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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The following rules and regulations must be followed during the judging and participation in Association Internationale des Etudiants Cavaliers (hereinafter referred to as AIEC) competitions by all parties involved. In the case that an event or situation is not covered under these statutes reference is made in accordance with AIEC, or its official representative, to the appropriate regulations of the Fédération Equestre Internationale (hereinafter referred to as the FEI), which is the international governing body for horse sports.

Competition organisers are obliged to make known in a timely manner to AIEC, competitors, judges, and any other involved parties when there are unforeseeable overriding local laws or regulations that must be followed during the judging and/or the general running of the competition.

## Abbreviations and Use of Terms

AIEC	- Association Internationale des Etudiants Cavaliers
SRNC	- Student Riding Nations Cup
FEI	- Fédération Equestre Internationale
OC	- Organising Committee
TD	- Technical Delegate
TC	- Technical Commission
DOC	- Director of Competitions

Terms referring to the male gender shall include the female gender of the same term in the entire text.

## 2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

### 2.1. General Principles

#### Art.2.1.1.

All Student Riding Nations Cups (hereinafter referred to as a SRNC) must be organised under the auspices of AIEC in association with their national member.

#### Art.2.1.2.

Each nation can organise only one SRNC per year.

#### Art.2.1.3.

No other SRNC can take place at the same date. Any additional competition, either national or international, held at the same location during a SRNC, must not be interfering with the SRNC program.

#### Art.2.1.4.

These regulations are established by the members of the board of AIEC based on the technical regulations of the FEI, in co-operation with the members of the General Assembly of AIEC.

#### Art.2.1.5.

The organisers and the competitors of a SRNC must respect these SRNC-regulations in all points or be subject to fines or penalties as decided by the hearing committee. The hearing committee will consist of the technical commission during a competition and will consist of an appeals committee at any other time. This appeals committee consists of the AIEC board and two persons elected annually at the General Assembly of AIEC.

#### Art.2.1.6.

The official language at a SRNC is English. All papers, signs and information must be written in English; all vocal information must be spoken in English.

## 2.2. Technical Commission

### Art.2.2.1. Members

The Technical Commission (TC) is the Appeal and Control Commission of the event. The TC is composed by five persons not riding in the competition:

- a. the Technical Delegate (TD) of AIEC who shall be chairman
- b. one representative of the organisers
- c. one judge, determined by the TD
- d. two team managers of countries other than the organising one, elected during the first chef d'équipe meeting

No country except the organising country may have more than one member in the TC. The organising country must not have more than two members in the TC. Nationalities of the TD and the judge are not taken into account.

### Art.2.2.2. Responsibility

The TC will be responsible for:

- a. setting any dispute which does not concern any other committee or jury
- b. examining and dealing with any complaint and/or protest
- c. taking emergency sanctions against teams or individuals who violate the regulations of the event
- d. deciding any other matter not covered by these regulations

### Art.2.2.3.

The TC will also supervise the following terms of participation:

- a. the authenticity of the national entries
- b. the academic status of the competitors
- c. the nationality and age of the competitors
- d. the payment of all AIEC-fees, i.e. the AIEC-membership fees and the SRNC-fees.

### Art.2.2.4.

All decisions taken by the TC at the time of the competition are final and are made with a simple majority.

### Art.2.2.5.

In case of dispute it will refer to:

- a. the AIEC rules
- b. the common sense

### Art.2.2.6. First chef d'équipe meeting

The TD will convene a first chef d'équipe meeting to which he must invite:

- a. the members enumerated under 2.2.1 b, c, d
- b. a representative of each country participating in the event (chef d'équipe).
- c. a representative of the OC

The first meeting must:

- a. nominate two experts according to the rules under 2.2.1 d
- b. inform the chefs d'équipe about the competition
- c. check the riders' admission

### Art.2.2.7.

At the end of the event, the TD of AIEC will make recommendations for the organisation of future events.

