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PREAMBLE

Equestrian Vaulting Ireland hereafter known as EVI is a company limited by guarantee. Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association are available on application to the Management committee Chairperson.

These rules for Irish Vaulting events are the first edition, effective January 1st 2017, updated January 2018.

This document sets out the detailed rules governing Irish Vaulting events. All international competitors must be familiar with the FEI Statutes, General Regulations and detailed Rules for FEI vaulting events. These must be read in conjunction with the 'Guidelines for Judges' for Compulsory and Free Test exercises. <https://inside.fei.org/fei/regulations/vaulting>

As EVI is affiliated to Horse Sport Ireland members of EVI must read the H.S.I. general rules

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 fair play thus reflecting as closely as possible the intention of the rules and those of the FEI.

Code of Conduct

In all equestrian sports the horse must be considered paramount. The wellbeing of the horse shall be above the demands of breeders, trainers, riders, vaulters, owners, dealers, organisers, sponsors or officials.

All handling and veterinary treatment must ensure the health and welfare of the horse. The highest standards of nutrition, health, sanitation, and safety shall be encouraged and maintained at all times with adequate provision made for ventilation, feeding, watering and maintaining a healthy environment during transportation.

Emphasis should be placed on increasing education in training and equestrian practices and on promoting scientific studies in equine health. In the interests of the horse, the fitness and competence of the vaulter and the lunge shall be regarded as essential.

All riding and training methods must take account of the horse as a living entity and must not include any technique considered by the FEI to be abusive. Adequate controls shall be established to ensure that all persons under the jurisdiction of shall respect the welfare of the horse.

The national and international Rules and Regulations in equestrian sport regarding the health and welfare of the horse must be adhered to at all National and International events and also during training.

Competition Rules and Regulations shall be continually reviewed to ensure such welfare.

These rules to be read in conjunction with the FEI rules

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

Article 1 General

- 1.1 The continuing and rapid development of the sport of equestrian vaulting will necessitate some significant adjustment to the Rules governing Irish Vaulting events. The EVI management committee may from time to time, with consultation, amend, delete or write rules.
- 1.2 The following Rules are intended to standardise the discipline and draw attention to the special conditions within Ireland.
- 1.3 These Rules are intended principally for use in connection with official National Vaulting events. As such they will relate to all competitions affiliated to EVI and all events run under the auspices of EVI.
- 1.4 However it must be noted that such Rules do not exclusively relate to national Competitions and that some Rules, particularly with regard to conduct and discipline, will be effective at all times and in any circumstances, with regard to members of EVI, where the sport could be brought into disrepute.
- 1.5 In all matters governing EVI events, these rules will take precedence over the FEI Rules.
- 1.6 In the event of unforeseen circumstances the EVI Committee will reserve the right to make a final decision. Should a vote be taken, agreement must be reached by a majority of 60%.

CHAPTER 2 IRISH VAULTING EVENTS

Article 2 Types of Events

Irish Vaulting Events can be divided into:

- National competitions, including Regional competitions
- International Events
- Selection
- International

2.1 At competition events being held in Ireland, the competition organiser can insist on competing clubs providing stewards on a pro rata basis. Clubs failing to comply may not be allowed to participate at the competition event.

2.3 International Events will run in accordance with the current FEI Rules.

National Competitions

General

3.1 All vaulting events must affiliate to EVI by paying the appropriate fee.

3.2 A technical delegate, approved by the EVI committee, will assist the organizer. Every competition must have a technical delegate

3.3 In the event of any dispute, a Ground Jury will be convened consisting of any three of the following: a judge, the technical delegate, the competition organiser a veterinarian or a member of the EVI committee. The technical delegate can appoint a replacement for any member of the Ground Jury should the need arises.

3.4 In the event of any dispute the Ground Jury will decide what action, if any, is to be taken.

3.5 EVI affiliated vaulting competitions should contain all classes for Teams, Individuals and Pas de Deux, however dispensation may be sought from EVI to omit certain classes should circumstances prevail. Competition organisers can choose to run as few or as many competitions as they feel fit.

3.6 A Competition organiser reserves the right to refuse entry to an individual without reason.

Competitors eligible for para-vaulting classes are vaulters with a physical, sensory or intellectual disability

Half an hour before the start of the competition there should be a Chef d'équipe meeting, this consists of Judges and a designated Chef d'équipe from each club. Any problems with the schedule may be discussed and possibility of changes concerning run-in order etc.

Vaulter Eligibility

Class	Age
Pre-Novice, Novice individual & squad All Senior Squads 1* Pas de Deux	no limit
Walk Squad, Walk Pas de Deux, Walk Trio	no limit
Walk individuals (3 age groups)	9 & under, 10 – 12, 13 & up.
Junior Squad, Junior individual Pas de Deux Junior	Up to 18 years 14 – 18 years 14 – 18 years
All senior individuals, Pas de Deux Senior	From 16 years
Child Individual	Until the end of the year of vaulter's 13 th birthday

NOTE: Pre-Novice and Novice Squads scoring over 6.5 twice in the year must upgrade the following year unless the team changes by 50% or more.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that they fulfill ALL criteria for the competition/class they have entered.

Article 4. Schedules

4.1 Schedules must be sent to the competition secretary 4 weeks prior to the competition. This is so that schedules can be checked and sent on clubs and put up on the website at least two weeks prior to a competition. All schedules must state:

- Venue details and travel directions to the venue.
- Closing date for entries.
- Requirements for vaccination certificates and /or passports.
- Which rein Pre-Novice and walk classes are to be run.
- Cost of late entries.
- Stabling availability and costs.
- Accommodation availability and/or contact details for accommodation.
- Availability and type of catering.
- Music - recorded CD's or method asked for in competition schedule must be submitted by close of entries.
- First Aid cover approved by EVI.

NOTE: If in doubt check with EVI CLG.

Article 5 Timetable and Programme

- 5.1 Participating groups must be given a timetable and their approximate starting times at the latest four days before the beginning of the competition.
- 5.2 It is recommended that a full programme be made available after the close of declarations.
- 5.3 An official notice-board must be clearly located indicating definitive timetable, Together with full contact details of veterinarian, farrier and first aid services. This should also include information about the Organising Committee, Technical Delegate and Judges.

Article 6. Medical and Veterinary Assistance

- 6.1 At all EVI events adequate medical cover must be provided
- 6.2 For all competitions event Organisers must report to the EVI Secretary stating medical cover.
- 6.3 Failure to provide adequate medical cover at competitions could mean that your group is not covered by insurance. The competition Organiser must ensure that the following First Aid cover is present and in place. Present or on call - A Veterinarian, a Farrier, a Doctor.

Events cannot start until the Aid cover (approved by EVI) is in place. This cover must remain in place until the competition finishes.

Article 7 **Tack Inspection**

- 7.1 A tack inspection may take place, to ensure that all tack is compliant with FEI Regulations, by a Steward designated by the Organiser. Any irregularities must be corrected. Failure of the inspection may result in elimination.
- 7.2 The decision to carry out a tack inspection should be made known at opening of declarations, the name of the Tack Steward posted and times made available for lungers to present their horses.

Article 8. **Scoring**

- 8.1 Score sheets must be available for collection by competitors after the competition Prizegiving
- 8.2 Competitors will be responsible for their own original score sheets. Competition Secretaries will keep electronic copies only.

Article 9 **Appeals, Objections and Complaints**

- 9.1 Only the owner, his agent (who may be the trainer), or the lunger of a horse taking part in a competition may lodge an objection.
- 9.2 Objections must be made to the Competition Secretary in writing and accompanied by a deposit of €100 not later than 1 hour after the happening that gave rise to the objection and in the case of an objection to the qualification of a horse or vaulter, not later than one hour before the start of the competition.
- 9.3 The decision of the ground jury is final.
- 9.4 Unless the objection is upheld the deposit is forfeit. Appeals against scoring errors must be made within an hour of the score sheet being released.

Page 6 09/04/2017Page 6 of 40Article 10 **Accidents**

- 10.1 As soon as the competitors and the horse have entered the competition arena nobody else is allowed to enter the arena except in the case of accidents. Any outside help leads to disqualification. Exceptions to this are in the Pre-Novice Squads, Novice Squads, Pre-Novice Individual, Novice Individual, all Trot classes, all walk classes and all Para Classes where appropriate help is allowed.
- 10.2 In special circumstances such as accident or high risk to vaulter or horse, the test may be interrupted and outside help may be allowed on the instruction of Judge A.
- 10.3 If the judge recognises that the circumstances are too dangerous for a vaulter and/or horse, he is allowed to terminate the test. Termination should be recorded on the score sheet by Judge A.

- 10.4 A copy may be sent to the EVI management committee to be dealt with.
- 10.5 In case of an interruption the test is recommenced on the instruction of the Judge. The duration of the interruption is recorded and a time allowance made.
- 10.6 Any vaulter involved in an accident will not be allowed to compete until declared fit by the First Aid Cover.

