



## **RULES FOR VAULTING EVENTS**

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**PREAMBLE**

The present Rules for Vaulting Events are the **7th edition, effective 1st January 2009.**

All other texts covering the same matter issued previously are superseded.

Although this booklet sets out the detailed Rules of the FEI governing International Vaulting Events, it must be read in conjunction with the Statutes, the General Regulations, the Veterinary Regulations and the "Guidelines for Judges".

Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these Rules. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the Ground Jury to make a decision based on common sense, and fairplay thus reflecting as closely as possible the intention of these Rules and of the General Regulations of the FEI.

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) expects all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI's Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

1. At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery and tack, and transportation.
2. Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of aids.
3. Events must not prejudice horse welfare. This involves paying careful attention to the competition areas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, site safety and fitness of the horse for onward travel after the event.
4. Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive proper attention after they have competed and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over. This covers proper veterinary care, competition injuries, euthanasia and retirement.
5. The FEI urges all involved with the sport to attain the highest levels of education in their areas of expertise.

A full copy of this Code can be obtained from the Fédération Equestre Internationale, Avenue de Rumine 37, CH-1005 Lausanne, Switzerland. Telephone: +41 2131 04747. The Code is available in English and French. The Code is also available on the FEI's website: [www.fei.org](http://www.fei.org).

**CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION**

**Article 700 GENERAL**

The constant development and evolution of the international Vaulting sport continues to necessitate significant adjustment to the Rules for International Vaulting Events. The following are intended to standardise the discipline, ensure the well being of the horse and facilitate and the professional organisation of vaulting competitions as competitive equestrian sporting events.

Separate competitions for Senior and Junior vaulters do exist in Vaulting. Given the discipline specific complexities, however, minors (in terms of age) often compete on what are referred to as Senior Teams and at Senior events. Although there are neither maximum nor minimum ages governing such participation, NFs must, nonetheless, adhere to the General Regulations with regard to age-specific issues such as Change of Nationality, Persons Responsible and other.

**CHAPTER II CATEGORIES OF EVENTS**

**Article 701 CVIs1\***

- 701.1** There is no limit to the number of foreign nations which may be represented.
- 701.2** Male and Female Individual vaulters must be classified separately.
- 701.3** For starting possibilities please see Article 707.
- 701.4** Male and Female vaulters may participate on the same Team.
- 701.5** Horse may canter to the right or to the left.
- 701.6** Outside Europe, qualification points for participation in Championships for Individuals may be gained at Individual 1\* competition (1st or 2nd round) if the horse canters left.
- 701.7** Officials see Article ~~726~~ 719.
- 701.8** Reasonable Entry fees may be charged and must be approved by the FEI.

**Article 702 CVIs2\***

- 702.1** There is no limit to the number of foreign nations which may be represented.
- 702.2** Male and Female Individual vaulters must be classified separately.
- 702.3** Team 2\* and Individual 2\* male and female competitions are obligatory.
- 702.4** For starting possibilities please see Article 707.
- 702.5** Male and Female vaulters may participate on the same Team.
- 702.6** Horses must canter to the left.
- 702.7** Qualification points for participation in Championships for Individuals can be gained at an Individual 2\* competition in the 1st round.
- 702.8** A CVI1\* may be organised in conjunction with a CVI2\*.
- 702.9** Officials see Article ~~726~~ 719.
- 702.10** Reasonable Entry fees may be charged and must be approved by the FEI.

**Article 703 CVIOs**

- 703.1** CVIO's must be organised in accordance with the General Regulations.
- 703.2** In principle CVIOs are open to competitors from any NF which applies to send an officially selected representative Team and/or Individuals

- 703.3** At least five nations (including the host nation) which have entered an official team must take part.
- 703.4** Outside Europe, at least five regional Teams coming from at least 2 NFs must take part.
- 703.5** For starting possibilities please see Article 707.
- 703.6** Officials see Article ~~726~~ 719
- 703.7** CVIOs take precedence over CVIs in accordance with the General Regulations.
- 703.8** Reasonable Entry fees may be charged and must be approved by the FEI.

**Article 704 MASTER CLASS**

- 704.1** An FEI Vaulting Master Class is a CVI to be run in conjunction with CI's /CIO's from other FEI disciplines.  
It is composed of a minimum of two rounds, held over two days.
- 704.2** All test combinations are permitted and tests and combinations may be repeated.
- 704.3** For starting possibilities see Article 707.
- 704.4** OC's must apply to the FEI through their NF's to host a Masters Class.
- 704.5** The Vaulting Master Class must appear in the schedule and the OC must specify whether it will take place indoor or outdoor and which test combinations are to be offered.
- 704.6** A Master Class may not count as a qualifier for Championships unless the tests over two rounds are run exactly as for a CVI 2\*.
- 704.7** Officials see Article ~~726~~ 719.
- 704.8** There are no qualification requirements: the OC shall invite vaulters having competed in the Final of a Vaulting Championship, either National or International, within the previous 2 years. The same number of entry slots must be extended to each invited NF.
- 704.9** A minimum of 4 nations must take part in the Masters Class.  
Individuals: there must be a minimum of 5 male and 5 female.  
Pas-de-Deux: there must be a minimum of 3.  
Teams: there must be a minimum of 3.
- 704.10** All competitions will be judged and scored in accordance with the Rules for CVI2\* events.
- 704.11** Reasonable Entry fees may be charged and must be approved by the FEI.

**Article 705 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 705.1** **World Championships** are open to all NFs affiliated to the FEI. At least six nations represented by teams must take part in the Championship. World Championships may be held every even year.
- 705.2** **Continental Championships** are open to all NFs affiliated to the FEI within the normal geographical limits of the particular Continent. In Europe, the Championships can only be held if at least six nations (including the host nation) are represented by teams. Outside Europe they may be held with at least six regional teams (including the host nation) coming from at least 2 nations. Senior (2\*) continental Championships may be held in the uneven years when no World Championships are scheduled. Junior Continental Championships for Teams & Individuals may be held annually.
- 705.3** **A definite entry** does not count as being represented. Six NFs (outside Europe six regional teams) must have been represented at the first horse inspection and continue into the competition.

- 705.4** The FEI approves the organisation of the Championships. Organisation should alternate among the nations of the Continent, giving the vaulters the opportunity to visit as many foreign countries as possible.
- 705.5** The Championships must be organised in strict accordance with the General Regulations and Veterinary Regulations of the FEI and the present specific Rules of the discipline.
- 705.6** The Organising Committee is allowed to invite nations outside the Continent with the agreement of the Bureau of the FEI. In this case it is an "Open" Championship in which vaulters from outside the continent may not win medals or titles.
- 705.7** The Championships should as far as possible be organised during the long school holidays.
- 705.8** The Championships can only be held in an indoor - or at least covered - arena, according to the stipulation of the schedule.
- 705.9** Reasonable Entry fees may be charged and must be approved by the FEI.
- 705.10** Participation in a Championship implies compliance with the qualification criteria established by the FEI Vaulting Committee prior to the Championship.
- 705.11** Horses must canter left.

**CHAPTER III PARTICIPATION OF COMPETITORS & HORSES**

**Article 706 REGISTRATION**

All horses, vaulters and lungers competing in international competition must be registered with the FEI in order to be allowed to compete. Proof of registration may be requested by the officials at any event.

**Article 707 AGE OF COMPETITORS & STARTING POSSIBILITIES**

- 707.1** There is no upper age-limit for Senior individual vaulters.
- 707.2** Vaulters may only start once in any Individual competition at an event.
- 707.3** A vaulter may only compete in one age category of Championship in any calendar year.
- 707.4** In Senior Championships a Vaulter is only allowed to start either in the Team Competition or in the Individual **and/or Pas de Deux** Competition.
- 707.5** The vaulters' age may be checked against their identity cards at anytime by FEI event Officials.
- 707.6** For competitors domiciled abroad the General Regulations apply.
- 707.7** At Championships and CVI2\* and CVI1\* the Organisers may provide a Consolation a Competition for vaulters who do not qualify for the second round.

