annex C - II
Checklist for Measuring Veterinarian**

With the exception of his fellow FEI veterinarians on site the FEI Measuring Veterinarian is not at liberty to discuss the details taken to complete this checklist.

A. Identification

Pony clearly identified against his valid FEI passport Yes No

Name: _____ **Passport Number:** _____

Comments/Observations: _____

B. General condition of pony

1. Shoes checked (clean, of adequate thickness for competition etc.) Yes No

2. Hooves checked (healthy, of adequate thickness for competition) Yes No

3. Withers checked (no signs of interference) Yes No

4. Pony fit to compete Yes No

If no to any of the above, please give details:

Comments/Observations: _____

C. Measurement

1. Has a suitable area for measurement been provided? Yes No

2. Has suitable measuring equipment been provided? Yes No

3. Has the pony been allowed to relax before measurement takes place? Yes No

4. Had the pony been sufficiently accustomed to the application of a measuring stick prior to the competition? Yes No

5. Is this the pony's first Measurement today? Yes No

If no, please give details: _____

5. Has the pony been positioned for measurement with the front legs parallel and perpendicular; the toes of the front feet in line, both hind-feet taking weight and as near perpendicular as possible; the toes of the hind feet not more than 15 cm out of line with each other? Yes No

6. Has the pony's head been in its natural upright position for measurement? Yes No

7. Has the measurement been taken at the highest point of the withers (i.e. immediately above the spinous process of the 5th thoracic vertebra) which should be identified by palpation if necessary and marked before any measurements are made?

Yes No

8. Will this pony be presented for re-measurement today? Yes No

If yes, please give details: _____

9. Measured height: _____ **Date:** _____ **Signature:** _____

10. Comments/observations: _____