## 2.3. Protests

### Art.2.3.1.

Protests must be forwarded to the Technical Delegate by the chef d'équipe in written form within half an hour after the subject of the protest is identified. Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit of 40.- EURO, or the equivalent in the organising country's currency, which will be returned only if the protest is considered to be reasonable. All technical protests or complaints must first be presented to the Technical Delegate of AIEC. All technical protests have to be decided by the TC.

A protest which is forwarded after the prescribed time cannot be taken into consideration unless the TC decides to do so.

**Art.2.3.2.**

In case of a problem reference is made to:

1. the general and technical regulations of AIEC
2. the technical rules of FEI
3. the common sense

## **2.4. Organising Committee (OC)**

**Art.2.4.1.**

The organising committee organises the competition and is responsible in following the present rules.

**Art.2.4.2. Nomination of Judges**

The organising committee in accordance with AIEC appoints the judges for the competition.

**Art.2.4.3.**

The organisers undertake to present the regulations to the judges, the coursebuilders and all officials of said competition before 4 weeks prior the date of the competition at the latest.

## **2.5. Participation**

**Art.2.5.1. Delegation**

The SRNC is a team event. Only complete teams with three riders per team are allowed to take part in the competition. A delegation is composed of three riders, one reserve rider and a maximum of two officials. One of these persons must be the chef d'équipe. The competition is composed of two parts (dressage and show jumping) in which the same riders must participate. No rider is allowed to participate for two different teams at the same competition.

**Art.2.5.2. Reserve riders**

The reserve rider may complete the team only in case of physical inability certified by the official doctor of the competition. The reserve rider can only substitute a rider in one of the two parts before the beginning of the first round.

**Art.2.5.3. Chef d'équipe**

The chef d'équipe must know the regulations and has to keep his team informed. The chef d'équipe must be present at all chef d'équipe meetings.

**Art.2.5.4. Conditions of participation**

The participants in **official** teams are allowed to compete:

- a. must possess the nationality of the country which they represent
- b. must be at least 18 years of age on the day the competition starts, and less than 28 years of age on January 1st of the year of the competition.
- c. must be students who are properly registered and following a full time course or study at a university or suchlike institution whose university status is recognised by the competent academic authority of that country, or must have been former students of an above mentioned institution and have participated at least once at a SRNC during their study period, or must be former students of an above mentioned institution who have graduated in the year of the event
- d. However, a student who is still studying over the age of 28 is allowed to compete on an official team.

Participants failing to prove fulfillment of the conditions of participation are not allowed to start in an **official** team, but are allowed to participate in an **international team**. If no replacement rider from the same delegation is available, the rider will be considered as having irregularly withdrawn, and penalties according to the *AIEC SRNC Rules & Procedures for Registrations* may be applicable.

**Art.2.5.5. Incomplete Teams**

In case of incomplete teams, AIEC may draw, out of the reserve riders, participants to form international teams.

**Art.2.5.6. The Official Team**

If a nation is represented by more than one team, the chef d'équipe must declare, before the horse draw for the first round of the competition, which team is officially representing the country for the AIEC-SRNC-Ranking list.

**Art.2.5.7.**

A SRNC must be organised for at least 12 teams.

## **2.6. Invitations and Entries**

**Art.2.6.1.**

The organising nation must submit its request for organising a SRNC to AIEC at least three months before the competition date. The dates will be co-ordinated by AIEC on a first come first served basis.

**Art.2.6.2.**

All information as referred to in sub 2.6.6 must be addressed to the AIEC Director of Competitions.

**Art.2.6.3.**

The invitations for the official teams must be sent out by AIEC to all members and made public on the AIEC web site at least 10 weeks before the competition date.

**Art.2.6.4. Registrations**

All registrations must be made according to and following the *AIEC SRNC Rules & Procedures for Registrations*.

Registrations must end no later than 5 weeks before the competition.

**Art.2.6.5. Inscription fees**

The organisers are not allowed to ask the teams for any further fees except the basic staying costs.

If any registered team or rider does not show up, or withdraws irregularly, penalties may be applicable according to the *AIEC SRNC Rules & Procedures for Registrations*.

This is not applicable in case the organisers did not provide all the needed information as referred to in art. 2.6.8 within the prescribed time, or in case the team has withdrawn as referred to in art. 2.6.8.

