



Changes in the General and Sport Rules and Regulations for 2019

Effective April 1, 2019

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:

Statutes 5.2.1 – The Technical Departments

[Trial 2019-2022] In agreement with the Board of FEIF, the respective FEIF Committees will invite applications, and select a candidate, who will then be invited to attend the FEIF Conference in February, and the committee meetings in October. The new position gives the candidate the same voting rights and responsibilities as those of the existing members. This place on the committee is fixed term, and reserved for a young person. Once appointed, the young committee member may serve a maximum of 2 years, regardless of age, after which time s/he will have to stand down. Full description can be found in the YouthWork Rules and Regulations.

Statutes 5.6 – The Disciplinary Board

FEIF will provide a Disciplinary Board, consisting of at least three persons from different countries, elected in a rotation schedule of 1 member to be elected every year by the Delegates' Assembly. The members of the board elect their own chairman.

The Disciplinary Board is responsible for adjudicating all positive findings in doping samples when FEIF is the responsible authority for a specific Sport, Gæðingakeppni, or Breeding event. When the Board consists of more than 3 persons, the chairman shall decide which 3 members will act as the Hearing Panel for any specific case.

At least one member of this Disciplinary Board should be a practicing equine veterinarian.

G1.6 -- Suspension of Officials

Any person serving FEIF in an official capacity including Board members, Committee members, persons elected by the Delegates' assembly, persons appointed by the Board of FEIF, and judges licensed by FEIF shall be placed on provisional suspension when under criminal charge for a violent or sexual offense. The suspension shall be made permanent if the person in question is convicted of the offense. All officials are obliged to self-report charges and convictions. Failure to do so shall result in an immediate, permanent suspension.

The delegates agreed to add a clarifying explanation in 2020 for the word permanent to make clear that the suspension will not be for life.

G8.3.2.4 Alternative Shoes (Other Than Standard Iron Shoes)

All alternative shoes are allowed without filling as long as the weight does not exceed the weight of standard iron shoes of the same size. If the shoeing is glued onto the hoof, an identical spare must be available for inspection at the equipment check.

Alternative shoes must be used as manufactured without any modification.

Alternative shoes must follow the same rules as normal shoes regarding fit and placement on the hoof.

G8.3.2.5 Loss of a Shoe

If a horse loses a shoe or the shoeing becomes damaged during a test the rider must stop the performance.

If this occurs during a preliminary round the rider is eliminated from the class and no marks are given.

If this occurs in the finals or in a pace track class any marks and/or times earned before the loss of the shoe are kept including those from completed sections or runs. The rider receives a "0" for the remaining sections but is not eliminated.

A horse found to have lost a shoe in the equipment check is not disqualified.

G11. Appendix 1: Codes of Conduct

NEW: G11.1. Code of Conduct for Sport Judges at World Ranking event

ADAPTED: G11.2. Code of Conduct for World Championship Judges

Sport Rules

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

S1.6 Disqualification & Elimination

The list of causes of eliminations now includes:

- *the horse is ridden in a circle or clearly asked to back in a preliminary round on the oval track unless required by the test or requested the speaker.*

This rule is valid from the entry to the track to the end of the test, see also S2.3 – Test Procedure.

S2.2.1 Preliminary rounds

If technically possible the single marks per section may be shown.

S3.3 Time keeping

The use of electronic time keeping equipment is mandatory for WorldRanking competitions and recommended for all other events.

S3.6.1.9 Electronic Timekeeping in P1

If the electronic timekeeping system cannot provide a time for the second-place horse in a sprint the following table is used to calculate the time based on the first horse's time and the distance between the two horses at the finish line.

See FEIF Rules and Regulations 2019 for the time table:
<https://www.feif.org/Service/Documents/Sport.aspx>



S3.6.3.3 Electronic Timekeeping in P3

If the electronic timekeeping system cannot provide a time for the second-place horse in a sprint the following table is used to calculate the time based on the first horse's time and the distance between the two horses at the finish line.

See FEIF Rules and Regulations 2019 for the time table:

<https://www.feif.org/Service/Documents/Sport.aspx>

S5 [New] Figures Tests

This new section describes the tests developed by *Tölt in Harmony* and handed over to FEIF. Also refer to the Sport Judges Guidelines for information about the new tests.

See also: **S16.11 Figures Court**

The diagrams show the dimensions necessary to draw the line for the Figures tests.

See also: **Sport Judges Guidelines 2019**

https://www.feiffengur.com/documents/sj_guidelines2019.pdf

S7.4.1 Chief Judge [World Championships]

The Chief Judge is no longer responsible for measuring the tracks. This responsibility is handed over to the Director of Sport.

S7.4.2 Appointment of judges [World Championships]

The selection committee will appoint 10 judges using their best judgement without obligation to publish any criteria (other than the basic qualifications to be a World Championships judge) before or after the selection process.

The selection committee may name substitute judges at any time if a selected judge must resign from the jury.

S7.11 Tests [World Championships]

Young Riders class: there shall be A-finals in oval track test. For B-finals a minimum of 21 Young Riders in the preliminaries are required, unless decided otherwise.