<b>CVI1*</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Junior</b>	14-18	Compulsory + Freestyle (1 or 2 Rounds)
	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Senior</b>	14 +	Compulsory + Freestyle (1 or 2 Rounds)
	<b>Team</b>	<b>Junior</b>	under 16	Compulsory 1* + Freestyle 1* (Round 1) Freestyle 1* (Round 2)
	<b>Team</b>	<b>Senior</b>	no limit	Compulsory <b>1*</b> + Freestyle <b>1*</b> (Round 1) Freestyle <b>1*</b> (Round 2)
<b>CVI2*</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Senior</b>	14+	Compulsory + Freestyle (Round 1) Technical Test + Freestyle (Round 2)
	<b>Team</b>	<b>Senior</b>	no limit	Compulsory 2* + Freestyle 2* (Round 1) Freestyle 2* (Round 2)
	<b>Pas de Deux</b>	<b>Senior</b>	14 +	Freestyle (1 Round) OR Freestyle (2 Rounds)

<b>CVIO</b>	Must include a Nations Cup Format separate to any other classes offered. Any combinations of CVI classes (Junior and/or Senior) are permitted.			
<b>CVI Master</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Senior</b>	14 +	any combination
	<b>Team</b>	<b>Senior</b>	no limit	any combination
	<b>Pas de Deux</b>	<b>Senior</b>	over 14	Freestyle (1 rnd) + Freestyle (2 rnd)
<b>Championships</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Senior</b>	14 +	Compulsory + Freestyle (1 rnd) Technical Test + Freestyle (2 rnd)
	<b>Team</b>	<b>Senior</b>	no limit	Compulsory 2* + Freestyle 2* (Round 1) Freestyle 2* (Round 2)
	<b>Team</b>	<b>Junior</b>	under 16	Compulsory + Freestyle (1 rnd) + Freestyle (2 rnd)
	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Junior</b>	14-18	Compulsory 1* + Freestyle 1* (Round 1) Freestyle 1* (Round 2)
	<b>Pas de Deux</b>	<b>Senior</b>	14 +	Freestyle (1 rnd) + Freestyle (2 rnd)

**Article 708 ENTRIES**

- 708.1** The number of Horses that may be entered for an Event must be in accordance with the schedule.
- 708.2** All competitors invited or nominated for an International Event must be entered by their NFs. All foreign competitors selected by their NFs must be accepted by the OC. OCs may not accept any other entries.
- 708.3** NFs may only enter competitors for FEI World Championships who are qualified under conditions decided by the relevant Technical Committee and approved by the Bureau.
- 708.4** If NFs enter more competitors and Horses than the number allowed in the official team, the Chef d'Equipe must designate the competitors and Horses selected for the official team at the latest following the first Horse inspection.
- 708.5** Under no circumstances may the OC limit the number of entries of eligible competitors or teams for a FEI Championship.
- ~~**708.6** Entries for FEI Championships for Seniors must be made following the compulsory three phases outlined under paragraph 708.7, 708.8 and 708.9 below~~
- ~~**708.7** Entries in principle must reach the OC 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. It must state whether the intention is to send only individuals, only a team or a team and individuals.~~
- ~~**708.8** Nominated entries must reach the OC at least four weeks before the Event and must include a list of the names of competitors and Horses from which the Definite Entries and any substitutions will be chosen and state the number of competitors and Horses which the NF intends to send. The number of nominated entries of competitors and Horses must not exceed twice the number invited in the Schedule. Once the nominated entries have been sent in, NFs may send fewer competitors and/or Horses but never more than the number of nominated entries. NFs which are not represented after having made nominated entries and whose excuse is not acceptable to the OC shall be reported by the OC to the Secretary General for consideration of their excuse by the FEI Tribunal.~~
- ~~**708.9** Definite entries must reach the OC at the latest four days preceding the beginning of the Event. These represent the final selection of competitors 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 competitors may only be made with the express permission of the OC.~~

- 708.6** Entry forms for Horses must include the name/names, breed, sex, age, colour, country of birth, present nationality and passport number and, where appropriate, qualifications.
- 708.7** Should an NF send more competitors and/or Horses than shown in the Nominated Entry the OC is not obliged to accommodate them or to allow them to participate in that Event.
- 708.8** At an Event, a competitor may withdraw any or all his Horses from a Competition, but he may not add a Horse not previously entered for that Competition without the Approval of the OC and the Ground Jury.
- 708.9** Where an NF has made a nominated entry of a team and finds that it will be unable to send a team, it must immediately inform the OC.
- 708.10** Teams or individual competitors who have been definitely entered by their NFs at any Event and fail to take part without valid excuse must be reported by the Foreign Judge/Technical Delegate to the Secretary General for consideration by the FEI Tribunal. Competing at another Event staged at the same time does not constitute a valid excuse for failure to participate at an Event.
- 708.11** An NF cannot make definite entries for the same competitor/Horse combinations to more than one OC on penalty of disqualification of such competitor/Horse combinations from the Event where they eventually participate.
- 708.12** Withdrawals after the date of definite entries or 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 late withdrawal or no-show.
- 708.13 For Championships**, Entries must be made by the NFs following the compulsory three phases:

**708.13.1 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. It must state whether the intention is to send only individuals, only a team or a team and individuals.

**708.13.2 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 competitors and Horses from which the Definite Entries and any substitutions will be chosen and state the number of competitors and Horses which the NF intends to send. The number of nominated entries of competitors and Horses must not exceed twice the number invited in the Schedule. Once the nominated entries have been sent in, NFs may send fewer competitors and/or Horses but never more than the number of nominated entries.

Entry forms for Horses must include the name/names, breed, sex, age, colour, country of birth, present nationality and passport number and, where appropriate, qualifications. The Official FEI Nominated Entry Form for Vaulting must be used.

Should an NF send more competitors and/or Horses than shown in the Nominated Entry the OC is not obliged to accommodate them or to allow them to participate in that Event.

Where an NF has made a nominated entry of a team and finds that it will be unable to send a team, it must immediately inform the OC.

**708.13.3 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 competitors 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 competitors may only be made with the express permission of the OC.

The names of the vaulters constituting a team plus two reserve team vaulters need only be given at the time of definite entries. Up to 7 vaulters, one horse and one reserve horse, one ~~longeur~~ **lunger** and one reserve ~~longeur~~ **lunger** are named at the Definite Entries.

~~Withdrawals after the Definite Entry date or No Shows will be held liable to reimburse the OC for the actual financial loss incurred by the OC (i.e. stabling and hotel expenses) as a result of the late withdrawal or No Show.~~

~~Teams or Individual competitors who have been definitely entered by their NFs at any Event and fail to take part without valid excuse must be reported by the Foreign Judge/Technical Delegate to the Secretary General for consideration by the FEI Tribunal. Competing at another Event staged at the same time does not constitute a valid excuse for failure to participate at an Event.~~

708.13.4 Each NF may enter the following for Senior Championships:

- 1 Team 2\* of 7 vaulters
- 3 female individual vaulters 2\*
- 3 male individual vaulters 2\*
- 1 reserve female individual vaulter **2\***
- 1 reserve male individual vaulter **2\***
- 2 Pas-de-Deux
- 1 horse and 1 ~~longeur~~ **lunger** for each individual vaulter;
- 1 horse and 1 reserve horse and one ~~longeur~~ **lunger** and one reserve ~~longeur~~ **lunger** for the team
- 1 horse and 1 ~~longeur~~ **lunger** for each Pas-de-Deux

708.13.5 Each NF may enter the following for Junior Championships:

- 1 Team 1\* of 7 vaulters
- 3 female individual vaulters 1\*
- 3 male individual vaulters 1\*
- 1 reserve female individual vaulter **1\***
- 1 reserve male individual vaulter **1\***
- 1 horse and 1 ~~longeur~~ **lunger** for each individual vaulter;
- 1 horse and 1 reserve horse and one ~~longeur~~ **lunger** and one reserve ~~longeur~~ **lunger** for the team

708.13.6 The following are allowed per NF at Championships:

- 1 Chef d'Equipe
- 2 reserve vaulters for each team
- 1 national trainer
- 1 veterinarian
- 3 attendants
- 1 groom per 3 horses

**708.14** For CV11\*s OC may stipulate a single entry date in the schedule. These Entries must include a statement of the number of competitors and horses the NF intends to send together with a list of the names of teams (name of the club, association or group), the names of the vaulters constituting a team plus a maximum of two reserve team vaulters, the names of individual vaulters and Pas-de-Deux vaulters, the names of the horses and the ~~longeurs~~ **lungers**. The Official FEI Nominated Entry Form for Vaulting must be used.