CHAPTER 3 ENTRIES AND COMPETITORS

Article 11 Venues and Dates of Events

- 11.1 Venues and dates for events should be approved by the EVI Competition Secretary
- 11.2 Event affiliation forms are available from the EVI Competition Secretary or the EVI website, and must be returned completed with the appropriate affiliation fee.
- 11.3 Forms must be returned prior to schedules and entry forms being sent out.

Article 12 Entries

- 12.1 Entries must be made in writing on the official entry form.
- 12.2 The full entry costs must be paid by the close of entries. Failure may entail elimination.
- 12.3 Entry Fees will be fixed annually by the EVI management committee:

Article 13 Close of declarations

- 13.1 An opening time and closing time for declarations will be advised in the schedule.
- 13.2 A time for the close of declarations must be laid down for each class. Unless otherwise stated, the close of declaration is one hour before each class is programmed to start.
- 13.3 Vaulters and teams must be declared by the specified time (this may be done by E-mail, proxy, by telephone or as stated by the organiser on the schedule), otherwise they may not be allowed to compete.
- 13.4 Groups should nominate one responsible person to make all of their declarations.
- 13.5 Entries accepted by close of declarations must be deemed valid.

Article 14 Vaulters

- 14.1 Vaulters of the appropriate ages may take part in all classes in a single event according to the points system below.

- 14.2 Vaulters will accrue points to a maximum of 5 in any one competition
- 14.3 Individual vaulters may vault on more than one horse except at the Championships. The only exception to this would be at the request of the selectors. All scores will count but only the best placing will gain points towards the ranking system.
- 14.4 All competitors and clubs must be members of EVI. It is the competitors and their club secretary's responsibility to ensure that all entered are current members of EVI. Non EVI members are ineligible to compete at EVI affiliated competitions as they would not be covered by EVI's insurance and will be fined €100

Article 15 **Vaulting Horse**

15.1 Horse Eligibility

- 15.1 The horse must be registered with EVI for all classes. Competing on an un-registered EVI horse will result in elimination from the competition. It is the club secretaries that should ensure that all horses are currently registered with EVI or have applied for a day ticket for the competition.
- 15.2 The same horse must be used for the compulsory test and free test of all rounds with the same lunger.
- 15.3 The horse may not be used for more than one Squad canter class per day (does not include pre-novice).
- 15.4 All horses must hold a passport and have it available for inspection at Competitions. Horses must be registered with EVI in the same name as in their passport.
- 15.5 A pre-competition horse inspection / trot up may be carried out at any EVI event but is mandatory at National Selection Trials.
- 15.6 A horse which exhibits signs of lameness or distress, can be eliminated during an Event at the discretion of Judge A in consultation with members of the Ground Jury or after a report from a veterinary delegate.
- 15.7 **Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication**
Each person who becomes a member of Equestrian Vaulting Ireland CLG. agrees to be bound by the H.S.I. Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Rules which are specifically incorporated by reference in and form part of the EVI Rule Book. Copies of H.S.I. Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Rules can be found on www.horsesportireland.ie.
Copies of the Equine Prohibited Substances List are available also on the website

Accordingly, by becoming a member such person shall be deemed to have agreed amongst other things:

- a. to be bound by and to comply strictly with above
- b. to submit to the authority of the H.S.I. and/or of EVI CLG to apply, police and enforce these rules;
- c. to provide all requested assistance to the H.S.I and EVI CLG (as applicable) in the application, policing and enforcement of these rules including (without limitation) cooperating fully with any investigation, results management exercise, and/or proceedings being conducted pursuant to and in relation to any potential Anti- Doping or Controlled Medication Rule Violation(s);
And except where the FEI has jurisdiction over the potential Anti-Doping or Controlled Medication Violation
- d. To submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of any H.S.I. Hearing Body convened under anti-Doping to hear and determine charges and related issues arising under above;
- e. to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Just Sport Ireland Arbitration Rules, any Sports Resolution Panel convened under H.S.I.to hear and determine appeals made pursuant to H.S.I. and not to bring any proceedings in any court or other forum that is inconsistent with the foregoing submission to the jurisdiction of the H.S.I first instance tribunal, and Just Sport Ireland

15.8 It is a requirement that all horses have valid Flu/Tetanus vaccinations

15.9 For International competitions the horse must possess a current FEI Passport.
To apply, a form must be obtained from the EVI nominated person and returned to them.
On no account may members go direct to the H.S.I.
The General and Veterinary Regulations will apply. (GR Art.139; Veterinary Reg. 1010)

For International competitions vaccinations must be in line with the FEI General Regulations and the FEI Veterinary regulations.

Article 16. **Lunger**

16.1 Lungers taking part in EVI competitions must be a full member of EVI and over the age of 18 for official classes.

16.2 For reasons other than illness, certified by a medical doctor, the reserve lunger or the lunger of another entered horse may not be used once the competition has started.

16.3 Lungers wishing to participate overseas at any level must have a EVI lunging or a EVI Level 2 certificate or above lodged with EVI.

914.4 Lungers subject to a disciplinary action are not permitted to participate in International events unless specific exemption has been granted to them by EVI.

Article 17 **Salute**

- 17.1 In all tests each Vaulters and Lunger must salute the Judge at A as a matter of courtesy before, and after, the Competition and in accordance with the GRs.
- 17.2 Elimination for failure to salute is at the discretion of the Ground Jury.
- 17.3 The Judge at A, shall acknowledge the salutes.
- 17.4 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.
- 17.5 Immediately upon exiting the arena the side reins must be unfastened. Failure to do so will be deemed to be abuse of the Horse.

Article 18 **Dress**

- 18.1 The dress of the vaulter must be suitable for the sport of equestrian vaulting. See FEI rules for Vaulting Events Article 713. Use of dress other than defined will incur a deduction from the composition score or possible elimination.
- 18.2 The dress of Squad Vaulters should give the obvious effect of uniformity In team competition the dress must be uniform, the dress of the lunger should harmonise with the Squad.
- 18.3 Each squad vaulter must wear an easily visible number 10 to 12 cm in size on the outside arm or leg or back.
- 18.4 During their performance, the individual vaulter must wear a number provided by the organisers, easily visible on the outside arm/leg or back.

Article 19 **Equipment of the Vaulting Horse**

- 19.1 The equipment of the vaulting horse will be as follows:
- Snaffle bridle (bit guards permitted) Two side reins
 - Vaulting surcingle with under pad and girth (see Appendix C)
 - Lunge rein and lunge whip capable of reaching the horse on the 15 m. circle
- 19.2 Bandages and boots are optional. Ear muffs and plugs are allowed. Standing reins or auxiliary reins are not permitted.
- 19.3 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.
- 19.4 Lunge cavessons are allowed.

- 19.5 Back pad is compulsory. A Gel Pad is permitted. The back pad which may be checked by the steward and /or judge at any time must be of the following dimensions:
- Max. 80 cms from the back edge of the surcingle to the back;
 - Max.30 cm from the front edge of the surcingle to the neck;
 - Max. 90 cms from side to side (if checked on the horse the allowed tolerance must not exceed 3 cm i.e. 93 cm);
 - Max. 3cm thick including cover;
 - Max. total length 1.10m with no more than 30 cm in front of the surcingle;
 - No other ancillary equipment is allowed.
- 19.6 The use of any other equipment and any other way of attachment of the equipment other than described above will entail elimination.
- 19.7 The surcingle and back pad may be changed for the Compulsory test, Free test, 1st and 2nd round.
- 19.8 In the warm up area, lungeing cavesson, standing reins or auxiliary reins are permitted.
- 19.9 Horses may only be warmed up by members of EVI and an approved hat must be worn when ridden under saddle.
For further guidance on permitted Equipment of the Vaulting Horse see FEI rules for Vaulting Events

Article 20 **Arena**

- 20.1 The competition space in the arena must be at least 20m x 25 m. The arena must be of a soft springy material. In the case of a competition held indoors the height must be at least 5 m. The public must be at least 11m away from the center of the lunging circle. (See Appendix C)
- 20.2 A practice arena is compulsory and must be as in paragraph above, but it is recommended that there should be three or more practice circles.
- 20.3 It is recommended that the judges are placed on a raised dais about 50-60cm above the arena.
- 20.4 The judges' table should be at least 11m but preferably 14m away from the center of the circle. The public should be an adequate distance from the judges.
- 20.5 The centre point of the competition circle should be marked.