**Art.2.6.6.**

The invitation for a SRNC must include:

- a. location and date of the competition
- b. contact address and phone number of at least two persons from the organisation
- c. the preliminary program for the event and for the extraordinary activities
- d. the costs per rider and supporter
- e. relevant national regulations
- f. Payment details from OC, PayPal or bank transfer.

**Art.2.6.7.**

All further details and information concerning the SRNC must reach the participants at least 5 weeks before the competition. This final information must be sent to AIEC who is responsible to publish them on the AIEC web site.

**Art.2.6.8.**

The final information referred to sub art. 2.6.7. must include:

- a. the dressage tests for all rounds
- b. the definitive program
- c. the exact amount of all costs, indicating what is included
- d. the addresses of the different meeting points throughout the competition
- e. a detailed map or way description to reach these places
- f. details for the extra activities
- g. necessary equipment for the competition and the extra activities (sleeping bag, extra clothes, etc.)

The amount as referred to sub c. must not be raised under any circumstances after the final information has been made official and is announced on the AIEC web site.

If the costs given in the first invitation as referred to sub 2.6.6. are raised in this final information mail by more than 10 percent, the registered countries are allowed to withdraw participation without applicable penalties, under the condition that their withdrawal intent reaches AIEC in written form no later than 4 weeks before the date of the competition. In this case AIEC must inform the organisers immediately.

## 2.7. Financial Conditions

### Art.2.7.1. Basic Staying Costs

It is advised that the OC install bank transfer and PayPal for payments. In case bank transfer is the only way to pay, only European countries have to pay before the confirmation deadline. If OC decide to install both, or only the PayPal system, all countries (European Union and non European Union) have to pay before the confirmation deadline. Cost of the bank transfer or PayPal should not be taken by the OC, but paid by the registering country.

The AIEC team fee of a full team (60€), must be paid together with the basic staying costs. For each additional rider, 1/3 of AIEC team fee (20€) must be paid.

The OC-treasurer will stay in close contact to the AIEC DOC to confirm as payments are received by OC.

The organisers must provide for these fees: the accommodation, all meals, all receptions, all transportation for competitors and supporters from and to all points listed in the event's official program, all entries to all parties and events, and basic emergency medical care.

### Art.2.7.2. Participating fees

There may not be any additional fees to be collected from participants at a SRNC other than the amounts mentioned sub art. 2.6.5. and art. 2.7.1.

Should the OC choose to offer extra activities requiring additional and separate entry or admission fees, they must make sure that the participation at these extra activities remains optional for everyone, and that there is an alternative activity planned at no extra costs. The alternative and free option must be mentioned in the official program of the competition and included sub art. 2.6.8. while mentioning the optional activity as such and by indicating the associated extra costs.

### Art.2.7.3. Maximum Basic Staying Costs

The competitors fees must be as low as possible!

The allowed maxima are:

for a 2-day-event: 113.- EURO

for a 3-day-event: 128.- EURO

for a 4-day-event: 143.- EURO

If the competition is longer, the cost per extra day must not exceed EURO 20.-.

As a 2-day-event is considered: e.g. welcome on Friday evening, closing on Sunday evening. In general, one event-day is counted for every three meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner. When this maximum amount is exceeded, the executive committee of AIEC will not give or retrieve the permission for organising a SRNC.

## **2.8. Insurance, Medical Support**

### **Art.2.8.1.**

Organisers must undertake all secure measures required by the Government of their country. The insurance of the horses needs to be settled between their owners and the organisers. The insurance terms are to be established before the competition.

### **Art.2.8.2.**

An emergency medical technician must be on the competition grounds. A veterinary surgeon must be notified about the competition and must be on call.

### **Art.2.8.3.**

Only authorised persons will be allowed in the warm-up arena and the competition grounds. The warm-up arena and the competition grounds must be fenced.

### **Art.2.8.4.**

The Organising Committee may not be held responsible under any circumstances for claims regarding losses, injuries or damages resulting from the holding of the competition.