**708.15** Horses starting for more than 1 NF must be entered on the Nominated Entry form of all NFs for which the horse is to start, clearly indicating which NF is responsible for the horse. This means that for Definite entries, NFs may only nominate vaulters, ~~longeurs~~ **lungers** and horses which were originally entered on their nominated entry form. If there is only one entry date and a horse is to be used for more than one NF, each NF must enter the horse, while again indicating which NF is responsible.

**Article 709 QUALIFICATION**

**709.1 Qualification for Championships**

709.1.1 National Federations will be responsible for ensuring that their Individual vaulters meet the qualification requirements as laid down below. Certificates of Capability, providing proof of qualification results must be sent by each NF to reach the FEI no later than the closing date for Nominated Entries.

709.1.2 **World Championships (CH-M-V) & European Championships (CH-EU-V)**

Individual vaulters who are members of NFs in Group I & Group II must have attained an average score of 6.0 points or higher in Round 1 (comprising Compulsory and Freestyle Tests) in at least two CVI 1\* or CVI 2\*.

All other Individual vaulters must have attained an average score of 6.0 points or higher in Round I (comprising Compulsory and Freestyle Tests) at one CVI 2\*/1\* provided the horse canters left.

These scores must have been attained between January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year preceding the Championships and the closing date for Nominated Entries.

There are no qualification requirements for Teams, and Pas de Deux.

709.1.3 **Junior European Championships (CH-EU-J-V)**

Individual Junior vaulters must have attained an average score of 5.5 points or higher in Round I (comprising Compulsory and Freestyle Tests) at one CVI 1\* provided the horse canters left or at one CVI 2\*.

These scores must have been attained between January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year preceding the Championships and the closing date for Nominated Entries.

There are no qualification requirements for Teams.

**709.2** Only with the written approval of the FEI may a CVN be used as a qualifying event for Championships. Such permission will be granted if the NF cannot organise a CVI and providing the competition is judged by an International judge of a different nationality to the NF organising the National event. In the interest of the development of the sport, it is preferable that NFs would attempt to organise a CVI in order to gain qualification for Championships.

**Article 710 DECLARATION OF STARTERS**

**710.1** The Chef d'Equipe at Championships and CVIOs, the Chef d'Equipe or the lunger at all other Events must declare the names and ages of Team members, Individuals, Pas-de-Deux vaulters, horses and lungers after the Horse Inspection and no later than the time fixed by the OC.

**710.2** Up to the time of the declaration of starters one of the Individual male and/or female vaulters may be substituted by a reserve vaulter.

**710.3** The lunger, and/or the vaulting horse (provided it has passed the horse inspection) may be changed up to one hour before the beginning of the competition; provided Nominated Entries have been made for both by any NF. Any such change must be reported immediately to the show secretariat.

**Article 711 DRAW FOR THE ORDER OF STARTING**

The draw for the order of starting will be conducted in the following manner:

**711.1 Team Competition**

Numbers equivalent to all starting Team horses are placed in a second receptacle (B). A Team horse's name is drawn from receptacle (B) and a starting place for that

Team horse is drawn from receptacle (A). A second team horse's name is drawn from receptacle (B) and a starting place for that Team horse and so on for all Team horses. In case different Team horses are longed by the same lunger, there must be at least three horses in between. This will be decided by draw and multiple starters will be drawn first.

**711.2 Individual & Pas De Deux Competitions**

Before the draw of the Individual Competition the order of go of each horse has to be established. In case a horse participates in the Individual competition more than once the horse's name will be drawn as many times as the horse starts. Numbers equivalent to all starting Individual horses are placed in receptacle (A). Horses starting more than once and lungers lungeing more than one horse in the Individual competition are drawn first. After this all horses will be drawn in the same manner as in the team competition. In case a horse starts more than once or a lunger lunges more than one horse, there must be at least six horses in between. This will be decided by draw and multiple starters will be drawn first.

**711.3** At all CVI events there will be a draw in groups of five for the starting order in the second round. A draw first within the group of vaulters/teams placed 11th to 15th and then within the group of vaulters/teams placed 6th to 10th and last the group of vaulters/teams placed 1st to 5th. i.e. the five best Individuals/Teams will start last.

**Article 712 LUNGER**

**712.1** At vaulting competitions lunger, horse and vaulter compete as a competitive unit.

**712.2** A lunger must be at least 18 years of age to compete in international events. There are no maximum restrictions on the age of lungers.

**712.3** The lunger may be of a different nationality than the vaulter.

**712.4** All tests of all rounds must be performed on the same horse with the same lunger. Once the competition has started, a lunger may not be replaced.

**Article 713 CHEF D'EQUIPE**

**713.1** A Chef d'Equipe must be at least 18 years of age.

**713.2** A lunger or national trainer may also act as Chef d'Equipe.

**713.3** The Chef d'Equipes are responsible for the behaviour of their Team and/or Individual vaulters throughout the event. They and their NF are responsible for any damages that occur.

**713.4** The Chef d'Equipe or his appointee must stay in the same accommodation as his Junior Team and/or Junior Individual vaulters.

**Article 714 SALUTE**

**714.1** In all competitions each vaulter and lunger must salute the President of the Ground Jury, or the Judge at A, as a matter of courtesy before and after the competition and in accordance with the GR.

**714.2** The President of the Ground Jury, or the Judge at A, shall acknowledge the salutes.

**714.3** While entry, exit and the formation of the salute are left to the discretion of the vaulters they must be dignified and in keeping with international competition.

**Article 715 DRESS****715.1 Horse Inspection:**

In order to be allowed to present their horses, vaulters and lungers must be dressed in NF attire for Championships and in Team colours for CVI's.

**715.2 Performance:**

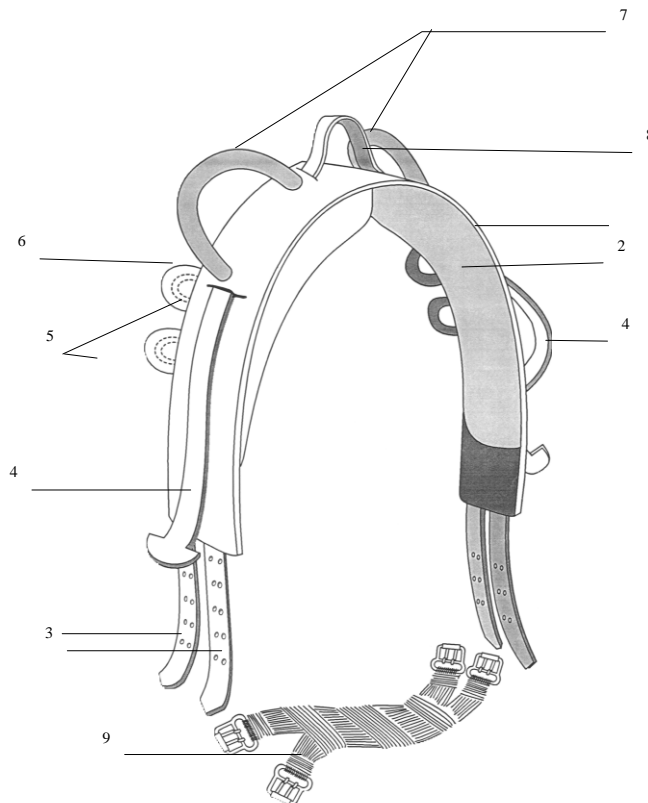
- 715.2.1** Individual Vaulters must wear a start number on the right arm or leg which should be provided by the OC.
- 715.2.2** Team Vaulters must wear numbers 1 to 7 on the right arm or leg or on the back. All start numbers should be 10 to 12 cm in height and must be of plain design and easily visible.
- 715.2.3** Dress of Team, Individual, and Pas-de-Deux vaulters must not hinder the movement of the vaulter or the safe interaction between vaulters during the performance. Dress must in no way compromise the safety of either vaulter or horse.
- 715.2.4** Dress must not conceal the form and line of the vaulter's body during the performance in order not to hinder the judging of the exercises.
- 715.2.5** In keeping with the General Regulations, dress must not give the effect of nudity.
- 715.2.6** Dress must be formfitting and all articles of clothing, or parts thereof, must remain attached to the vaulter's body at all times. Accessories (not limited to but including belts, masks, jewellery) and props (not limited to but including hats, capes, canes, gadgets) are strictly forbidden in the arena.
- 715.2.7** Only soft soled shoes are permitted.
- 715.2.8** Trousers must be secured to the foot and skirts may only be worn over tights or leggings.
- 715.2.9** Failure to comply with any of the above will incur a deduction from Composition score. See Guidelines.
- 715.2.10** The dress of the lunger should harmonise with that of the vaulters.
- 715.2.11** The dress of Team vaulters should give the obvious effect of uniformity.
- 715.3 Prize giving ceremony:**  
 In order to be allowed to participate at award presentations, vaulters and lungers must be dressed in NF attire for Championships and in Team colours for CVI's. Suitable closed-toed shoes are obligatory for all prize-givings. Horses must be always be presented at the award ceremony as for competition.