CHAPTER 4 OTHER SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Article 21 Prize giving

- 21.1 The prize-giving ceremony should be given importance and should be in the arena with maximum ceremony.
- 21.2 If horses are requested to be presented, they should wear their normal competition outfit unless otherwise decreed.
- 21.3 Lungers and horses should receive rosettes as well as vaulters. All vaulters will receive a rosette.
- 21.4 It is recommended that if horses are required to parade it is posted at declarations and they should be kept separate from the vaulters in the interests of safety.
- 21.5 The prize for the Best Squad Horse & Best Individual Horse at the Irish Championships shall be the horse with the highest average horse score from all judges over all rounds

Article 22 Abuse of Horse and Doping

- 22.1 The General Regulations of the FEI and Veterinary Regulations apply. It is the responsibility of the horse owners, trainers and lungers to familiarise themselves with these Regulations.

Article 23 Officials

23.1 Classification of Judges

FEI 4* Judge
FEI 3* Judge
FEI 2* Judge
EVI N Judge- Irish National Judge
EVI NC Judge- Irish National Candidate Judge

- 23.2 Minimum requirements for Judges: (Unless previously agreed by the EVI committee).
- 23.3 EVI vaulting judges, National or Candidate, must be recognised by the EVI Committee. National Candidate judges require to attend an accreditation procedure, as laid down by EVI, in order to upgrade.
- 23.4 The president of the ground jury has the right to reject or amend a Candidate National judges scores at an Official competition. A Candidate National Judge should not form part of the Judges' panel at the Irish Championships or Selection Trials.
- 23.5 Writers and time-keepers must be over 16 years old.
- 23.6 A correctly briefed writer must be provided for each judge and a time-keeper and correctly briefed writer for the master judge. Judges must record degree of difficulty.

- 23.7 Candidate & National judges may attend FEI seminars, but must attend relevant CPD at least every two years.
- 23.8 All Judges must submit a log of competitions judged and seminars/CPD attended when requested by EVI Competition Secretary.

CHAPTER 5 **Timing and Scoring**

Article 24 **Timing General**

- 24.1 Within 30 seconds after the signal (bell) is given to enter the arena, the squad, Individual or Pas de Deux must salute. 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. 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.
- 24.2 The time allowed for the Test begins at the moment the first Vaultier touches the surcingle, the pad or the Horse and ends with the time limit. The judging ends when the last vaultier touches the ground after the final dismount. Only exercises already in progress when reaching the time limit may be finished and will be included in the evaluation for Technique and Artistic Scores.
- 24.3 For Individuals there is no time limit for the Compulsory Test. If more than one vaultier is starting on the same horse, the next vaultier begins his performance immediately after the Vault-Off of the previous vaultier without waiting for a signal.
- 24.4 All following exercises and dismounts that occur after the allowed time will be considered in the Performance Score, including deductions for falls, but not in the Degree of Difficulty and Artistic Score. If dismounts or other exercises are commenced after the bell, there will be a deduction from the Artistic Score.
- 24.5 A bell is used by the Judge at A to signal to the competitors. It is used on the following occasions:
- To give the signal for the team to enter the arena;
 - To give the signal to start the Test, If in the Compulsory Test more than one Individual Vaultier is starting on the same Horse, the next Vaultier begins his performance immediately after the Vault-Off of the previous Vaultier without waiting for a signal;
 - To interrupt the test to solve any issue with the music (music not starting etc.)
 - To announce the end of the time allowed;
 - In the Individual, Pas de deux and Squad Competitions, when the vaultier / vaultiers loses the contact with the horse, the time and music are stopped – no bell. The test must be continued within 30 seconds
 - The Vaultier / vaultiers are unable to continue immediately after a fall or unable to return to the line, the judge will ring the bell, the time and music are stopped and the test is interrupted. The test must be continued within 30 seconds after the signal to resume.

- To signal that the time and music is stopped after a fall and the Vaulters is unable to continue immediately or to return to the line. The Test must be continued within 30 seconds after the signal to resume;
- To give the signal to stop an Athlete or Performance when the Horse shows any signs of irregularity or lameness, is out of control or dangerous to the Vaulters;
- To give the signal to stop an Athlete or Performance in unforeseen circumstances which includes repair or adjustment of equipment or any other situation requiring immediate attention. The timing and the music is stopped. The Test must be continued within 30 seconds after the signal to resume;
 - After an interruption the clock is started again when the Vaulters touches the handle, the pad or the Horse.
 - In unclear situations the Judge at A and/or Lunger/Vaulters may communicate.

24.6 Time Limits for Compulsories and freestyle are shown in the table below.

24.7

	Compulsories	Freestyle
Pre-Novice Squad	No limit	4 minutes
Novice Squad	No limit	4 minutes
Junior Squad	6 minutes	4 minutes
Senior Squad 1*2*3*	6 minutes	4 minutes
Pas de Deux Junior	N/A	1 minute 30 sec
Pas de Deux 1*	No limit	2 minutes
Pas de Deux Senior	N/A	2 minutes
Walk Pas de Deux	No limit	1 minute 30 sec
Walk Squad	No limit	4 minutes
Walk Trio	No limit	2 minutes
Novie	1 minute 30 / vaulter/squad	
Pre-Novice	1 minute 30 / vaulter/squad	
Begginer Pre-Novice	1 minute 30 / vaulter/squad	
ALL Individuals	N/A	1 minute

24.8 Scoring General

The following marks are applicable for the different compulsory exercises, the Free Test and Technical Test:

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| 10 Excellent | 5 Sufficient |
| 9 Very good | 4 Insufficient |
| 8 Good | 3 Fairly bad |
| 7 Fairly good | 2 Bad |
| 6 Satisfactory | 1 Very bad |
| 0 Not executed or 'as a result of deductions' | |

24.8 Compulsory Test

Judge		Coefficients
A	Horse scores	25%
B	Exercises	25%
C	Exercises	25%
D	Exercises	25%

24.9 Technical Test

Judge		Coefficients
A	Horse scores	25%
B	Exercises	25%
C	Artistic	25%
D	Exercises	25%

24.10 Freestyle Test

Judge		Coefficients
A	Horse scores	25%
B	Technique	25%
C	Artistic	25%
D	Technique	25%

24.11 Score of 0:

- For each Compulsory exercise omitted or part of an exercise not performed.
- For each Compulsory exercise shown by a vaulter in the wrong order and not corrected.
- For repeating a Compulsory exercise twice.
- For re-taking the grips twice.
- For each exercise or part of an exercise performed in trot
- For turning the Scissors in the wrong direction
- For each Compulsory exercise started after the time limit.
- For coming off the horse during a Compulsory exercise without the prescribed dismount.
- For all compulsory exercises of a vaulter when he performs the vault on with help in Intermediate, Junior & Senior squads

Article 25 **THE HORSE SCORE**

- 25.1 Judging of the Horse Score begins with entering the arena and ends with the final dismount.
- 25.2 If more than one Individual Vaultler or Pas-de-Deux is on one Horse, the General Impression of the Entry, Salute and trot round will be taken into account for all Vaultlers on that Horse.
- 25.3 For criteria for scoring the Horse see FEI Judges Guidelines for canter classes, see Appendix D for Horse Score in Walk.

Article 26 **EXERCISE SCORE**

- 26.1 In the compulsory Test, all required exercises get a score.
- 26.2 In the Technical Test, the required technical exercises get a score. The performance of additional exercises will be scored separately.
Judging of the Performance begins with the moment the Vaultler touches the surcingle, the pad or the Horse and ends with touching the ground after the final dismount of the Vaultler.
- 26.3 For criteria for scoring the exercises see FEI Judges Guidelines.

Article 27 **TECHNIQUE SCORE**

- 27.1 In the Technique Score the difficulty (if demanded in the test) and the quality of the Free Style Exercises (the Performance) are scored.
- 27.2 Judging of the Degree of Difficulty begins with the moment the first Vaultler touches the surcingle, the pad or the Horse and ends with the time limit.
- 27.3 Judging of the Performance begins with the moment the first Vaultler touches the surcingle, the pad or the Horse and ends with touching the ground after the final dismount of the last Vaultler.
- 27.4 For criteria for scoring the technique see FEI Judges Guidelines.

Article 28 **THE ARTISTIC SCORE**

- 28.1 In the Artistic Score the structure and the choreography of the test will be scored.
- 28.2 Judging the Artistic Score begins with the moment the first Vaultler touches the surcingle, the pad or the Horse and ends with the time limit.
- 28.3 For criteria for scoring the artistic see FEI Judges Guidelines.

