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FOREWORD

1. These Rules adopt the text of the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) Jumping Rules for Events (27th edition) as amended from time to time **by the governing body**.
2. Any article or paragraph of the FEI Jumping Rules which does not apply nationally has been omitted from the text.
3. It is not possible to provide for every conceivable eventuality in these Rules. If there is no rule to deal specifically with a particular circumstance, or if the literal interpretation of the pertinent rule would result in obvious injustice, reference may be made to the FEI rules. Ultimately it is the duty of those responsible to make a decision based on common sense and fair play, thus reflecting as closely as possible the intention of these rules.
4. These Rules and Special Regulations come into force on 1st May 2008, updated 2024 and supersede all existing National Jumping Rules and Special Regulations on that date.
5. Changes in these Rules come into force when published on the SJI Official Website.
6. SJI has adopted Horse Sport Ireland's Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Youths and vulnerable Adults in our Sport ("HSI Code of Ethics"), as may be amended from time to time, and the HSI Code of Ethics shall have effect and be binding upon all persons required to be vetted under the National Vetting Bureau Act 2012 and all persons referred to in the HSI Code of Ethics, and all such persons shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by and to comply strictly with the HSI Code of Ethics.
7. The SJI Anti-Doping Rules are the Irish Anti-Doping Rules as adopted by the Irish Sports Council, as amended from time to time **by governing body**. The rules contained in the said Irish Anti-Doping Rules shall have effect and be construed as rules of SJI.

THE FEI/**SJI** CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE WELFARE OF THE HORSE

The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) requires 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.

Welfare of the horse 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.

The following points must be particularly adhered to:

- a) Good horse management

Stabling, feeding and training must be compatible with good horse management practices and must not compromise welfare.

Clean, good quality hay, feed and water must always be available.

Any practices which could cause physical or mental suffering, in or out of competition, will not be tolerated.

- b) Training methods

Horses must only undergo training that matches their physical capabilities and level of maturity for their respective disciplines. They must not be subjected to any training methods which are abusive or cause fear or for which they have not been properly prepared.

- c) Farriery and tack

Foot care and shoeing must be of a high standard.

Tack must be designed and fitted to avoid the risk of pain or injury.

- d) Transport

During transportation, horses must be fully protected against injuries and other health risks.

Vehicles must be safe, well ventilated, maintained to a high standard, disinfected regularly and driven by competent personnel.

Competent handlers must always be available to manage the horses.

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- e) Transit

All journeys must be planned carefully, and horses allowed regular rest periods with access to food and water in line with current FEI guidelines.

2. Horses and athletes must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete.

- a) Fitness and competence

Participation in competition must be restricted to fit horses and athletes of proven competence.

b) Health status

No horse deemed unfit to compete may compete or continue to compete when to do so would compromise its welfare.

Veterinary advice must be sought whenever there is any doubt.

c) Doping and medication

Any action or intent of doping and illicit use of medication constitutes a serious welfare issue and will not be tolerated.

After any veterinary treatment, sufficient time must be allowed for full recovery before competition.

d) Surgical procedures

Any surgical procedures that threaten a competing horse's welfare or the safety of other horses and/or athletes must not be allowed.

e) Pregnant/recently foaled mares

Mares must not compete after their fourth (4th) month of pregnancy or with foal at foot.

f) Misuse of aids

Abuse of a horse using natural riding aids or artificial aids (e.g. whips, spurs, etc.) will not be tolerated.

3. Events must not prejudice horse welfare.

a) Competition areas

Horses must only be trained and compete on suitable and safe surfaces. All obstacles must be designed with the safety of the horse in mind.

b) Ground surfaces

All ground surfaces on which horses walk, train or compete must be designed and maintained to reduce factors that could lead to injuries. Particular attention must be paid to the preparation, composition and upkeep of surfaces.

c) Extreme weather

Competitions must not take place in extreme weather conditions that may compromise welfare or safety of the horse. ***In event of or during duration of Red Alert Storm Warnings, Showjumping must cease***

Provision must be made for cooling horses quickly after competing.

d) Stabling at events

Stables must be safe, hygienic, comfortable, well ventilated and of sufficient size for the type and disposition of the horse.

Clean, good quality and appropriate feed and bedding, along with fresh drinking water and washing down water/areas must always be available.

e) Fitness to travel

After competition, a horse must be fit to travel in accordance with the FEI's guidelines.

