



Changes in the General and Sport Rules and Regulations for 2020

Effective April 1, 2020

General Rules and Statutes

The following changes to the Statutes and General Rules section of the *FEIF Rules and Regulations* are of interest to sport riders and officials:

G9.2.1 Oval track tests and details on tracks

All tests taking place on the oval track must be carried out on oval tracks, which satisfy the standard dimensions shown in the drawings in **S16** ~~S14 (Addendum 9)~~. When groups of riders are riding to the speaker's instructions, the time a specific section is shown shall be according to the table set by the FEIF Sport Committee and published in **S13** ~~S14 (Addendum 5)~~. The track should be even and firm, 250.00 m long with an outer circumference of 271.69 m and an inner circumference of 246.56 m, and a width of 4.00 m, following the drawings included. The radius of the inner side of the curves should be 13 m, the radius of the outer side of the curves 17 m. The length of the long sides (between the curves) should be 70.44 m; the short sides (between the curves) should be 12.00 m. **There should be a minimal gradient of 1.5% toward the inner side of the track to drain water.**¹ The fencing should be low and not disturbing horses or judges. Refer to the drawings for other measures. ~~A gradient towards the inner side of the track (long sides and short sides between the curves) up to 3.75% and towards the inner side of the track in the curves up to 7.5% is allowed.~~

The start and end of the long sides have to be properly marked.

Established tracks may have gradients toward the inner side of up to 3.75% (long sides and shorts sides between the curves) and 7.5% in the curves. Recommendation 2019 for new tracks: There should be a minimal gradient of 1.5% toward the inner side of the track to drain water.

G9.2.3. World Championship Tracks

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The oval track must be 250.00 m long with ~~an outer circumference of 284.21 m and~~ **an inner circumference of 246.56 m, and a minimum width of 4.50 m.**

S3.6.2.2 Starting order for P2 second round same order as option

Starting order

Before the first **round**, lots are drawn to set the starting order. In the second **round the same order as in the first can be used or** the starting order is set by the rating in the first **round**. **In the latter case** the slowest horse(s) will start first. **The system of the starting order for the second heat has to be announced on the starting list for the first heat.**

P2 time translation into points

New: **6.50 sec.** give a mark of 10.00. 12.00 sec. or more give a mark of 0.00.

S22.2 Rounding up – S22.2 - Finals

The judges use a scale of marks per section from 0.0 to 10.0 (inclusive), with half points. Judges show their marks after each section. With 5 judges the highest and lowest mark will be disregarded. The mark per section calculated by the secretariat is the arithmetic mean of the

three marks, rounded to two decimal places. The final score calculated by the secretariat is the arithmetic mean of the respective marks per section (*not rounded*) including the weighting factor per section, rounded to two decimal places *at the end*.

Accepted unanimously

Ring Stewards / Ring Masters switch

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- **G8.5.2.1. Inspections**

[...]

During the competition, Ring ~~Stewards~~ *Masters* can check tack as each horse leaves the track after completing a test.

[...]

- **S7.2.3 Inspections**

Current FEIF General and Sport Rules apply. The FEIF Director of Sport shall approve the Ring ~~Stewards~~ *Masters* for the equipment inspections.

- **S7.4.1 Chief Judge**

[...]

supervise the shoeing control and the control of tack (Ring ~~stewards~~ *Masters*);

[...]

Editorial changes:

Change from class to test:

G8.3.2.4 (2x),
G8.5.2. (2x),
G10.3.1,
G10.7.3,
G10.7.4,
G11.1 (point 2),
S1.4,
S1.6,
S2.8.1.1,
S2.8.2.1,
S2.8.4.1,
S2.8.9.1,
S2.8.15.1,
S7.8

Change from run to round

G7.3.2.
S3.4
S3.6.2.2 (4x)
S3.6.1.4
S3.6.1.5
S3.6.1.6 (2x)
S3.6.4.3 (2x)



S3.6.5.3 (2x)
S6.1.2 (3x)

Change from heat to round

S1.6 (2x)
S3.6.1.3 (2x)
S3.6.1.6 (5x)

Change from starting group to heat

S3.6.1.6

Sport Rules

The following changes have been made in the Sport Rules specific portion of the *FEIF Rules and Regulations*:

Decisions of the Annual Sport meeting

Changes to vet forms

- Keep the limit on 4 points as it is
- Lower “sensitive” to 1 point instead of 2
- Change “blood” to “bleeding”
- Make a distinction in points between small bleeding wounds and larger bleeding wounds.

For “bleeding < 1cm” there will be 2 points and for “bleeding ≥ 1cm” there still will be 4 points. In the case of a horse with one small superficial scratch that is still dripping blood during the inspection and NOTHING else, the scores will be 1 for “fresh” and 2 for “bleeding < 1cm” which in total will be 3 and no elimination.

G1.3.2 g Add the equipment check after the test to G1.3.2 Fitness to compete.

Change G1.3.2 g

g. Bleeding

As the welfare of the horse is paramount in all competition, the moment a judge sees/realizes that a horse is actively bleeding during a test the judge must show the red card (not the vet card) and eliminate the horse from the test.