CHAPTER 6 **SQUAD VAULTING COMPETITION**

Article 29 General

- 29.1 In Ireland, Senior Squad shall follow FEI rules for Squad vaulting Senior CVI***
Junior Squad shall follow FEI rules for Squad Vaulting Junior CVI** Intermediate Squad shall follow FEI rules for Squad vaulting Senior CVI*
- 29.2 Pre-Novice Squad & Novice squad is composed of the lunge, the horse & six vaulters.
- 29.3 Vaulters who have competed in Advanced squads may not downgrade to PreNovice squads.
- 29.4 Senior Individual and Junior Individual scoring over 5.8 twice in a calendar year may not compete in Pre-Novice Squad.
Senior Individual and Junior Individual scoring over 6.2 twice in a calendar year may not compete in Novice Squads.
- 29.5 Vaulters may vault in a maximum of two squads, but each squad must have less than 50% of vaulters from a higher level. i.e. 2 in a Squad of 6.
- 29.6 The horse canters on a circle, minimum diameter 15 m. A visible marking of the central point is recommended. The schedule must stipulate which rein for Pre-Novice Squad Compulsories.
- 29.7 The Squad Vaulting competition consists of two Tests, the Compulsory Test and the Free Test.
- 29.8 All six Vaulters must perform all tests. If less than six Vaulters perform in the Compulsory Test, all Exercises not shown will receive a zero. In the Free Test, for each Vaulter not competing a deduction will be given. This does not apply to Club 2, Club 3
- 29.9 Where the four best vaulter scores are used for the compulsory score.
- 29.10 A score of zero for all exercises of the compulsory test when the vaulter performs the vault-on with assistance in Senior, Junior and Intermediate squad event.
- 29.11 The Compulsory Test and the Free test must be separated by an interval of at least 1 hour except for Pre-Novice squads and Pre-Novice Individuals where the Free Test may follow immediately on from the Compulsory Test.
- 29.12 The EVI Committee reserves the right to judge additional rounds of vaulting for squads and / or Individuals for the purpose of a one day selection trial.
- 29.13 No points shall be deducted for help with mounting either in walk, trot or canter for Pre-Novice Squads, Pre-Novice Individuals, Novice squads or Novice Individuals.
- 29.14 The mount in the Compulsory Test is not scored in Novice squads or Novice

Individuals. Unassisted Mounts in the Free Test Will be scored.

29.15 It is recommended that the Compulsory and the Free Test be performed to music.

Article 30 **SQUAD COMPULSORY TESTS**

30.1 The compulsory exercises and the approach, the vault on and the dismount are described in FEI Guidelines.

30.2 The Vaulters with the number 1 begins, number 2 follows, etc.

30.3 Squad compulsory tests are listed below:

Squad Comp Test 1*

Exercises to be shown:

1. Vault On
2. Basic Seat
3. Flag
4. Stand
5. Swing Forwards legs closed
6. Half Mill
7. Swing Backwards legs open, followed by dismount to inside

Squad Comp Test 2*

Exercises to be shown:

1. Vault on
2. Basic Seat
3. Flag
4. Mill
5. Scissors Forwards
6. Scissors Backwards
7. Stand
8. Swing off from seat astride to the inside

Squad Comp Test 3*

Exercises to be shown:

1. Vault on
2. Flag
3. Mill
4. Scissors Forwards
5. Scissors Backwards
6. Stand
7. First part of Flank (back to the seat astride)
8. Swing off to the outside from the seat astride

Novice squad (canter)

1. Mount at walk (with help)
2. Basic Seat – clap 6 times (canter)
3. Flag leg only – 4 strides (canter)
4. Leg changes – 2 strides minimum (canter)
5. Free Kneel arms by side – 4 strides (canter)
6. Stand – 4 strides (canter)
7. Plank – 4 strides (canter)
8. Dismount (return to seat astride, leg over and slide off to inside at canter)

Pre-Novice squad (walk / canter)

1. Mount at walk (with help)
2. Basic Seat – clap 6 times (canter)
3. Bench – 2 strides (canter)
4. Mill – 4 strides (walk)
5. Stand - 4 strides (walk)
6. Plank – 2 strides (walk)
8. Dismount (return to seat astride, leg over and slide off to inside at walk)

Article 31 Squad Compulsory Test

- 31.1 The compulsory exercises for each level are shown in Annex 1.FEI Guidelines
- 31.2 The vaulter with number 1 begins followed by vaulter number 2 etc.
- 31.3 In Pre-Novice the exercises are performed in canter on the rein stipulated in the schedule. This will be allocated by the Competition Organiser, can be decided by draw at the chef d'equipe meeting.
- 31.4 In the Pre-Novice Squad, Novice Squad, Pre-novice Individual and Novice Individual Test all compulsory exercises will be on the rein of your choice.

Article 32 Squad Free Test

- 32.1 In the Free Test the vaulters have the opportunity to show their artistry. They may plan an original programme around their own capabilities, ideas and specialties in single, double and triple free-style exercises.
- 32.2 No more than three vaulters may be on the horse at one time. At least two vaulters must remain in contact with the horse; otherwise these exercises are not scored.
- 32.3 Each Vaulter must perform at least one exercise.
- 32.4 A Free Test consists of static and dynamic exercises. In order to be counted in the degree of

difficulty 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 center of gravity is displaced other than in the direction of the effect of gravity.

32.5 In the Pre-Novice squad the whole Free Test will be performed in walk on the rein of choice of the team with a score for the horse included.

32.6 In the Novice squad Free Test a maximum of two vaulters are allowed on the horse. There is no score for degree of difficulty

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32.7 In the Junior squad, Intermediate Squad only 6 static exercises with three vaulters will be allowed. 1 point penalty for extra moves from the composition score.

32.8 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 is at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

NOTE: This rule does not apply to walk classes.

32.9 Squad free tests are listed below:

32.10 Squad Free Test 1*

A Squad Free Test 1 may include single, double and triple exercise, with a maximum of 6 static triple exercises. 20 free style exercises will be considered.

Squad Free Test 2*

A Squad Free Test 2 includes single, double and triple exercise 25 free style exercises will be considered.

Squad Free Test N

A Squad Free Test N includes single and double exercises. A Maximum of two vaulters are allowed on the horse at any one time. There is No Degree of Difficulty. There is no limit on the number of moves performed.

Squad Free Test PN

A Squad Free Test 2 includes single, double and triple exercise. There is no Degree of Difficulty. There is no limit on the number of moves performed.
Performed in Walk

Article 33 SCORING OF THE SQUAD FREE TEST

33.1 Intermediate, Junior & Senior Squad
See FEI Rules and FEI Guidelines for Judges
1x Horse
2x Technique (70% Performance, 30% Difficulty)

1x Artistic (50% Structure, 50% Choreography)

NOTE: No points awarded for repetition of exercises and those from the Compulsory test.

33.2 Novice and Pre-Novice Squad

1x Horse

2x Technique (100% Performance, no Difficulty score)

1x Artistic (50% Structure, 50% Choreography)

NOTE: No points awarded for repetition of exercises and exercises from the Compulsory test (Compulsory exercises from other levels are permissible).

33.3 Scoring, Degree of Difficulty

33.4 The maximum score is 10.0 and decimals are allowed.

33.5 The exercises are divided, according to their difficulty into three levels.

Difficult exercises	D	0.4 points	Squad
Medium exercises	M	0.3 points	Squad
Easy exercises	E	0.2 points	Squad
Difficult exercises	D	0.9 points	Individual
Medium exercises	M	0.4 points	Individual
Easy exercises	E	0.2 points	Individual

33.6 In the Intermediate & Senior class only the 25 exercises with the highest degree of difficulty will be scored.

33.7 In Junior Squad only the 20 most difficult exercises will be scored.

34 Scoring Performance

34.1 The maximum score is 10.0 and decimals are allowed.

34.2 Falls: See FEI Guidelines for Judges

34.3 Category "A" Falls: Deductions from the Performance Score (not averaged) See FEI guidelines

34.4 Category "B" Falls Deductions from the Score A to D (noted by the judge on A on his score sheet) See FEI guidelines

CHAPTER VI **THE INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION**

Article 35 General

- 35.1 International Individual Vaulting Competitions must be held in accordance with the General Regulations, the present FEI Rules, the 'Guidelines for Judges' for Compulsory and Free Test exercises.
- 35.2 The Individual Vaultler is only accompanied by the lunger and the vaulting horse. Outside assistance is not allowed. The Compulsory Test and Free Test must be shown on the same horse in all rounds even if they are on two days.
- 35.3 All participants on the same horse must perform the Compulsory Test first then the Free Test in the same order.
- 35.4 The Compulsory Test and the Free Test must be separated by an interruption of at least one hour unless dispensation is sought from EVI. Except for Pre-Novice Individual
- 35.5 The next competitor may only enter the circle when the previous vaultler commences the last vault-off. An earlier entry entails the elimination of the incoming vaultler.
- 35.6 It is recommended that the Compulsory and Free Test be performed with music.
- 35.7 It is recommended that individuals move up from 1* to 2* level once they have achieved a final score of 6 twice in competition, and move up from 2* to 3* level once they have achieved a final score of 7 twice in competition. Vaulters can however choose to move up a level.
- 35.8 Organisers may choose to run Senior individual 3* using either option 3* A or 3* B.