### **Art.2.8.5.**

Each delegation is requested to leave contact details of each rider at the secretarys office in case of an emergency. E.g. a phone number of a relative person of the rider.

## **2.9. Awards**

### **Art.2.9.1.**

No financial prize can be awarded.

### **Art.2.9.2.**

Each participant will receive a souvenir certificate, ribbon or medal for his participation.

### 3. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

#### 3.1. General Principles

##### Art.3.1.1. Treatment of horses

All riders must treat the horses in a fair and sporting manner. Any abuse or violence will lead to elimination of the rider decided by the TC or the judges.

##### Art.3.1.2.

The competition will consist of two different parts: dressage and show jumping.

The organisers provide the horses.

##### Art.3.1.3. The Knock-Out System

Riders draw lots for each round to know which horses they will ride.

All the tests will be judged according to the Knock-Out system.

The Knock-Out system consists of the following:

Every horse is ridden by 2 or 3 riders. The rider with the best result on the horse will be qualified for the next round. If it is necessary to qualify more riders (when the number of competitors is not a multiple of 2 or 3), the non-qualified riders with the lowest difference score to the best rider of the same horse will be qualified. In case riders have the same score, see 4.5.

##### Art.3.1.4. Warming-up of Horses

During the entire competition, horses will be warmed up by riders who are not or no longer participating in the competition. If all the chefs d'équipe of the teams riding the same horse find the warming-up of the horses inappropriate, they must inform the TD. All horses final warm-up presentation must be done in the same tack in which they will be showing (e.g., a horse may not be presented in "draw reins" or a rider may not use spurs on a horse if the competitors are also not allowed to use spurs on this horse in the competition).

##### Art.3.1.5. Presentation of Horses

During the competition, the horses must be shown on an equivalent level to the test they will be used for. The horses must be shown in the arena where the test takes place.

##### Art.3.1.6. Preparation

The organisers will fix the time allowed to the competitors to ride their horses before the test. This preparation time will be the same for all competitors. The riders must respect the orders of the responsible person of the warm-up arena. See also articles 3.3.1 and 3.4.

##### Art.3.1.7. Lame Horse

If the chefs d'équipe of all the countries riding the same horse consider this horse lame, they must inform the TD, who will find a solution.

### 3.2. The Draw of Horses

##### Art.3.2.1. General Principles

Before each round horses will be drawn out. Each horse will get a number. This number is written on the papers used for the drawing. The drawing will assign one horse to each rider in the competition.

##### Art.3.2.2. Draw of Horses for the First Round Dressage

The horses for the first round dressage will be divided in groups of three horses. The horses will be drawn team by team; one group of 3 horses being assigned to each team. Complete teams from the same country may not compete against each other unless not possible otherwise. The OC must fix the starting-order of the 3 horses of each horse group and announce it at the demonstration. The team is not allowed to change this order and must follow the fixed starting order.

##### Art.3.2.3. Draw of Horses for the First Round Show Jumping

The draw of horses will assign to each team one group of 3 horses as following:

- 1 horse as 1<sup>st</sup> starter (the horse being ridden for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in the test)
- 1 horse as 2<sup>nd</sup> starter (the horse being ridden for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in the test)
- 1 horse as 3<sup>rd</sup> starter (the horse being ridden for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in the test)

Complete teams from the same country may not compete against each other unless not possible otherwise.

#### **Art.3.2.4.**

Each chef d'équipe will draw a paper, which indicates the number and the starting numbers of the horses that his team must ride. The chef d'équipe must decide which team member will ride on which horse. For the first rounds the chef d'équipe must inform the organisers which team member will ride which horse, after the presentation of the horses and before any rider starts on these horses. The starting order is fixed by the OC according to Art. 3.2.2. These details cannot be changed later on. Not respecting the announced order will lead to a team mark of 0 (zero) points for each single lesson which is not performed in the declared order.

#### **Art.3.2.5. Following Rounds**

For the following rounds, riders from the same team may not draw the same horse except if there are more qualified riders from the same team than horses in the round. This also counts for complete teams from the same country. Teams with multiple riders in that round will draw first, beginning with the team with the most riders in that round. If these riders draw the same horse, the last rider to draw that horse will draw again until he draws a horse that has not yet been drawn by any rider of his team in the round. Chefs d'équipe must declare which rider they are drawing for prior to pulling a draw-slip.