**Article 716 VAULTING HORSES**

- 716.1** At International Events, vaulting horses must be at least seven years old.
- 716.2** The nationality of the owner of the horse need not be the same as that of the vaulters or the lunger.
- 716.3** All tests of all rounds must be performed on the same horse with the same lunger. Once the competition has started, a horse may not be replaced.
- 716.4** The horse must not be used for more than one Team and two Individuals on any one competition day. Four individual vaulters count the same as one team. One Pas-de-Deux counts as two individual vaulters.

**Article 717 EQUIPMENT OF THE VAULTING HORSE**

- 717.1** All equipment must be used in its manufactured state The use of any other equipment and any other way of attachment of the equipment than described here, will entail elimination.
- 717.2** The equipment of the horse **in the competition arena** will be as follows:
- 717.2.1** Snaffle bridle (rubber bit guards permitted), see Appendix 1.
- 717.2.2** Two side reins. (Standing reins or auxiliary reins are not permitted).
- 717.2.3** Vaulting surcingle with under-pad and girth. The surcingle has two solid handles (grips) with two loops, one on each side. One short extra strap made of leather may be fixed between the inner edges of the right and left grip.



1. Outside surface 2. Leather padding 3. Girth straps 4. Foot straps 5. Rings for side reins 6. Leather covering of rings 7. Grips (shape of the grips are not defined) 8. Auxiliary holding straps 9. Girth

**717.2.4** Lunge rein and lungeing whip.

**717.2.5** Bandages and/or brushing/overreach boots are optional. Ear muffs and plugs are allowed.

**717.2.6** Lunge rein must be attached to the inner ring of the bit (not over the head or to the outer ring of the bit) or at the lunge cavesson.

**717.2.7** Back Pad is compulsory. Gel Pads are allowed.

**717.2.8** The back pad, which may be checked by the steward and/or a judge at any time on the horse must have the following dimensions :

- Max. 80 cm from the back edge of the surcingle to the back
- Max. 25 cm from the front edge of the surcingle to the neck
- Max. 90 cm from side to side the lowest point to the lowest point
- If checked on the horse, the allowed tolerance may not exceed 3cm, i.e. 93 cm
- Max. 3 cm thick including cover
- Max. total length 1.10 m, with no more than 25 cm in front of the surcingle

**717.2.9** Lunge cavessons are allowed.

**717.2.10** The surcingle and the back pad may be changed from test to test.

**717.2.11** A steward is authorised to check the bit of any horse immediately after he leaves the arena and any discrepancy will entail immediate elimination. The checking of the bridle must be done with the greatest caution, as some horses are very touchy and sensitive about their mouths. The Steward must use disposable surgical/protective gloves when checking the bridle (one pair of gloves per horse).

**717.3** The equipment of the horse in the warm-up arena will be as under Article 717.1 with the following additions:

717.3.1 Auxiliary reins are allowed.

717.3.2 Double bridle is allowed.

717.3.3 Any member of the Delegation entered in the definite entries by the NF may work the horse mounted. When mounted for riding, suitable footwear and protective headgear secured by a three-point retention harness is compulsory.

**Article 718 ARENA**

**718.1** The competition space in the arena must be at least 20 x 25 m. The arena must be of a soft and springy material. In the case of a competition held indoors the height to the ceiling must be at least 5 m. The public must be at least 11 m away from the centre of the lungeing circle (in Championships at least 13 m)."

**718.2** A practice arena is compulsory and must be as in the paragraph above, but it is recommended that there should be three or more practice circles. At Championships, there must be at least three. If the competition takes place indoors the possibility for practicing indoors must be available to all competitors.

**718.3** It is recommended that the Judges are placed on a raised dais, about 50-60 cm above the ground in order to give the judges a good view of the arena.

**718.4** The judges' table should be at least 11 but preferably 13-15 meters away from the centre of the lungeing circle. The public should be at an adequate distance from the judges.

**718.5** There must be a timekeeper, at least 18 years of age, who is to be placed next to the President of the Ground Jury.

**718.6** There must be a clerk/scribe who speaks and writes English, seated next to each Judge.

**718.7** The President of the Ground Jury will decide on the placing of the judges: A-F. See table below for Organisation of Ground Jury.

	Test s	Judge A	Judge B	Judge C	Judge D	Judge E	Judge F	Article I.	Comments
<b>3 Judges</b>	All Tests	all	all	all					
<b>4 Judges</b>	All Tests	all	all	all	all				
<b>5 Judges</b>	Test 1	Exercises	Horse Score	Exercises	Horse Score	Exercises		For the final score the three scores for the exercises are divided by 3 and the two scores for the horse are divided by 2. The results are added and divided by the number of scores for the relevant test. The 3 scores for the exercises are added and divided by 3 than multiplied by 80%. The 2 scores for the horses are added and divided by 2 and multiplied by 20%. Both results are added for the final score in the one round.	
	Test 2	Exercises	Exercises	Horse Score	Exercises	Horse Score			
	Test 3	Horse Score	Exercises	Exercises	Horse Score	Exercises			
	Test 4	Horse Score	Horse Score	Exercises	Exercises	Exercises			
<b>6 Judges Individual Competition</b>	Test 1	Exercises	Exercises	Exercises	Horse Score	Exercises	Horse Score	For the final score the 4 scores for the exercises are divided by 4 and the 2 scores for the horse are	
	Test 2	Horse Score	Exercises	Horse Score	Exercises	Exercises	Exercises		

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	Test 3	Exercises	Exercises	Horse Score	Exercises	Horse Score	Exercises	<del>divided by 2. The results are added and divided by the number of scores for the relevant test. The 4 scores for the exercises are added and divided by 4 than multiplied by 80%. The 2 scores for the horses are added and divided by 2 and multiplied by 20%. Both results are added for the final score in the one round.</del>
	Test 4	Exercises	Horse Score	Exercises	Exercises	Exercises	Horse Score	<del>divided by 2. The results are added and divided by the number of scores for the relevant test. The 4 scores for the exercises are added and divided by 4 than multiplied by 80%. The 2 scores for the horses are added and divided by 2 and multiplied by 20%. Both results are added for the final score in the one round.</del>
<b>6 Judges Team competition</b>	Test 1	Exercises	Exercises	Exercises	Horse Score	Exercises	Horse Score	<del>For the final score the 4 scores for the exercises are divided by 4 and the 2 scores for the horse are divided by 2. The results are added and divided by the number of scores for the relevant test. The 4 scores for the exercises are added and divided by 4 than multiplied by 80%. The 2 scores for the horses are added and divided by 2 and multiplied by 20%. Both results are added for the final score in the one round.</del>
	Test 2	Excercises	Horse	Exercises	Exercises	Horse Score	Exercises	
	Test 3	Horse Score	Exercises	Horse Score	Exercises	Exercises	Exercises	

**Article 719 OFFICIALS**

In brackets beside each Official is the minimum status required: (O) Official International Judge, (I) International Judge, (C) Candidate International Judge, (N) National Judge.