36. **ROUNDS**

The Individual Vaulting Competition consists of the following tests:

Article 37 **Individual Compulsory Test**

- 37.1 The compulsory exercises and the approach, the vault on and the dismount are described in Guidelines.
- 37.2 All Vaulters performing on the same Horse enter the arena together. No one else may enter the arena. All Vaulters must follow one another immediately without waiting for the bell.
- 37.3 No Time Limit in the Compulsory Test for Individuals

37.4 Individual compulsory test are listed below

Individual Comp Test 1*

Exercises to be shown:

1. Vault on
2. Basic Seat
3. Flag
4. Stand
5. Swing Forwards (legs closed)
6. Half Mill
7. Swing Backwards (legs open) followed by dismount to inside

Individual Comp Test 2*

Exercises to be shown:

1. Vault on
2. Basic Seat
2. Flag
3. Mill
4. Scissors Forwards
5. Scissors Backwards
6. Stand
7. Swing off from seat astride to the inside

Individual Comp Test 3*

Exercises to be shown:

1. Vault on
2. Flag
3. Mill
4. Scissors Forwards
5. Scissors Backwards
6. Stand
7. Flank 1st part
8. Flank 2nd part

Novice individual (canter)

1. Mount at walk (with help)
2. Basic Seat – clap 6 times (canter)
3. Flag leg only – 4 strides (canter)
4. Leg changes – 2 strides minimum (canter)
5. Free Kneel arms by side – 4 strides (canter)
6. Stand – 4 strides (canter)
7. Plank – 4 strides (canter)
8. Dismount (return to seat astride, leg over and slide off to inside at canter)

Pre-Novice individual (walk / canter)

1. Mount at walk (with help)
2. Basic Seat – clap 6 times (canter)
3. Bench – 2 strides (canter)
4. Mill – 4 strides (walk)
5. Stand - 4 strides (walk)
6. Plank – 2 strides (walk)
8. Dismount (return to seat astride, leg over and slide off to inside at walk)

Beginner Pre-Novice individual (walk)

1. Mount at walk (with help)
2. Basic Seat – clap 6 times
3. Leg changes (stop at middle of roller)
4. Bench – 2 strides minimum
5. Stand – 2 strides minimum
6. Dismount (return to seat astride, leg over and slide off to inside at walk)

Article 38 The Technical Test: see FEI Rules

Article 39 Individual Free Test

39.1 A Free Test consists of static and dynamic exercises. A static exercise must be held for at least three canter strides. All Vaulters performing on the same Horse enter the arena together. No one else may enter the arena.

39.2 Free Test 2
See FEI Rules and guidelines for Individual Free test)

39.3 Free Test 1
See FEI Rules and Guidelines for individual Free Test for CVI* (No Degree of Difficulty)

39.4 Free Test N
1 minute freestyle in canter, assisted mounts are permitted, but will not be scored.

Unassisted mounts will be scored. The emphasis is on performance and artistic value, there will be no score for difficulty.

- 39.5 Free Test PN(not an official class)
1 minute freestyle in Walk, assisted mount. The emphasis is on performance and artistic value, there will be no score for difficulty.

Article 40 **Scoring of the Individual Compulsory Test**

- 40.1 The maximum score is 10.0 and decimals are allowed.
- 40.2 Each compulsory exercise is marked.
- 40.3 Fall during one element of the exercises: The exercise during which the fall occurs is scored as 'not performed'. If a fall occurs between two exercises, only the subsequent exercise is scored. In case of a fall during one element of the exercise, the performance must be continued within 30 seconds with another Vault-on and the next compulsory exercise.
- 40.4 If the order of two compulsory exercises is reversed the first exercise performed is scored 0.

Article 41 **Scoring of the Individual Free Test**

- 41.1 The maximum score is 10.00 and decimals are allowed as well as for the horse score.

- 41.2 Free Test 2
1 x Horse
2 x Technique (70% Performance, 30% Difficulty)
1 x Artistic (50% Structure, 50% Choreography)
- 41.3 Free Test 1, N & PN
1 x Horse
2 x Technique (100% Performance, No Difficulty)
1 x Artistic (50% Structure, 50% Choreography)
- 41.4 Technique Score (Difficulty & Performance)
- 41.5 Scoring Difficulty
- 41.6 The Free Test must consist of a minimum of 7 exercises for which a score can be attributed.
- 41.7 Easy exercise is to be counted however they do not have a value for degree of difficulty.
- 41.8 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.
- 41.9 The scoring of the exercises:
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| Risk | R | 1.3 points |
| Difficult | D | 0.9 points |
| Medium | M | 0.4 points |
| Easy | E | 0.0 points |
- (See FEI Guidelines for Judges & Code of Points)
- 41.10 No points are awarded for:
- Each static exercise held for less than three canter strides;
 - Each Free Test exercise started after the time limit;
 - Exercises from the compulsory programme
 - Each exercise not performed in canter
 - Repetitions of any exercise.
- Only the 10 most difficult exercises will be considered.
- 42 **Scoring Performance**
- 42.1 The average of deductions for every exercise and transition is deducted from the maximum score of 10.
- 42.2 Scoring will be in tenths, with deductions of: 0.1 to 0.4 points for minor faults, 0.5 to 0.7 points for medium faults and 0.8 to 1.0 point for major faults.

- 42.3 For each fall when the vaulter loses contact with the horse and for which the clock must be stopped. Falls one full point will be deducted from the end score. Judge at table A will record this. The office will show the deduction from the score of that round as a separate column on the main score sheet.
- 42.4 Falls during the performance when the vaulter does not lose contact with the horse and for which the clock is not stopped. Falls there should be a deduction of up to 1.0 points.
- 42.5 Performing a ground jump and touching the ground more than once is also penalised as a fall. Falls with up to 1.0 points.
- 42.6 For falls onto the horse which affect its comfort a deduction of up to 1.0 points depending on severity and cause.
- 42.7 For a fall on the ground after the final dismount. Falls 0.5 up to 1.0 point should be deducted.

43 Artistic Score (50% Structure, 50% Choreography)

- 43.1 The maximum score is 10.00. Decimals are allowed. (For scoring criteria see FEI Guidelines for Judges.)
- 43.2 Deduction of 1.0 point for a dismount not commenced by the within 3 strides after the final bell.

44 Score for the Horse

- 44.1 The maximum score is 10.0 and decimal points are now allowed.

Article 45 Total Marks

- 45.1 The total marks from the Compulsory and Free Test are added together and divided by two. The result will be rounded off to the third decimal.
- 45.2 Judges must write down the degree of difficulty of all exercises and their performance deductions on the score sheet.
- 45.3 For each fall when the individual vaulter loses contact with the horse (the clock is stopped), 1.0 point is taken off noted by the judge at A on his score sheet. Deductions taken from the average Score A to D

For Falls Please see FEI Guidelines

CHAPTER VII PAS DE DEUX VAULTING COMPETITIONS

Article 46 General

- 46.1 The Pas de Deux competition is composed of two vaulters, any age, male or female or mixed, the lunger and the vaulting horse.
- 46.2 No Compulsory exercises are used for Senior and Junior Pas de Deux.
- 46.3 The Free test lasts for 2.0 minutes for Senior, **1½ minutes for Junior, Novice, and Walk.**
- 46.4 Selection trials may be two rounds with at least one hour break between rounds. The scores from both rounds will be added together and divided by 2.
- 46.5 Music may have vocals.

46.6 Article 47 Scoring of the Compulsory Test

46.7 For composition of the Free Test see 'FEI Guidelines for Judges

- 47.1 In the Novice Pas-de-Deux Competition both Vaulters have to perform a Pas-de- Deux Comp Test in round 1.
- 47.2 The compulsory exercises and the approach, the vault on and the dismount are described in Guidelines.
- 47.3 Both Vaulters building a Pas-de-Deux enter the arena together. The second Vaultler must perform the Compulsory Exercises immediately without waiting for the bell.
- 47.4 No Time Limit in the Compulsory Test

Pas de Deux Comp Test

- 47.5 Exercises to be shown:
1. Vault on
 2. Basic Seat
 2. Flag
 3. Stand
 4. Swing Forwards (legs closed)
 5. Half Mill
 6. Swing Backwards (legs open) followed by dismount

to inside Article 48 **Scoring of the Free Test**

- 48.1 The Free Test receives 4 scores.
- 48.2 1 x Horse
2 x Technique (70% Performance, 30% Difficulty)
1 x Artistic (50% Structure, 50% Choreography)

Note: Rules are available on line at www.fei.org, under Vaulting Rules.

Note: For Selection Pas de Deux will be split into two age groups:

48.3 Junior Pas de Deux- 14-18 Years, 1½ minutes

48.4 Senior Pas de Deux from 16 Years, 2.0 minutes

48.5 Novice Pas de Deux- No age Limit, 1 ½ Minutes

Note: Alternative class 6 – open Pas de deux , no age restrictions

CHAPTER 8 CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

Article 49 Agreement to be bound by the rules

49.1 All participants, by their application for membership of EVI CLG or an affiliated body, agree to be bound by the EVI Memorandum and Articles of Association and all Rules, Regulations and By-Laws made there under and have agreed that the decisions of the Management Committee, Stewards and other competent authorities of EVI CLG given in accordance therewith shall be binding upon them.