#### **Art.3.2.6. Finals**

There will be two horses for the final rounds. Each rider will ride one horse as 1st starter and one as 2nd starter.

#### **Art.3.2.7. Same horses**

Riders may not ride a horse they have ridden before during the same competition unless there is no way to avoid it. It is the chef d'équipe's responsibility to notify the TD immediately if one of his riders draws a horse that he has already ridden earlier on during the competition. Failing to do so may lead to the elimination of the rider. This regulation also applies interdisciplinary between dressage and show jumping.

### **3.3. Dressage Tests**

#### **Art.3.3.1.**

All tests may be dictated except for the dressage free style (final). For all dressage tests competitors will be allowed to ride their horses in the warm-up arena at least for the time duration of the dressage test used in this round.

#### **Art.3.3.2.**

Two or three judges will judge each dressage test, at least one of them must be either an FEI-judge or a licensed judge from a country other than the organising one, and must be qualified to judge at the relevant level of the test. For 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> round it is possible to have only two Judges- three is preferred.

#### **Art.3.3.3. Judges for the First Round Dressage**

Four judges will judge the first round dressage. Three judges will judge the three riders of the team. One horse is judged by one and the same judge during the entire first round. The fourth judge will judge the team as a whole and give a team mark.

#### **Art.3.3.4. First Round Dressage**

The first round dressage is a team test.

#### **Art.3.3.5. Demonstration**

The organisers may organise a demonstration of the first round dressage test with no competitors. This demonstration may be judged and the marks be commented.

### **3.4. Show Jumping Tests**

#### **Art.3.4.1. Judges for show jumping**

Two judges will judge each show jumping test; at least one of them must be either an FEI-judge or a licensed judge from another country than the organising one, of the relevant level of the test.

**Art.3.4.2.**

All the show jumping events are to be judged by style, by faults and style or by faults and time. Electrical chronometer is compulsory. In all jumping tests the course must be set up with at least 9 fences.

**Art.3.4.3.**

The first round will be judged by style. The second round will be judged by faults and style. All semi-finals and finals will be judged by faults and time.

**Art.3.4.4. Height of the fences**

In all jumping tests the difficulties must increase from one round to the next one. For the first round the fences' height must be at least 0.9 meters. For the finals the fences' height must range from 1.3 meters to 1.5 meters unless the judges decide otherwise.

**Art.3.4.5. Preparation**

Riders have 5 minutes preparation time to get used to their horse. During this time they may jump two trial fences at the average height of the course under the supervision of the responsible person of the warm-up arena. Jumping more than the allowed number of trial fences will lead immediately to the elimination of the rider. In the case that a horse refuses a warm-up jump, a rider is allowed to try and re-approach the jump, only once the horse passes through the flagged warm-up fence does the attempt count towards the trial jump.

**Art.3.4.6. Time Allowed**

The time allowed for all jumping tests is taken for the whole course.

**Art.3.4.7. World Finals**

The AIEC world finals competition, which will be the last competition of the year, have some rules which may differ from the regular SRNC's. These rules are in the document *AIEC World Finals procedures and rules* and have to be the rules to be applied during the world finals competition.

For any rule not written in this document the General and Technical Regulations have to be applied.

**3.5. Equipment of the Riders****Art.3.5.1. Riding Cap (new)**

As soon as a rider is on the horseback, he must wear a riding cap. The dressage riding hat is tolerated under the rider's own liability in accordance with his personal insurance. Local laws prevail in regards to the insurance requirements and to the safety helmet needed in each phase of riding. These laws should be followed closely.

**Art.3.5.2. Whip**

For the dressage tests the use of a whip is allowed, if the horse owner agrees. Riders may use it during the test only if the horse owner allows it expressis verbis. For the dressage tests, riding whips must measure less than 1,0 meters including tassel. For the jumping tests, all riding whips measuring less than 0,7 meters are allowed.