	<b>Championships</b>	<b>CVI Masters</b>	<b>CVIOs</b>	<b>CVI2*</b>	<b>CVI1*</b>
<b>Ground Jury</b>	Minimum <b>1 President</b> (O)+ <b>4 Members</b> (I)+ Maximum 1 President (O) 8 Members (I)  All judges on each panel must be of different nationalities	<b>1 President</b> (O) <b>2 Members</b> (I)  GJ must be International*	Minimum <b>1 President(I)</b> <b>2 Members (I)</b> Maximum <b>1 President (I)</b> <b>5 Members:</b> <b>4 (I) Members</b> <b>1 (C) Member</b>  GJ must be International*	<b>1 President</b> (I) <b>2 Members</b> 1 (C) Member 1 (N) Member  GJ must be International*	
<b>Appeal Committee</b>	<b>1 President</b> (I)+ Active or retired judge & <b>2 Members:</b> 1 (I) Member 1 (C) Member	<b>Compulsary:</b> <b>1 President</b> <b>Must be an FEI judge (I or C)</b>			

<b>Technical Delegate</b>	Yes +	No
<b>Foreign Judge</b>	No	A Member of the GJ <del>Member</del> will be appointed by the FEI to act as Foreign Judge
<b>FEI Veterinary Delegate</b>	Veterinary Commission 1 President + 2 Members	The OC are responsible for appointing a Veterinary Delegate from the FEI lists
<b>Chief Steward</b>	<b>The OC are responsible for appointing a Chief Steward from the FEI lists of Vaulting stewards</b>	

+ FEI-appointed

\*i.e. the President or one of the Members must be foreign. If the GJ exceeds 3 (including the President) at least a third of its members must be foreign.

**Article 720 EXPENSES AND PRIVILEGES**

**720.1 Events**

The General Regulations should be the basis for negotiation with the Organising Committee.

**720.2 Championships**

720.2.1 NFs are responsible for the travelling expenses of their Chef d'Equipe, competitors, grooms and horses, lunger, three attendants, one national trainer and one veterinarian to and from the location of Championships.

720.2.2.1 For the Organising Committees, the same applies as under paragraph 1 but with the following minimum:

- Stabling and fodder for the horses.
- Possibility for the grooms to stay in the immediate vicinity of the stables.
- Possibility for all entered persons to have meals either at the show ground or in the immediate vicinity.
- If accommodation is not offered free, then suitable accommodation should be arranged or recommended and prices for same quoted in the schedule.
- Mass accommodation (such as communal dormitories) is not acceptable.

720.2.2 Privileges are to be awarded from one day before the event or Championships until one day after. All competitors must be offered the same rights, advantages and privileges.

720.2.3 Agent and veterinary fees for entering and leaving the frontier of the organising country and/or the show grounds to be arranged and paid by the Organising Committee.

**Article 721 PRIZES**

In all events, a prize must be awarded for each commenced 4 Teams and/or Individual vaulters and/or of the Pas-de-Deux and their lungers with a minimum of 4 prizes. All vaulters should receive a small souvenir.

In Championships, FEI medals will be awarded to first, second and third placed Individual Male and Female vaulters and their lungers and first, second and third placed Teams (7 vaulters) and their lungers . In addition, prizes and rosettes at a rate of one prize for each commenced 4 competitor (Lunger + Vaulters) must be provided by the OC.

**721.1** The prize-giving ceremony should be given importance and should be in the arena with maximum ceremony.



**CHAPTER IV VETERINARY ISSUES**

**Article 723 FEI HORSE PASSPORTS**

The General Regulations and Veterinary Regulations apply.

**Article 724 ABUSE OF HORSES AND DOPING**

The General Regulations and Veterinary Regulations apply.

**Article 725 STABLE SECURITY**

Minimum Stable Security, as defined in the Veterinary Regulations, is required for all international Vaulting events.

**Article 726 INSPECTION OF HORSES**

- 726.1** Before the first competition, the Veterinary Delegate, and a Member of the Ground Jury, preferably the President, will inspect the horses, in accordance with Veterinary Regulations.
- 726.2** During the competition, the Ground Jury has the possibility to inspect or eliminate a horse which is lame or in bad condition after the President has rung the bell.
- 726.3** A horse having been eliminated on a specific competition day, but which is also scheduled to participate in another competition on the same day or on a following day, must be re-inspected by the Veterinary Delegate, in the presence of the Ground Jury President, prior to the next competition. If it passes the re-inspection, the horse will be allowed to participate.
- 726.4** The Veterinary Delegate must report to the President of the Ground Jury any horse showing any signs of irregularity in the warm-up arena prior to the competition.

**Article 727 FEI VETERINARY DELEGATE**

- 727.1** For Championships the FEI will also appoint a Foreign Veterinary Delegate forming part of a Veterinary Commission. At all vaulting events, the Veterinary Delegate is appointed by the host NF/OC.

**CHAPTER V THE TEAM VAULTING COMPETITION**

**Article 728 GENERAL**

- 728.1** A competing vaulting team is composed of the lungeur, horse, and seven vaulters. Each vaulter may be a member of only one team per event.
- 728.2** The horse canters on a circle with a minimum diameter of 15m, preferably more. A visible marking of the central point of the circle is recommended.
- 728.3** The Team Vaulting Competition consists of three tests in two rounds. The Compulsory Test and the first Free Test make up the qualifying round and the 2nd Free Test the final round.
- 728.4** All tests must be executed in canter on the correct lead (not in counter-canter).
- 728.5** All seven vaulters must show all of the Compulsory exercises.
- 728.6** Only six vaulters may perform in the Free test and each vaulter must perform at least one exercise.
- 728.7** All vaulters may enter the arena for the Free Test and line up together, if the 7th vaulter participates, however, the Team will be eliminated.
- 728.8** The tests must be separated by an interval of at least one hour.

- 728.9** It is recommended Tests be performed with music, on CDs/Minidiscs and provided to the OC according to the schedule.
- 728.10** The performance is to take place with the horse and therefore no exercises or dance moves on the ground are allowed. Elimination for non compliance in this instance is at the discretion of the Ground Jury.
- 728.11** Mounts and dismounts carried out with assistance from the ground will not be scored.

**Article 729 COMPULSORY TEST TEAM 1\***

- 729.1** In the Compulsory 1\* test, eight compulsory exercises will be shown in two sections.
- a. The first section:
- i. Vault-on
  - ii. Basic Seat
  - iii. ½ mill
  - iv. Swing rearways legs closed, followed ~~v.~~ by dismount to inside
- 729.2** b. The second section:
- i. Vault-on (no score) followed by
  - ii. Flag (completes into bench position)
  - iii. Stand (begins from bench position)
  - iv. Swing with open legs
  - v. Dismount, swing with closed legs to outside
- 729.3** The compulsory 1\* exercises and the approach, the vault on and the dismount are described in Guidelines for Vaulting Judges.
- 729.4** The vaulter with the number 1 begins, number 2 follows, etc.
- 729.5** All seven vaulters show the first section and then the second section.

**Article 730 FREE TEST TEAM 1\***

- 730.1** A Free test 1\* may include single, double and triple exercise, with a maximum of 6 static triple exercises.
- 730.2** In the Free Test six of the vaulters have the opportunity to show their artistry. They may plan an original program around their own capabilities, ideas and specialities in single, double and triple Free-Style exercises.
- 730.3** No more than 3 vaulters may be on the horse at one time. At least two of the vaulters must remain in contact with the horse, otherwise these elements of the exercises are not scored.
- 730.4** A Free Test consists of static and dynamic exercises. A static exercise must be held for at least three canter strides. A dynamic exercise should only be counted in the degree of difficulty if, in its execution, the vaulter's centre of gravity is displaced other than in the direction of the effect gravity.

**Article 731 COMPULSORY TEST TEAM 2\***

- 731.1** In the Compulsory test 2\*, seven compulsory exercises will be shown in two sections.
- a. The first section:
- i. Vault-on
  - ii. Basic Seat
  - iii. Flag
  - iv. Mill with dismount
- b. The second section:
- i. Scissors
  - ii. Stand

iii. Flank

- 731.2** The Compulsory 2\* exercises and the approach, the vault on and the dismount are described in Guidelines for Vaulting Judges.
- 731.3** The vaulter with the number 1 begins, number 2 follows, etc.
- 731.4** All seven vaulters show the first section and then the second section.