49.2 It is the responsibility of all participants to ensure that they are aware of and familiar with the Rules. All participants competing under these Rules shall be deemed to have knowledge of these Rules as amended from time to time.

Article 50 Conduct of Participants

50.1 No participant shall:

Contravene any rule set by the EVI or affiliated club or group, the H.S.I., FEI, or Testing Authority.

50.2 Conduct themselves at an Event in a manner, which is offensive to other participants and the public.

50.3 Argue at an event with an Official, use abusive or threatening language or behave with incivility or contempt towards an Official.

50.4 Ill-treat a horse, in any way, at an event whether inside or outside the competition area.

50.5 Deliberately use the action of the bit as a means of punishment and/or misuse any item of saddlery in a manner likely to cause pain or discomfort to the horse or pony.

50.6 Allow, knowingly or otherwise, a horse for which they are the person responsible to compete in any competition under the influence of a forbidden substance. The person responsible shall be in breach of this Rule if the analysis of a sample taken from the said horse shows the presence in its body fluids of any substance, which is either a forbidden substance or one of its metabolites, or a substance, which cannot be traced to normal and ordinary feeding and which, by its nature, is likely to affect the performance of the horse in competition.

- 50.7 Unreasonably refuse to allow a horse which has competed or is about to compete in a competition at an event to undergo any properly authorised test or examination if requested to do so by an Officer of the Testing Authorities, or the Organising Committee.
- 50.8 A participant shall be in breach of this rule if the analysis of a sample taken from him or her shows the presence in his or her body fluids of any quantity of any substance which is a forbidden substance or one of its metabolites, or of a specified amount of an endogenous substance subject to quantitative analysis. Prohibited and restricted substances are listed on the H.S.I. web site.
- 50.9 Refuse to give a sample of his or her body fluids for the purpose of control of forbidden substances.
- 50.10 Conduct themselves in such a manner that they have or may have committed or have or may have been party or privy to any breach of any provisions of the Memorandum and Articles of EVI CLG or of any Rule, Regulation or By-Law of an EVI affiliated club or group or the H.S.I., FEI, or any of the Testing Authorities. A participant shall be in breach of this Rule in the event that any person who assists, represents or acts on behalf of or in the employment of such participant during the course of an event conducts themselves in such a manner that were they a participant of the EVI they would themselves be in breach of any of the provisions of these rules.
- 50.11 Conduct them in a manner that is detrimental to the character and/or prejudicial to the interests of EVI CLG.
- 50.12 Unreasonably fail or refuse to assist the Stewards, the Steward General or their Officers, Officials of the Testing Authorities, the Chairman of EVI CLG in their investigations of complaints of misconduct by members of the Federation.
- 50.13 Make, either orally or in writing, to an Officer of EVI CLG or Testing Authorities or of an event, a statement on any matter covered by the Rules, which he does not or could not reasonably believe to be true.
- 50.14 Compete and/or transport horses to an Event without, where relevant, a valid FEI passport, travel documents and license to compete.
- 50.15 Compete at an Event for which the horse, lunger and/or vaulter are not fully qualified or eligible.
- 50.16 Having indicated their availability for selection for an Official Irish National team, unreasonably fail or refuse to compete in such team if selected.
- 50.17 Exercise any of the rights or privileges of participation in EVI CLG while suspended from EVI CLG, nor assist represent or act on behalf of any other member of the EVI CLG's membership at an event staged under the Rules of the FEI or any Foreign National Federation while suspended from all rights and privileges of participation.

- 51.1 Any person wishing to make a complaint of misconduct by a participant must do so in writing to the Chairman or, where appointed, to a Disciplinary Steward. If after preliminary investigation the Chairman or Disciplinary Steward considers that a prima facie case of misconduct exists which cannot be dealt with summarily under Rule ... they will refer it to the Management Committee, subject to the FEI or other Testing Authority electing not to take disciplinary action, where relevant.
- 51.2 The Management Committee may at its discretion, form a Disciplinary Panel to investigate the complaint and report to and make recommendations to the Management Committee on a course of action. When the Chairman or Disciplinary Steward receives a complaint of an alleged breach of conduct concerning forbidden substances, as defined under Rule they may refer the complaint to an independent review body, to confirm or otherwise that the testing procedures used are fair and reasonable.

Article 52 **Notice of Complaint**

- 52.1 When a case is referred notice of the time and place of the Disciplinary Panel meeting will be sent to the participant against whom a complaint has been made at least 21 days before the date of such meeting, together with details of the nature of the complaint and the names of any witnesses. Where three weeks' notice has not been possible the Disciplinary Panel may abridge the time period in appropriate circumstances.

Article 53 **Rights of Participants at Disciplinary Panel Meetings**

- 53.1 A participant whose conduct is referred to the Disciplinary Panel may appear in person to answer the complaint against them at the Disciplinary Panel meeting and may call and examine witnesses. In the alternative, at the discretion of the Disciplinary Panel, a participant may submit written evidence and statements for consideration in their absence. If a participant fails or elects not to appear before the Disciplinary Panel the Disciplinary Panel may reach a decision and impose a penalty in his absence.
- 53.2 A participant shall, if they so desire, be represented by a third party before the Disciplinary Panel. A participant under the age of 16 must always be accompanied by a parent, guardian or other responsible adult.
- 53.3 Whether or not a participant is legally represented EVI CLG may be legally represented.

Article 54 **Powers of the Management Committee to Impose Penalties**

- 54.1 If after considering all the evidence, the Disciplinary Panel decides that the complaint of misconduct is sustained it may recommend to the Management Committee any one or more of the penalties shown below. The Management Committee shall give reasons for its decision to the participant in writing. The Management Committee's powers under these rules are:
- 54.1.1 That such participant be reprimanded and cautioned as to his future conduct.
- 54.1.2 That such participant be suspended from all or any of the rights and privileges of

participation for a period not exceeding 2 years.

54.1.3 That any horse belonging to and/or being ridden, lunged or vaulted on by such participant at the time of the misconduct be debarred from competing in any event affiliated to EVI CLG or any other National Federation or to the FEI for a period not exceeding 12 months.

54.1.4 That such participant pay a fine, and/or costs of bringing the case, of such sum as the Management Committee shall in its absolute discretion direct giving due regard to the gravity of the misconduct.

54.1.5 That such participant refund any Sports Council Lottery or Exchequer funding, up to a maximum of one year's gross payments, made directly to him and/or be disqualified for a period of up to one year from further payments.

Article 55 **Immediate Suspension**

55.1 A participant may be summarily suspended from all rights and privileges of participation at events following conviction in an Irish Court of Law of any equestrian related offence, pending a full investigation by the Management Committee at an enquiry called under the terms of **Rule 49**

55.2 Such suspension is to be approved by three members of the Management Committee, in writing, and may take effect from the date of conviction, or such date as the Management Committee shall decide and shall remain in force at the Management Committee's absolute discretion until a full hearing under **Article 49** and shall notify the participant forthwith.

Article 56 **Notice of Findings, Penalties and Appeals**

56.1 The Chairman will, within seven days of the Management Committee's decision, notify the complainant and the Participant in writing of the findings of the Stewards and of any penalties imposed.

56.2 Any Participant whose conduct has been referred to the Disciplinary Panel under

Article 53 above and who is dissatisfied with the Management Committee's final decision may, within 28 days of the decision, Appeal to H.S.I. and failing that to the [Just Sport Ireland Arbitration Rules](#) Resolution Panel. Terms of reference can be obtained from the offices of H.S.I. upon request.

56.3 Notice of the findings of the Management Committee will not be published until the expiry of the 28-day Appeal period, and then only at the discretion of the Chairman.

Article 57 **Summary Powers of the Chairman**

57.1 The Chairman may, where he considers that a participant is in breach of these Rules but that the breach is of a minor nature:

- 57.1.1 Issue a formal written warning as to the participant's further conduct, which shall include an outline of the circumstances of the case and the reason for the warning.
- 57.1.2 Call the participant for interview, at a mutually convenient location. In such cases the appropriate EVI Member shall have been informed of the request. A record of the circumstances of the case and an outline of the interview will be kept on file. A copy of the record will be sent to the participant within 7 days of the interview. If appropriate, having heard the participant's explanation the Chairman may issue a formal warning of the participant's future conduct which shall include an outline of the circumstances of the case and the reason for the warning.
- 57.1.2 In either case any written warnings may be referred to the Management Committee when considering the penalty to be imposed for a further breach of the Rules.
- 57.1.3 Where any participant objects in writing to the complaint being dealt with under this Rule the Chief Executive shall refer the matter to the Stewards for the matter to be dealt with by way of a hearing.