It is forbidden to use the whip in the "violin stick" position.

Not obeying this rule leads immediately to elimination.

**Art.3.5.3. Spurs**

Only blunt spurs are allowed, unless the organisers acknowledge another type of spurs for one horse. This must be declared before the first rider on the considered horse starts his test. Plastic spurs are not allowed. Not obeying to this article leads immediately to elimination for this discipline.

**Art.3.5.4. Stirrups**

In case of breaking a stirrup during the competition the rider may have a restart except if he shows the intention of finishing the test.

**3.6. Tack****Art.3.6.1. Stirrups**

The organisers must check the tack of the horses before the tests.

Only the person in charge of the horses may change the setting of the horses' tacks.

The tack of a horse must not be changed after the first rider has ridden the horse. The only exception to change in tack may come if the stirrup leather

is not long enough to fit the length of the riders leg or if the stirrup is too narrow to allow the riders boot to fit safely in. In the case of the need to replace stirrups or stirrup leathers the attention should be brought to the technical delegate. In case of breaking the tack during the competition the rider may have a restart except if he shows the intention of finishing the test.

#### **Art.3.6.1. Martingale**

Only a running martingale is allowed for show jumping.

### **3.7. Judging Criteria for Show Jumping**

To avoid any misunderstandings because of different national judging criteria, the criteria for show jumping judging will be:

#### **Art. 3.7.1. On style**

Three style marks will be given on a scale from 1 to 10. Judges give their three style marks separately. The average of the 6 styles marks will lead to the final overall style mark

The three style marks are

- 1 The rider's style (position and seat) and effectiveness of using the correct aids
- 2 The fluency of the round and the relationship between the horse and the rider (acceptance of the horse to the riders aids) the number of strides between the fences.
- 3 The style of jumping/the approach, the jump and the landing/ride away from the fence after the fence

Mark number two will have a coefficient of 2.

From this overall style mark will be deducted:

- for the first refusal: 1 point;
- for the second refusal: 2 points;
- for each fence down: 0,5 point;

The resulting mark is the final style mark.

A third refusal leads to elimination of the rider.

#### **Art. 3.7.2. On faults & style or on faults & time**

There will be:

- for the first refusal: +4 penalty points
- for the second refusal: +8 penalty points;
- for each fence down: +4 penalty points;
- for exceeding the time allowed: +0,25 penalty points per second over the time allowed.

All penalty points are summed up. This sum is the final faults mark. The rider with the lowest final faults mark qualifies for the next round.

A third refusal leads to elimination of the rider.

#### **Art. 3.7.3. First round show jumping**

If the overall style marks are equal, the judges decide in accordance with articles 4.5.1. and 4.5.3.

#### **Art. 3.7.4. Second round show jumping**

If the riders on one horse have an equal number of faults, the ranking will be made by the overall style mark: the higher overall style mark ranks first.

If the overall marks are equal, the judges decide in accordance with articles 4.5.1. and 4.5.3.

#### **Art. 3.7.5. From third round show jumping**

If the riders on one horse have an equal number of faults, the ranking will be made by time: the fastest time ranks first.

If the time is equal, the judges decide in accordance with articles 4.5.1. and 4.5.3.

#### **Art. 3.7.6. Falling off the horse**

When the rider falls off the horse during the dressage test or during the show-jumping course, he will be eliminated immediately.

The rider will not be allowed to ride on the horse again, and will walk outside the competition arena with "the reins in hand".

### 3.8. Judging Criteria for Dressage

To avoid any misunderstandings because of different national judging criteria, the criteria for dressage judging will be according to the respective FEI regulations:

#### Art. 3.8.1. Error of Course

When a competitor makes an "error of the course" (takes the wrong turn, omits a movement, etc.) the President of the Jury warns him, by sounding the bell. The President shows him, if necessary, the point at which he must take up the test again and the next movement to be executed, then leaves him to continue by himself. However, in some cases when, although the competitor makes an "error of the course", the sounding of the bell would unnecessarily impede the fluency of the performance, it is up to the President to decide whether to sound the bell or not.