The welfare of the horse must be paramount in all competition. At the moment a judge suspects that a horse is actively bleeding during a test the judge must therefore ask for an inspection on the horse which will be eliminated from the test when failing the check.

G6.5. Sport competitions and breeding shows

1. The following conditions have to be met:

[...]

d. sufficient Ring Stewards should be available for:

- ~~Inspection of equipment (preferably judges)~~
- helping the speaker to keep the starting order and the time schedule
- supplying the speaker with information about rein and sequence of gaits ridden in finals
- informing the riders about the progress of the current test or breeding show

e. sufficient Ring Masters should be available for:

- ***inspection of equipment and the presence of wounds directly after the end of the test***



- **overseeing the warming up area and do inspections of training facilities and stabling areas.**
- e- f. an appropriate space near to the oval track for the inspection of equipment must be available.
- f. g. an appropriate loudspeaker system must be available; information through the loudspeaker system should also be available in the warming up area, collecting ring and preferably also in the riders' camp and stables.
- g- h. every judge and his secretary must be provided with a chair and a table and must be sheltered from sun and rain.
- h i. the same facilities shall be provided near to the tracks for the Chief Judge and the FEIF Director of Sport or the FEIF Director of Breeding.
- i- j. adequate facilities for the speaker and the data centre is required.
- j- k. a sufficient communication system must be available to connect the Chief Judge, head judge of the test, FEIF Director of Sport or FEIF Director of Breeding, Competition Leader, speaker, data centre, Ring Stewards, **Ring Masters** and secretariat.
- k- l. sufficient accommodation for the spectators is required.

G6.14 Advertisement in general

based on FEI Article 135:

Advertising in general

The message of the advertisement must not contradict the image of the Icelandic horse and sport with Icelandic horses and must be approved by FEIF.

Any advertising on other places or of other size than mentioned in the following text has to be pre-approved by FEIF and involves a fee to FEIF. Advertising on the clothing of volunteers is excluded from this regulation.

Advertising on riders

Athletes participating in the World Championships agree to be filmed, televised, photographed, identified, interviewed and otherwise recorded during the event for the purposes of the media coverage of the event (by means of all and any media throughout the world in perpetuity) and the promotion of the sport. Athletes therefore assign with full title guarantee in perpetuity to the FEIF all rights of any nature in any such recordings. Athletes agree that their name and image and any photographs and moving images taken of them at an event may be used by FEIF and/or the Organiser for the purposes of publicising the event and promoting the sport.

At the World Championships, athletes may wear clothing and use equipment which identify the manufacturer, the rider's sponsor(s), the rider's team sponsor(s), the national association's sponsor(s), the rider's nation, and/or the rider, but only under these specific conditions:

Identification of a Non-Sponsor Manufacturer:

- Only once per item of clothing
- Max. 20 cm² per item of clothing (standard manufacturer's identification)

Identification of Sponsors

While present on the competition area and during prize-giving ceremonies, the name/and/or logo of the rider's sponsor(s), the team sponsor(s) and/or the national association's sponsor(s) may appear on the surface area not exceeding:

- 200 cm² on each side of the saddle cloth



- 80 cm² on each of the two sides of jackets or top garment at the height of breast pockets
- 16 cm² on each of the two sides of the shirt collar (not the jacket/top garment)

National identification on riders

While present on the competition area and during prize-giving ceremonies, the name or logo of the riders' nation, its national symbol and /or its national flag or the rider's national association's logo or name may appear on the surface area not exceeding

- A reasonable size on each of the 2 sides of jackets or top garment, at the height of breast pockets
- 200 cm² on each side of saddle cloth

Advertising on "officials" other than FEIF officials

The Organising Committee may display the name and/or logo of a competition and/or event sponsor(s)

- on members of the Organising Committee crew present in the competition area and during prize-giving ceremonies.
- The size of name and/or logo shall not exceed 100 cm².

Advertising on fixed parts of the arena

Advertisements are allowed around the outside of the oval track and alongside the pace track under the following conditions:

- the advertisements have to be on boards which must be placed at least 3 m away from the edge of the oval-track and 5 m away from the edge of the pace-track.
- the total height from the ground of the advertising board must not be more than 100 cm.

If judges are working from shelters inside the oval track, the shelters may have advertising:

- boards at the bottom of the shelter on at most three sides with a maximum height of 80 cm measured from the ground.
- boards at the roof line of the shelter may be 20 cm but may not increase the height of the shelter or obstruct the judges' view

Advertising is allowed inside the oval track if:

- the advertisements are mounted on boards which are flat on the ground and placed at least 3 m away from the edge of the track
- the advertisements are painted on the infield at least 3m from the edge of the track

The following aspects should be considered in the design of the advertising boards:

- they should not disturb the horses and/or their riders.
- electronic shifting boards are not allowed.
- they should not block the view of the spectators.
- they may not be made from materials which cause a visual or auditory nuisance.
- boards should as far as possible be of similar shape and size.