**Article 732 FREE TEST TEAM 2\***

- 732.1** In the Free Test six of the vaulters have the opportunity to show their artistry. They may plan an original program around their own capabilities, ideas and specialities in single, double and triple Free-Style exercises.
- 732.2** No more than 3 vaulters may be on the horse at one time. At least two of the vaulters must remain in contact with the horse, otherwise these elements of the exercises are not scored.
- 732.3** A Free Test consists of static and dynamic exercises. A static exercise must be held for at least three canter strides.  
  
A dynamic exercise should only be counted in the degree of difficulty if, in its execution, the vaulter's centre of gravity is displaced other than in the direction of the effect gravity.

**Article 733 TIMING TEAM 1\* & 2\***

- 733.1** Within one minute after the signal (bell) is given to enter the arena, the team must salute. Elimination for failure to salute is at the discretion of the Ground Jury.
- 733.2** Before beginning the performance, the horse must be trotted on the circle until the President of the Ground Jury or Judge A rings the bell. At the latest 30 seconds after the bell following the trot, the first exercise must be commenced. Elimination for non compliance is at the discretion of the Ground Jury.
- 733.3** The time for the Compulsory Test begins at the moment the first vaulter touches the grips, and ends with the time limit.
- 733.4** The time for the Free Test begins at the moment the first vaulter touches the grips, and ends with the time limit.
- 733.5** The maximum time for:
  - 733.5.1 The Compulsory test is 7 minutes.
  - 733.5.2 The Free test is 4 minutes.
- 733.6** A bell is used by the Judge at A to signal the competitors. It is used on the following occasions:
  - 733.6.1 to give the signal for the team to enter the arena;
  - 733.6.2 to give the signal to start the Compulsory and the Free Test;
  - 733.6.3 to announce the end of the time;
  - 733.6.4 to signal that the time is stopped after a fall in which the vaulter has landed other than on both feet and is unable to continue immediately or return to the line;
  - 733.6.5 to give the signal to stop a competitor or performance when the horse shows any signs of irregularity, is out of control or dangerous to the vaulters;
  - 733.6.6 to give the signal to stop a competitor or performance in unforeseen circumstances which includes repair or adjustment of equipment or any other situation requiring immediate attention.
  - 733.6.7 to give the signal for a competitor to continue after an interruption. The clock is started when the vaulter touches the grip. The test must be continued within 30 seconds after the signal to resume otherwise the vaulter may be eliminated.

- 733.7** In unclear situations the President of the Ground Jury and/or lunger/vaulter may communicate.
- 733.8** If an exercise has begun just before the time limit, the exercise or combination in progress may be finished. If the dismounts are commenced immediately without further intermediate exercises, the dismounts will be included in the evaluation for Difficulty, Composition and Performance without penalty. If other exercises or combinations are commenced after the exercise or combination in progress at the time of the bell, other than the final dismounts, there will be a deduction from the score for Composition and all exercises after the bell, including the dismounts, will not be scored for Performance, Degree of Difficulty, or Composition. No more static exercises may be performed after the bell.

**Article 734 TEAM COMPETITION SCORING MARKS**

For scoring criteria, degree of difficulty and deductions see Guidelines for Judges.

The following marks are applicable for the different Compulsory exercises, the Free Test, the General Impression and the Horse:

10	excellent	4	insufficient
9	very good	3	fairly bad
8	good	2	bad
7	fairly good	1	very bad
6	satisfactory	0	not executed or
5	sufficient		"as a result of deductions"

**Article 735 SCORING OF THE COMPULSORY TEST TEAM 1\***

- 735.1** The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.
- 735.2** In Compulsory test 1\* the marks of all seven vaulters for each compulsory exercise are added and divided by seven. These results and the score for the horse, multiplied by 2, are again added and the total divided by 10.

**Article 736 SCORING OF THE FREE TEST TEAM 1\***

**736.1** The Free Test 1\* receives three scores and one score for the horse.

Degree of difficulty	x 1
Composition	x 2
Performance	x 3
Horse	x 1.5
The total is divided by 7.5.	

**736.2 Scoring - Degree of Difficulty**

- 736.2.1 The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.
- 736.2.2 The exercises are divided, according to their difficulty, into three degrees of difficulty. Only the 20 exercises with the highest degree of difficulty will be scored as follows:
- |                     |            |            |
|---------------------|------------|------------|
| Difficult exercises | <b>(D)</b> | 0.5 points |
| Medium exercises    | <b>(M)</b> | 0.4 points |
| Easy exercises      | <b>(E)</b> | 0.3 points |

**736.3 Scoring - Composition**

736.3.1 The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.

**736.4 Scoring - Performance**

736.4.1 The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.

**736.5 Scoring - Horse**

736.5.1 The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.

**Article 737 SCORING OF THE COMPULSORY TEST TEAM 2\***

- 737.1** The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.
- 737.2** In Compulsory test 2\* the marks of all seven vaulters for each compulsory exercise are added and divided by seven. These results and the score for the horse multiplied by 2 are again added and the total divided by 9.

**Article 738 SCORING OF THE FREE TEST TEAM 2\***

- 738.1** The Free Test 2\* receives three scores and one score for the horse.

Degree of difficulty	x 1
Composition	x 2
Performance	x 2.5
Horse	x 1.5
The total is divided by 7	

**738.2 Scoring, Degree of Difficulty**

- 738.2.1 The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.
- 738.2.2 The exercises are divided, according to their difficulty, into three degrees of difficulty. Only the 25 exercises with the highest degree of difficulty will be scored as follows:
- |                     |            |            |
|---------------------|------------|------------|
| Difficult exercises | <b>(D)</b> | 0.4 points |
| Medium exercises    | <b>(M)</b> | 0.3 points |
| Easy exercises      | <b>(E)</b> | 0.2 points |

**738.3 Scoring - Composition**

- 738.3.1 The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.

**738.4 Scoring - Performance**

- 738.4.1 The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.

**738.5 Scoring - Horse**

- 738.5.1 The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.

**Article 739 SCORING FOR HORSE AND GENERAL IMPRESSION TEAM 1\* & 2\***

- 739.1** The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed. For criteria for scoring the horse, see Guidelines for Judges.
- 739.2** The scoring for General Impression begins with the entry of the team and ends with the exit of the team in Compulsory and Freestyle.
- 739.3** The General Impression of the team will be considered in the Horse score.

**Article 740 FINAL SCORE TEAM 1\* & 2\***

- 740.1** The total marks for the three tests are added and then divided by 3. The result will be rounded off to the third decimal (i.e. 0.0011-0.0015 down; 0.0016-0.0019 up).
- 740.2** For Teams who did not qualify for the 2nd round, the total marks for the two tests of the first round are added and then divided by 2. The result will be rounded off to the third decimal (i.e. 0.0011-0.0015 down; 0.0016-0.0019 up).
- 740.3** In case of equality, the higher mark from the Compulsory Test from the first round will decide.
- 740.4** The single marks must be written down on the judges' sheets.

**Article 741 CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM 1\* & 2\***

- 741.1** At Championships, the Team vaulting competition must be held over three tests in two rounds. The 12 best teams after the qualifying round are eligible to participate in the final round. This number may be increased upon the discretion of the Ground Jury.
- 741.2** In case of equality of the total marks, the higher mark of the total compulsory score of the first round will decide.