However, if the bell is not sounded at an error of course and the test requires the same movement to be repeated and the rider again makes the same error, the rider is only penalized once.

The decision as to whether or not an error of course has been made will be that of the President of the Ground Jury. The other Judges' scores will be adapted accordingly.

#### Art. 3.8.2. Penalisation

Every "error of the course", whether the bell is sounded or not, must be penalized, except as noted sub 3.8.1.:

- the first time by 2 points,
- the second time by 4 points,
- the third time the competitor is eliminated.

#### Art. 3.8.3. Error of Test

When a competitor makes an "error of the test" (trots rising instead of sitting, at the salute does not take the reins in one hand, etc.) he must be penalized as for an "error of course". In principle a competitor is not allowed to repeat a movement of the test unless the President of the Jury decides

on an error of course (sounds the bell). If, however, the rider has started the execution of a movement and attempts to do the same movement again, the judges must consider the first movement shown only and at the same time, penalize for an error of course.

#### Art. 3.8.4. Unnoticed Error

If the Jury has not noted an error, the competitor has the benefit of the doubt.

#### Art. 3.8.5. Penalty Points

The penalty points are deducted on each Judge's sheet from the total points obtained by the competitor.

#### Art. 3.8.6. Sound of Bell

After the sound of the bell, the competitor should enter the arena at A as soon as possible. Exceeding 45 seconds before entering the arena after the bell has sounded will entail elimination. The same applies to a competitor who enters the arena at A before the starting signal has been given.

The Judge at C is responsible for bell and clock/time. A clock showing 45/60 seconds, should be clearly visible for the rider.

#### Art. 3.8.7. Salute

Competitors must take the reins in one hand at the salute.

#### Art. 3.8.8. Fall

In the case of a fall of horse and/or competitor, the competitor will be eliminated. By falling off the horse, refer to Art. 3.7.6.

#### Art. 3.8.9. Leaving Arena During Competition

A horse leaving the arena completely, with all four feet, during a dressage competition between the time of entry and the time of exit at A, will be eliminated.

#### Art. 3.8.10. Resistance

Any resistance which prevents the continuation of the test longer than 20 seconds is punished by elimination. However, resistance that may

endanger rider, horse, judges or the public will be eliminated for safety reasons earlier than within 20 seconds.

#### **Art. 3.8.11. Beginning / End of Test**

A test begins with the entry at A and ends after the salute at the end of the test, as soon as the horse moves forward. Any incidents before the beginning or after the end of the test have no effect on the marks. The competitor should leave the arena in the way that is prescribed in the text of the test.

#### **Art. 3.8.12. Details to the Freestyle Test**

A rider must enter the arena within 20 seconds of the music starting. Exceeding 20 seconds will entail elimination. The music must cease at the final salute.

At the beginning and end of a Freestyle Test a halt for the salute is compulsory. The test time will start after the rider moves forward after the halt.

## **4. RANKING**

The competition will lead to 6 rankings:

Dressage: individual and team

Show jumping: individual and team

Combined: individual and team

At the prize-giving ceremony all the respective riders ranked in the first third of the different individual rankings must be named individually. The teams must all be mentioned with their different rankings.

### **4.1. Individual Ranking**

#### **Art. 4.1.1. Ranking of Non-qualified Riders**

- a. After each round the non-qualified riders are ranked according to their point difference with the best rider on their horse. The rider with the least point difference is ranked immediately after the last qualified rider for the next round. The individual ranking on the horse (whether the rider was second or third best on this horse) does not affect the ranking. Riders who are eliminated are ranked after the last non-eliminated rider in the round.
- b. Riders who retire on their own purpose during their ride will be ranked after all other riders of this round including all eliminated riders.
- c. Exceptions to b): But if a rider decides to retire during his ride when there is no more theoretical possibility for him to be the winner of this round - in accordance with 3.1.1 - the rider will be ranked equal with all the eliminated riders of this round, or in case there are no eliminated riders in this round, he will be ranked as the last rider of this round. This rule is meant to reward fair treatment of the horse.
- d. When a rider retires before he starts riding, he will get no ranking at all in this discipline. Moreover he will get no individual combined ranking. His team will get no ranking in the discipline from which the rider retired, and the team will get no team combined ranking. A ride is considered to have started after the judges have been saluted.