Article 58 Summary Powers of a Team Manager

- 58.1 The Chef d' Equipe or their duly authorized deputy whilst accompanying participants on a course of training or on a tour or team visit (whether or not such course of training or tour or team visit takes place in Ireland) shall have power in his absolute discretion to regulate, control and/or adjudicate upon the conduct of riders on such course of training, tour or team visit and shall have the power to direct that a participant shall be suspended from competing or taking part in such course of training or in any competition taking place on such tour or team visit where the participant's conduct amounts to a breach of any part of Rulein which event a formal complaint shall be made to the Chairman pursuant to Rule about the participant's conduct.

Article 59 Indebtedness to the Federation

- 59.1 Any participant who fails to discharge any indebtedness to EVI CLG or affiliated member body of EVI CLG may receive notification from the Chairman that such or any part of such indebtedness must be paid within 30 days.
- 59.2 If the debt remains unpaid the participant's membership may be revoked by the Management Committee. A participant will be deemed responsible for any debts incurred by or on his behalf as a participant. In the event of a dispute as to the debt notified to the Chairman in writing the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee before any suspension is imposed.
- 59.3 An event organiser and/or their committee as per schedule shall be fully liable for any fines incurred prior, during or after said event. EVI CLG will not take responsibility/liability for such fines imposed and if approached to do so may take legal action against the debtor.

Article 60 **Indebtedness to an Event**

- 60.1 If an Organiser or Organising Committee makes a written complaint under Rule ... of the failure of a participant to make payment for goods or services provided or he makes payment to an event in respect of entry fees, stabling or accommodation by cheque or other instrument which is subsequently dishonored, the Chairman may, on investigating the circumstances, suspend the participant's membership until payment is made.
- 60.2 On receipt of a complaint the Chairman shall notify the said participant of his indebtedness in writing. Should the participant concerned dispute the facts of his indebtedness and the Chairman fails to resolve the matter to the satisfaction of those concerned, the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee.

Article 61 **Suspensions**

- 61.1 In the event a participant is suspended from competition or any rights and privileges by EVI CLG or any Testing Authority they will automatically be suspended from all rights and privileges of membership of EVI CLG and of its affiliated groups.

CHAPTER 9 **POLICY FOR SELECTION AND DE-SELECTION**

See H.S.I. <http://www.horsesportireland.ie/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/HSI-General-Rules-as-amended-15th-July-2014.pdf>

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CHAPTER 10 QUALIFICATIONS FOR CVI's

All competitors must be full members of the EVI and hold an FEI Competitor's Licence which can be obtained from the EVI nominated person.

Article 62 **Qualification for CVI*/ CVIJ*/ CVI CH*** competitions

- 62.1 All competitors must have an FEI competitors' license
Individual Vaulters must have achieved a minimum score of 5.5 at an official EVI Competition within the preceding 12 months.
Squads must have achieved a minimum of 5.0 in an Intermediate / Junior or Advanced Squad class in last 12 months at one EVI affiliated competition.

Article 63 **Qualification for CVI** / CVIJ**/CVI CH2***

- 63.1 All competitors must fulfil the FEI score criteria.
Individual Vaulters must have achieved the FEI qualification a minimum score of 6.0 at least one affiliated EVI competition within the preceding 12 months.
Squads must have achieved a minimum of 5.5 at one affiliated EVI Competition in an Intermediate/ Junior or Advanced Squad class.

Article 64 **Qualification for CVI*****

64.1 All competitors must fulfil the FEI score criteria.
Individual Vaulters must have achieved the FEI qualification
Squads must have achieved a minimum of 6.5 at one affiliated EVI Competition in an Intermediate / Junior or Advanced Squad class.

64.2 Qualifying score for horses:

Individual horses shall be 5.00 this being the average Horse Score for compulsories and freestyle in one affiliated EVI competition individual class in last 18 months.
Squad horses must achieve 5.00 this as average Horse Score of compulsories and freestyle in one affiliated EVI competition in novice / intermediate / junior /senior squad class in last 18 months.

CHAPTER 11 **IRISH CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Article 65 Organising Committee for Irish Championships

- 65.1 The Irish Championships shall be organised by EVI management committee.
- 65.2 A Committee of at least 4 members will be responsible for the organisation and will include the Technical Delegate and Secretary for the event.

Article 66 **Officials at Irish Championships**

- 66.1 The following officials must be appointed and must be their only role:

Technical Delegate
Secretary
Chief Scorer
Chief Steward

- 66.2 The Judges should be of the required level for the classes on the schedule.

- 66.3 Other Officials Required-
- Time keeper
 - Writers- one for each Judge
 - Music
 - Announcer
 - Stewards
 - 3 Assistant Scorers

Article 67 **Classes**

- 67.1 The following classes must be offered. No other classes are to be included in the Irish Championships. Each Class is run over two rounds.

Individuals
Squads
Pas de Deux

Article 68 **Prize Giving and Awards**

- 68.1 Prize Giving will be as soon after the end of the final class as possible.
- 68.2 All Competitors should attend prize giving; dispensation can be given by the competition secretary in exceptional circumstances.
- 68.3 All Vaulters will receive a rosette.
- 68.4 Trophies will be awarded to the first placed vaulter in each class in the Championship.

- 68.5 The prize for the Best Squad Horse, Best Individual Horse and Best non International Horse at the Irish Championships shall be the horse with the highest individual horse score awarded at the event. In the event of a tie, the first round free test score shall be the decider
- 68.6 Trophies must be returned to the competition secretary before the start of the first class.

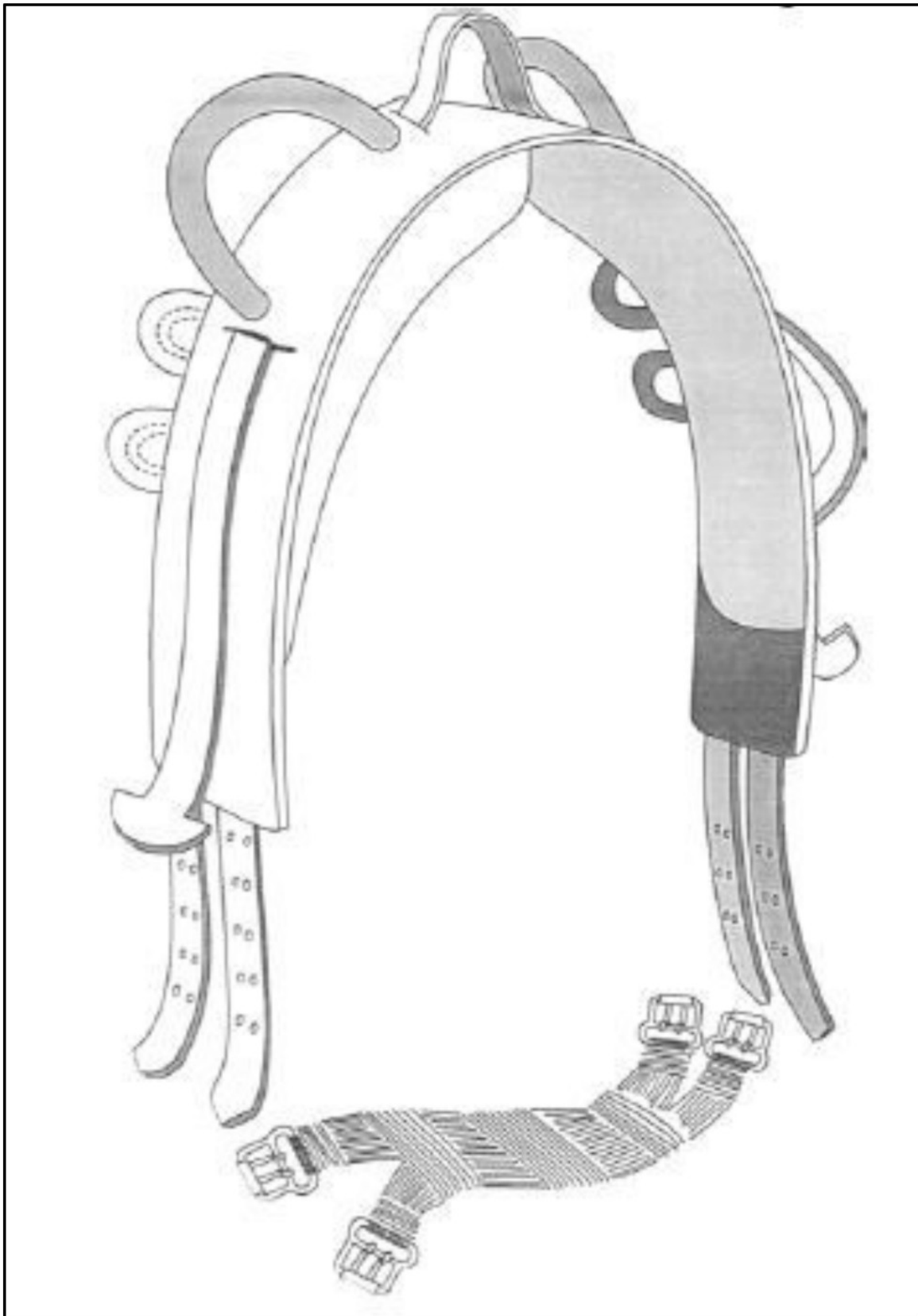
Article 69 Chef d'equipe

- 69.1 Each club will appoint a chef d'equipe
- 69.2 The chef d'equipe is responsible for entries, declarations, collection of individual arm numbers, collection of score sheets, submitting music, collecting running orders, alterations/ changes on the day etc.
- 69.3 Only Chef d'equipes will be permitted to enter the show office.