**CHAPTER VI THE INDIVIDUAL VAULTING COMPETITION****Article 742 GENERAL**

- 742.1** The individual vaulter is only accompanied by the lunger and the vaulting horse. Outside assistance is not allowed. All tests must be shown on the same horse in all rounds even if they are on different days.
- 742.2** The horse canters on a circle with a minimum diameter of 15 m. A visible marking of the central point of the circle is helpful.
- 742.3** The Individual Vaulting Competition consists of different tests. See Article 707.
- 742.4** All tests must be performed at canter on the correct lead, not in counter canter.
- 742.5** All participants on the same horse must perform all tests in the same order.
- 742.6** The different tests must be separated by an interruption of at least one hour.
- 742.7** During the performance of the tests no other person, except the lunger, may be in the vaulting circle. The next competitor may only enter the circle when the previous vaulter commences the last vault-off. An earlier entry entails elimination of the incoming vaulter.
- 742.8** It is recommended Tests be performed with music, on CDs/Minidiscs and provided according to the schedule of the event.
- 742.9** The performance is take place with the horse and therefore no exercises or dance moves on the ground are allowed. Elimination for non compliance in this instance is at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

**Article 743 COMPULSORY TEST INDIVIDUAL 1\*& 2\***

- 743.1** In the Compulsory Test there is:  
Vault-on  
Basic Seat  
Flag  
Mill  
Scissors  
Stand  
Flank
- 743.2** The compulsory exercises are described in Guidelines for Judges.
- 743.3** All vaulters performing on the same horse enter the arena together. No one else may enter the arena.
- 743.4** All vaulters must follow one another immediately without waiting for the bell.

**Article 744 FREE TEST INDIVIDUAL 1\*& 2\***

- 744.1** The Free Test consists of static and dynamic exercises. Ground jumps are recommended. Static exercises must be held for at least three canter strides in order to be counted in Degree of Difficulty.
- 744.2** All vaulters performing on the same horse enter the arena together. No one else may enter the arena.

**744.3** All vaulters follow one another but must wait for the bell to begin.

**Article 745 TECHNICAL TEST INDIVIDUAL 2\***

**745.1** The Technical Test consists of five technical exercises and additional freestyle exercises, chosen by the vaulter.

**745.2** The technical-exercises are from the following categories of motor skills:

- Balance
- Timing/coordination
- Strength
- Jump Force
- Suppleness

**745.3** The exercises are described in Guidelines for Judges.

~~745.4. One exercise from each category is designated by the FEI Vaulting Committee in the year before the World Championship, to be used during the two year period following that World Championship, starting with 1st January of relevant year. These five Technical Exercises will be announced on the FEI Website.~~

**745.4** All vaulters performing on the same horse enter the arena together. No one else may enter the arena.

**745.5** All vaulters follow one another but must wait for the bell to begin.

**Article 746 TIMING INDIVIDUAL 1\* & 2\***

**746.1** Within one minute after the signal (bell) is given to enter the arena, the vaulters and the lunger must salute. Elimination for failure to salute is at the discretion of the Ground Jury. Before beginning the performance, the horse must be trotted on the circle until the President of the Ground Jury rings the bell. At the latest 30 seconds after the bell following the trot, the first exercise must be commenced. Elimination is at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

**746.2** There is no time limit for the Compulsory Test. If more than one vaulter is starting on the same horse, the next vaulter begins his performance immediately after the Vault-Off of the previous vaulter without waiting for a signal.

**746.3** There is a time limit of one minute for the Free Test as well as for the Technical Test 2\*. The time begins when the vaulter touches the grips or the horse.

~~746.4 A bell is used by the judge at A on the following occasions:~~

~~746.5 to give the signal for the vaulters and the lunger with the horse to enter the arena;~~

~~746.6 Give the signal for the first vaulter to start the Compulsory Test and every vaulter to start the Free Test or Technical Test; Elimination for failure to salute is at the discretion of the Ground Jury.~~

~~746.7 to signal the end of the time limit;~~

~~746.8 If there is a fall during the Free Test or Technical Test, the time is stopped until the grips~~

~~746.9 the horse are touched followed immediately by the Vault-On.~~

~~746.10 to give the signal to stop a test when the horse shows any signs of irregularity, is out of control or dangerous to the vaulters.~~

~~746.11 to give the signal to stop a competitor in unforeseen circumstances~~

~~746.12 to give the signal for a competitor to continue after an interruption;~~

~~746.13 In case of an unforeseen incident or if the signal is given to stop a competitor for any reason, the timing is stopped until the grips or the horse are touched for the Vault-On.~~

~~746.14 In unclear situations the President of the Ground Jury and/or lunger/vaulter may communicate.~~

- 746.4** A bell is used by the judge at A on the following occasions:
- to give the signal for the vaulters and the lunger with the horse to enter the arena;
  - to give the signal for the first vaulter to start the Compulsory Test and every vaulter to start the Free Test or Technical Test; Elimination for failure to salute is at the discretion of the Ground Jury.
  - to signal the end of the time limit;
  - to give the signal to stop a test when the horse shows any signs of irregularity, is out of control or dangerous to the vaulters.
  - to give the signal to stop a competitor in unforeseen circumstances
  - to give the signal for a competitor to continue after an interruption;
- 746.5.** If there is a fall during the Free Test or Technical Test, the time is stopped until the grips or the horse are touched followed immediately by the Vaulting-On.
- 746.6.** In case of an unforeseen incident or if the signal is given to stop a competitor for any reason, the timing is stopped until the grips or the horse are touched for the Vault-On.
- 746.7.** In unclear situations the President of the Ground Jury and/or lunger/vaulter may communicate.

**Article 747 SCORING MARKS INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION**

For scoring criteria, degree of difficulty and deductions see Guidelines for Judges.

The following marks are applicable for the different Compulsory exercises, the Free Test, the Technical Test, the General Impression and the Horse:

10	excellent	4	insufficient
9	very good	3	fairly bad
8	good	2	bad
7	fairly good	1	very bad
6	satisfactory	0	not executed or
5	sufficient		"as a result of deductions"

**Article 748 SCORING OF THE COMPULSORY TEST INDIVIDUAL 1\* & 2\***

- 748.1** The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.
- 748.2** The Compulsory Test receives 8 scores;
- 748.2.1 Seven separate scores for the compulsory exercises:
- 748.2.2 Horse score multiplied by 2.
- 748.2.3 The total is divided by 9.
- 748.3** Each compulsory exercise is scored.

**Article 749 SCORING OF THE TECHNICAL TEST INDIVIDUAL 2\***

- 749.1** The Technical Exercises test five specific areas:
- Jump Force (condition) May be shown as a mount or as a ground jump.
  - Timing, Rhythm (coordination)
  - Suppleness
  - Balance (coordination)
  - Strength (condition)
- 749.2** Every 4 years the FEI Vaulting Committee may introduce two new Technical Exercises which replace a selected two of the previous exercises.

**749.3** The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.

**749.4** The Technical Test receives 10 scores:

- Five separate scores for the designated Technical exercises:
- Composition x 2
- Performance x 1
- Horse score x 2
- The total is divided by 10.

The technical elements may be shown in any order.

**749.5 Scoring - Technical exercises**

749.5.1 The Technical Exercises **are described in Guidelines for Judges.**

**749.6 Scoring - Composition**

749.6.1 The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.

**749.7 Scoring - Performance**

749.7.1 The performance score is the quality of the additional static or dynamic exercises, without considering the technical exercises.

749.7.2 The performance score can either be given as a total mark or as a sum of the various performances mistakes. The protocol need not mention the various individual deductions.

749.7.3 The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.

**749.8 Scoring - Horse**

749.8.1 The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.

**Article 750 SCORING OF THE FREE TEST INDIVIDUAL 1\* & 2\***

**750.1** The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.

**750.2** The **Free Test** receives four scores:

- Degree of Difficulty x 1
- Composition x 1
- Performance x 2
- Horse x 1

The total is divided by 5.

**750.3 Scoring Degree of Difficulty**

**750.4** The Free Test must consist of a minimum of 7 exercises for which a score can be attributed. The maximum score is 10. Decimals are allowed. Easy exercises (E) are to be counted; however, they do not have a value for the degree of difficulty.

**750.5** If fewer exercises than required are shown, no scores will be given. In this case, the Jury must be convened by the Judge at A. The decision to give no score can only be taken by the latter.

**750.6** The scoring of the exercises is as follows:

- Risk exercises (R) 1.3 points
- Difficult exercises **(D)** 0.9 points
- Medium exercises (M) 0.4 points
- Easy exercises **(E)** 0.0 points

Only the 10 most difficult exercises will be considered.

**750.7 Scoring - Composition**

750.7.1 The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.

**750.8 Scoring - Performance**

750.8.1 The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.

The judges must write down the degree of difficulty of all exercises and their deductions on the score sheet.