- e. Exception to d) is made when a rider is forced to retire before he starts his ride due to physical inability according to article 2.5.2, or if the Technical Commission decides that there is another valid reason. In this case the rider will be considered as having retired during his ride and will be ranked as sub b).
- f. In case article 2.5.2 applies, the two riders are ranked normally in the respective disciplines in which they participated, and the teams are ranked normally with the results of the two riders being considered as the results of one rider. Exception to this is made when the reserve rider does not fit the conditions of article 2.5.4. In this case the team is considered as a normal international team in the discipline, in which the reserve rider participated, as well as for the team combined ranking.

#### **Art. 4.1.2. Convert Ranking into Points**

Riders receive points according to their ranking, i.e. ranking 1 = 1 point, ranking 2 = 2 points, etc. When riders have the same rank, the riders receive a number of points equal to the sum of the rankings occupied by the riders divided by the number of riders with the same result, e.g.: 4 riders placed 20th, the points given to each rider are equal to  $(20+21+22+23) / 4 = 21,5$  points.

#### **Art. 4.1.3. Individual Combined Ranking**

For the individual combined ranking, the rankings of the rider in dressage and in show jumping are converted into points according to article 4.1.2. These points are summed up. The rider having the least points is the winner of the combined ranking. When two or more riders have the same amount of points, the best ranked rider in dressage will be ranked as the better one in combined.

### **4.2. Team Dressage Ranking**

#### **Art. 4.2.1.**

The teams are ranked by the team mark from the first round dressage. This ranking is converted into points according to article 4.1.2. These points are multiplied by three. The individual ranking of each rider of the team is also converted into points. These four numbers are summed up. The team with the least points is the winner of the team dressage test.

### **4.3. Team Show Jumping Ranking**

#### **Art. 4.3.1.**

The individual ranking of each rider of the team from the show jumping is converted into points. These points are summed up. The team with the least points is the winner of the team show jumping test.

### **4.4. Team Combined Ranking**

#### **Art. 4.4.1.**

The team combined ranking is calculated by summing up the points of the three riders in dressage (without team mark) and show jumping. The team with the least sum is the winner of the team combined.

#### **Art. 4.4.2.**

If two or more teams have the same amount of points calculated sub 4.4.1, the team with the best team mark in the first round dressage is the winner of the team combined.

### **4.5. Riders with the Best and Equal Result**

#### **Art. 4.5.1. Show Jumping**

If two or three riders on the same horse in the same round of show jumping have the best and equal result, they will reride the course in the same starting order on a horse designated by the organisers. If the organisers only have a horse being already ridden in the test, the course may be shortened. If the organisers do not have any horses available, the judges decide who is qualified for the next round.

The riders who are not qualified after this separation procedure are ranked as first of the non-qualified riders in the round.

**Art. 4.5.2. Disqualification in Show Jumping**

If all riders on the same horse in the same round of show jumping are disqualified, they will reride the same course in the same starting order on a horse designated by the organisers. If the organisers only have a horse being already ridden in the test, the course may be shortened. If the organisers do not have any horses available, the rider who jumped the most fences will be qualified. If none of the riders went farther than all the others, the judges decide who is qualified for the next round.

The riders who are not qualified after this separation procedure are ranked as first of the non-qualified riders in the round.

**Art. 4.5.3. Dressage**

If two or three riders on the same horse in the same round of dressage have the best and equal result, the difference is made by their collective mark (sum of all collective marks). If they are still equal the difference is made by their position mark (sum of all position marks). If they are still equal they must reride the same test in the same starting order on a horse designated by the organisers. If the organisers do not have any horses available, the judges decide who is qualified for the next round.

The riders who are not qualified after this separation procedure are ranked as first of the non-qualified riders in the round.

## 4.6. Ranking for world finals

**Art. 4.6.1. World finals**

This ranking will lead to compete in the golden or silver league of the world finals, according to the AIEC World Finals procedures and rules

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