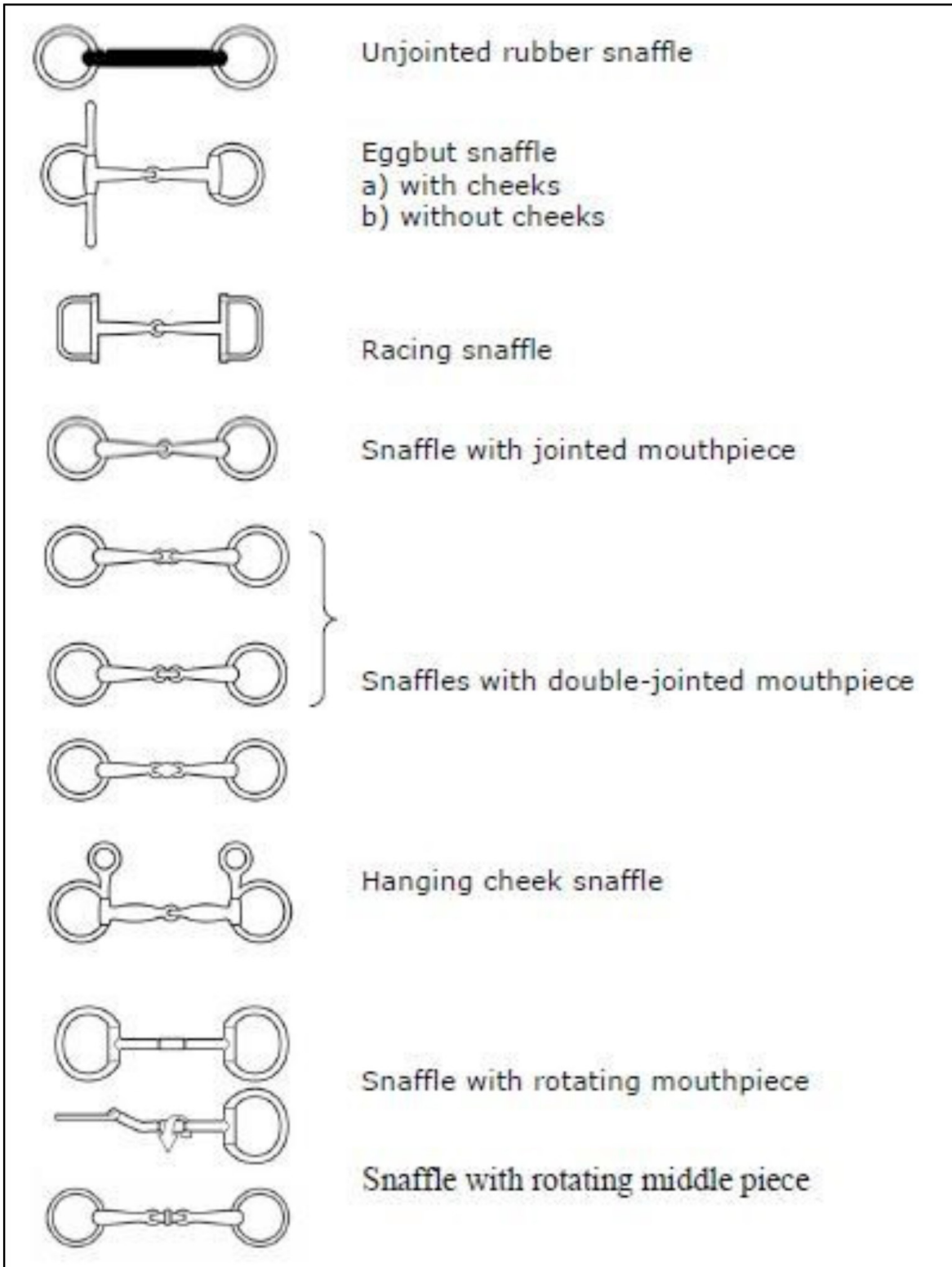
Article 70 Volunteers

Each club must provide volunteers when requested by the Irish Championships organising committee.

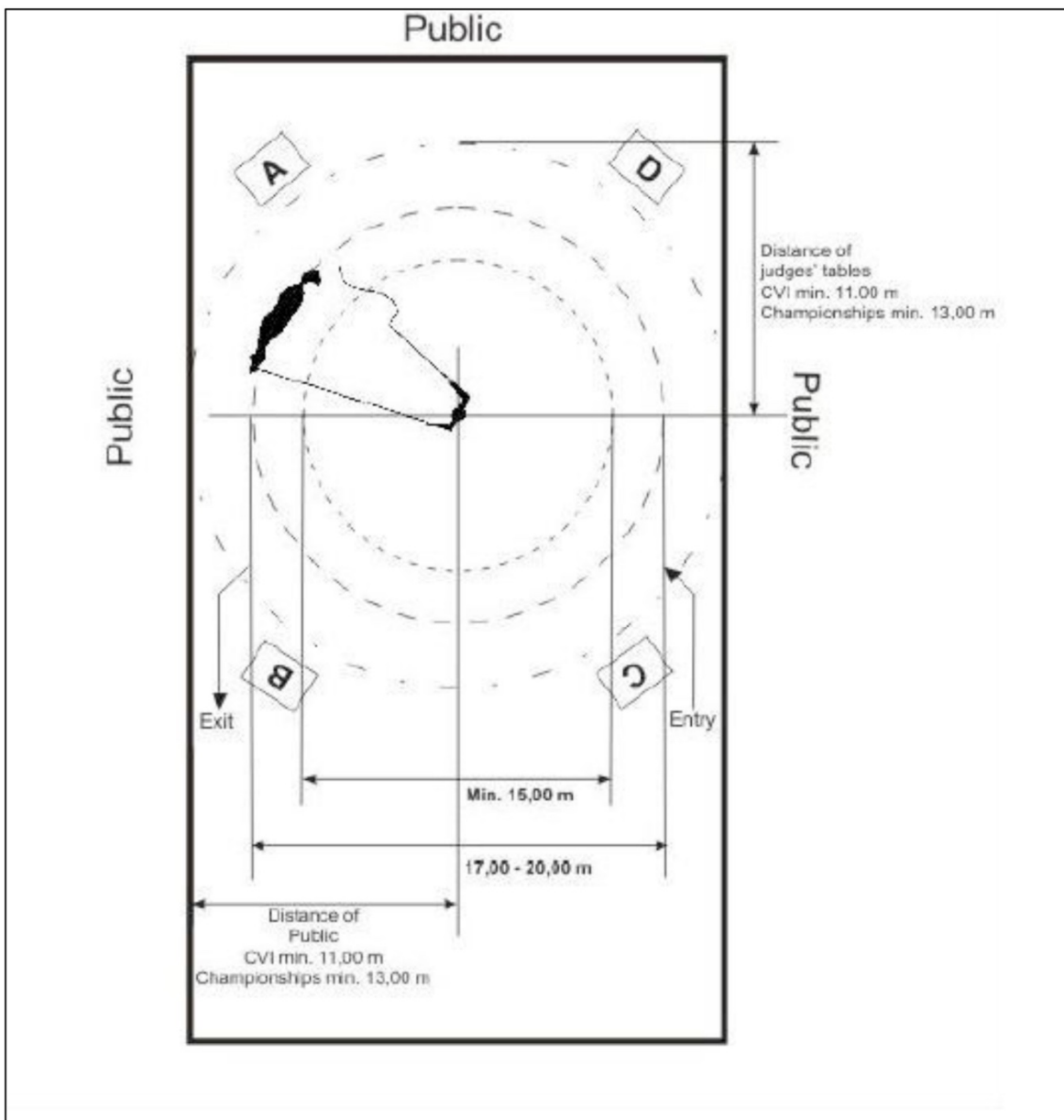
Appendix A Roller



Appendix B Permitted Bits



Appendix C Arena for Competitions



Appendix D Guidelines for Horse score in Walk