**750.9 Scoring - Horse**

750.9.1 The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.

**Article 751 FINAL SCORE INDIVIDUAL 1\* & 2\***

**751.1** In the first round the total marks from the Compulsory Test and the Free Test are added and divided by 2. In the second round the total marks from the Technical Test and the second Free Test are added and divided by 2. The final mark is the average of the 2 rounds. All results will be rounded off to the third decimal (i.e. 0.0011-0.0015 down; 0.0016-0.0019 up).

**751.2** In case of equality, the higher mark from the Compulsory Test from the first round will decide.

**Article 752 CHAMPIONSHIPS INDIVIDUAL**

**752.1** At World Championships, the competition must be held in two rounds. In the second round, the 15 best placed vaulters of the first round, may start.

752.1.1 Individual vaulters in second round 2\* will perform Technical and Free Tests.

752.1.2 Individual vaulters in second round 1\* will perform the Compulsories and Free Test.

**752.2** At Continental Championships the competition must be held in two rounds. In the second round, the 15 best vaulters of the first round representing the Continent may start. All competitors from outside the Continent, who are ranked higher than the 15 best continental competitors, will also be permitted to start in the second round.

**CHAPTER VIII THE PAS-DE-DEUX VAULTING COMPETITION 2\*****Article 753 GENERAL**

**753.1** The Pas-de-Deux Competition is composed of two vaulters, the lunger and the vaulting horse.

**753.2** The Pas-de-Deux Competition is a Free Test in one or two rounds. See Article 707.

**753.3** The two rounds of the Free Test are performed separately, with a break of at least one hour.

**753.4** A Free Test must be performed with music.

**753.5** The performance is take place with the horse and therefore no gymnastic exercises or dance moves on the ground are allowed. Elimination for non compliance is at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

**753.6** In Pas-de-Deux Competitions any combination of gender is allowed.

**Article 754 FREE TEST PAS-DE-DEUX**

**754.1** The Free Test consists of one or two rounds, with a time limit of two minutes each.

**754.2** The same composition maybe used for both rounds. During the performance, both vaulters must remain in contact with the horse, the grips or each other. Ground jumps are recommended.

**754.3** The Free Test is scored separately according to Degree of Difficulty, Composition, Performance and Horse score.

**Article 755 TIMING PAS-DE-DEUX**

**755.1** Within one minute after the signal (bell) is given to enter the arena, the vaulters and the lunger must salute. Elimination for failure to salute is at the discretion of

the Ground Jury. Before beginning the performance, the horse must be trotted on the circle until the President of the Ground Jury or Judge A rings the bell . At the latest, 30 seconds after the bell the trot must be shown. Elimination for failure to comply is at the discretion of the Ground Jury. At the latest, 30 seconds after the bell following the trot the first exercise must be commenced. Elimination is at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

- 755.2** There is a time limit of two minutes for the Free Test. The time begins when one of the vaulters touches the grips or the horse.
- 755.3** A bell is used by the judge at A on the following occasions:
- 755.4** to give the signal for the vaulters and the lunger with the horse to enter the arena; Elimination is at the discretion of the Ground Jury.
- 755.5** to give the signal for vaulters to start the Free Test;
- 755.6** to signal the end of the time limit;
- 755.7** If there is a fall of both vaulters during the Free Test, the time is stopped until the grips or the horse are touched followed immediately by the Vault-On. To continue, the vaulter must mount with 30 seconds after the signal for the fall.
- 755.8** to give the signal to stop a test when the horse shows any signs of irregularity, is out of control or dangerous to the vaulters.
- 755.9** to give the signal to stop the competitor in unforeseen circumstances
- 755.10** to give the signal for the competitor to continue after an interruption;
- 755.11** In case of an unforeseen incident or if the signal is given to stop the competitor for any reason, the timing is stopped until the grips or the horse are touched for the Vault-On.
- 755.12** In unclear situations the President of the Ground Jury and/or lunger/vaulter may communicate.

**Article 756 SCORING MARKS PAS-DE-DEUX**

For scoring criteria, degree of difficulty and deductions see Guidelines for Judges.

The following marks are applicable for the the Free Test:

10	excellent	4	insufficient
9	very good	3	fairly bad
8	good	2	bad
7	fairly good	1	very bad
6	satisfactory	0	not executed or
5	sufficient		"as a result of deductions"

**Article 757 SCORING OF THE FREE TEST PAS-DE-DEUX**

- 757.1** The Free Test Pas de Deux receives three scores and one score for the horse.

Degree of difficulty	x 1
Composition	x 2
Performance	x 2.5
Horse	x 1.5

The total is divided by 7.

**757.2 Scoring, Degree of Difficulty**

- 757.2.1 The Free Test must consist of a minimum of 7 exercises for which a score can be attributed. The maximum score is 10. Decimals are allowed. Easy exercises (E) are to be counted; however, they do not have a value for the degree of difficulty.
- 757.2.2 If fewer exercises than required are shown, no scores will be given. In this case, the Jury must be convened by the Judge at A. The decision to give no score can only be taken by the latter.
- 757.2.3 The scoring of the exercises is as follows:
 

Difficult exercises	(D) 1.0 points
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Medium exercises (M) 0.5 points

Easy exercises (E) 0.0 points

Only the 10 most difficult exercises will be considered.

**757.3 Scoring - Composition**

757.3.1 The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.

**757.4 Scoring - Performance**

757.4.1 The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.

The judges must write down the degree of difficulty of all exercises and their deductions on the score sheet.

**757.5 Scoring - Horse.**

757.5.1 The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.

**Article 758 FINAL SCORE PAS-DE-DEUX**

**758.1** The total marks from the two rounds are added and divided by 2.

**758.2** All results will be rounded off to the third decimal (i.e. 0.0011-0.0015 down; 0.0016-0.0019 up).

**758.3** In case of equality of the total marks, the higher mark of the freestyle score of the first round will decide.

**Article 759 CHAMPIONSHIPS PAS-DE-DEUX**

**759.1** At World Championships, the competition must be held in two rounds. In the second round, the 15 best placed Pas-de-Deux of the first round, may start.

759.1.1 In both rounds only a Free Test is performed.

**759.2** At Continental Championships the competition must be held in two rounds. In the second round, the 15 best Pas-de-Deux of the first round representing the Continent may start. All Pas-de-Deux from outside the Continent, who are ranked higher than the 15 best continental competitors will also be permitted to start in the second round.

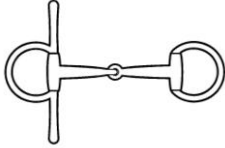
**APPENDICES**

**Appendix 1 Permitted Bits**

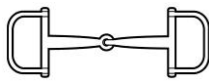
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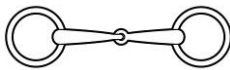
Unjointed rubber snaffle



Eggbutt snaffle  
a) with cheeks  
b) without cheeks



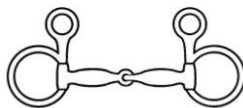
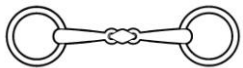
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Snaffle with jointed mouthpiece



Snaffles with double-jointed mouthpiece



Hanging cheek snaffle



Snaffle with rotating mouthpiece



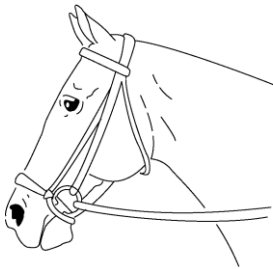
Snaffle with rotating middle piece

**Appendix 2      Nosebands**

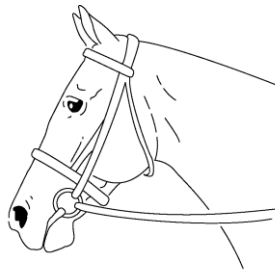
Nosebands must be flat.

Nosebands constructed from materials other than leather are not permitted. A small disc of sheepskin may be used in the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband.

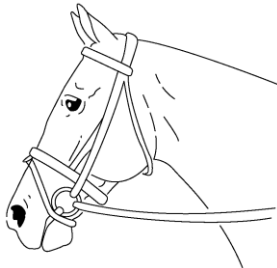
Dropped noseband



Cavesson noseband



Flash noseband



Crossed noseband