G1.4. veterinary rules

At competitions open for national and international riders, an official veterinary surgeon, who is responsible for the good health and well-being of the Icelandic horses taking part, must be appointed **and be on call or on site.**

S13 Appendix 6

	3 Rid	4 Rid	5 Rid	6 Rid	7 or more
Loose Rein Now:	90	90	90	90	110



Loose Rein New:	75	80	85	90	110

S8 Appendix 1 under point 6:

The whole test (in preliminary) where marks are given must be judged by the same judging panel, even if blocks are far apart.

The judging schedule must be made in such way that the restrictions in the code of conduct G11.1 are respected.

S8 Appendix 1 under point 8:

Equipment checks on all horses in finals and at least 25% of the horses in the preliminary rounds *of each WR test* are mandatory.

S8 Appendix 1 additional point between 6. and 7.

Organisers of a WorldRanking competition are required to provide appropriate sleeping accommodation for all judges who require it.

S9 Appendix 2: International Sport Judge Examination and (a new) S10: FEIF International Sport Judge Licence

Information on procedures regarding exam and licence renewal will be split in two separate appendices:

The new appendix S10 will apart from already existing information from the former S9 appendix include the details of counting WorldRanking days to keep the judge license:

- To have a judging day counting the judge must have been invited to operate as a judge at a recognized WorldRanking event. All the days where the judge is operating at that event will count, regardless of the judging tasks (performing equipment and health checks and/or carrying out head judge duties at specific events – with limits regarding the number of possible days).
- In the case a judge has been invited to be a judge at a WorldRanking event and is operating as such, but the event loses the WorldRanking status after the event, the judge is still entitled to the judging days.
- To have a FEIF seminar counting as a requirement for license renewal the judge must be present the entire duration of the seminar.
- At the second or the third FEIF seminar in the three-year license period the judge is entitled to a cancellation of the seminar fee.

S16.4 → NEW: S17.5 Entering the Oval Track and beginning of the test

~~Enter and follow the way of the oval track up to any of short sides. However, the end short side may not be passed without the rider beginning the test. The rider must greet judges visibly by nodding his/her head thus indicating his/her beginning the test.~~

Entrance on the long sides - riders must proceed to the start point of their test (middle of the short side) without riding on the long side opposite the entrance of the track.

Entrance on the short sides (including corners) - riders who wish to start their test on the short side FURTHEST from the entrance must proceed to the start point of their test (middle of the short side) along either (but only one) long side.

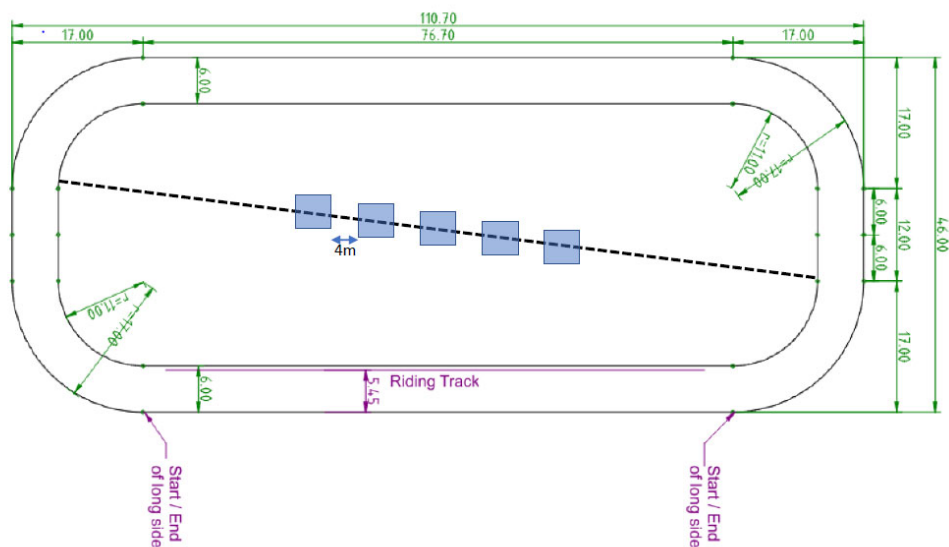


Entrance on the short sides (including corners) - riders who wish to start their test on the short side CLOSEST to the entrance must proceed to the start point of their test (middle of the short side) without crossing the markers designating the beginning of either long side.

The rider must greet the judge visibly by nodding his/her head to indicate the start of the test.

(the drawing remains unchanged)

Drawing to be added in S16 Appendix 10



S16.11 Figures Court

The following diagrams show the dimensions necessary to draw the lines for the Figures tests. Dimensions are shown for both a 20x40m and 20x60m dressage courts **arenas**.

Procedure in case violation of the Code of Conduct (G11.1)

Initiative: Sport judge committee is collecting issues and announce them to the Director of Sport. The Director of Sport decides who is in the lead of the investigation.

Investigation:

- Step 1. Check with chief judge and/or competition leader/organiser
- Step 2. Interview with the concerned judge
- Step 3. Proposition of warning/ban to Sport Committee
- Step 4. Approval of warning by Sport Committee; inform the national sport leader
- Step 5. In case of a ban the approval must be made by the Board of FEIF; all sport leaders have to be informed