PART 1.

THE JUMPING EVENTS.

Chapter 1 INTRODUCTION

Article 200 GENERAL

1.1. A jumping competition is one in which the combination of horse and athlete is tested under various conditions over a course of obstacles. It is a test intended to demonstrate the horse's freedom, its energy, its skill, its speed and its obedience in jumping and the athlete's horsemanship. It is essential that strict and detailed JR's are established to regulate Competitions.

1.2. If an athlete makes certain faults such as knocking down an obstacle, refusing, exceeding the time allowed, etc. he incurs penalties. The winner of the competition is the athlete who incurs the least number of penalties, completes the course in the fastest time or gains the highest number of points, depending on the type of competition.

1.3. Variety in jumping competitions is encouraged. Therefore, while the SJI Rules are intended to standardise the rules and regulations which apply to jumping competitions, they are not intended to standardise the nature of the competitions since variety provides a precious element of interest for athletes and spectators alike.

1.4N. Other competitions or variations to the special competitions in this Rule Book may be authorised by The Board Of Directors Committee of the Show Jumping Association of Ireland, details of which must be clearly set out in the schedule. Organisers are not permitted to organise show competitions unless the SJI has approved the conditions under which these classes may be run.

1.5. Competitions must be fair for all athletes. It is therefore, essential that strict and detailed rules are established to regulate them. For this reason, the rules which follow must be respected, except when the SJI has authorised certain relaxations which are justified by local conditions.

1.6.2.1.5. Per Diem (Daily Allowance for Officials) It is recommended that Judges should be paid a minimum daily expenses of ~~€75~~ **€100** per day or the equivalent in applicable currency.

SECTION 2.

SPECIAL GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR NATIONAL JUMPING COMPETITIONS

DEFINITIONS:

2.1N. In these Regulations, save where the context otherwise requires: “the Association” means the Show Jumping Association of Ireland (SJI);

2.2N. “the Committee” means the Board of Directors of the Association;

2.3N. “a competition” means a jumping competition;

2.4N. “a round” is defined as the duration from the horse crossing the starting line in the correct direction, after the signal to start has been given, until it crosses the finishing line, is eliminated or retires.
(see also Art. 235.1)

2.5N. “fault” the term fault is used to cover all incidents during a round that will incur penalties.

2.6N. “the Ground Jury” (GJ) means, the judges appointed to judge a competition;

2.7N. “a judge” means a judge approved by the Committee for the judging of competitions;

2.8N. “a member” means a member of the Association.

2.9N. “the National Federation” means Horse Sport Ireland (HSI);

2.10N. “the National Rules” (JR) means the National Rules for jumping events approved by the Board Of Directors Committee of the Show Jumping Association of Ireland and lodged with HSI.

2.11N. “the programme” means the programme of show jumping events at the show containing as well as information given in the schedule, details of the entries and, in competitions where a draw has been made, the order of starting.

2.12N. “a registered show” means a show authorised by the Association in accordance with the Rules governing authorisation and shall be deemed to include a show organised by the Royal Dublin Society.

2.13N. “the schedule” means the notice submitted by the organising committee of a show to the SJI, approved and published in advance of the show date, and containing

the date and venue of the show, a list of the competitions, the entry fees, details of the prizes and the conditions of each competition; etc., as currently required under “Show Schedule (Article 292N). Reference Appendix 13

2.14N. “the organising committee” (OC) means the organising committee of a show.

CHAPTER II ARENAS AND SCHOOLING AREAS

Article 201 ARENA, SCHOOLING AREAS AND PRACTICE OBSTACLES

1. The arena should be enclosed. While a horse is in the arena during a competition, all entrances and exits should be physically closed.

2. It is recommended that an indoor competition arena should have minimum size of 1200sq m with a minimum width on the short side of 20m. An outdoor competition area should have a minimum size of 4000sq m with a minimum width on the short side of 50m. An exception to this rule may be granted, where circumstances warrant.

~~3. The Schooling Areas~~ **The Warm Up Areas (schooling if for morning exercises and/or training)**

The Organising Committee (OC) must provide at least one (1) ~~schooling area~~ **warm up area** per arena, sufficiently large for optimal training conditions. There must be a minimum of one (1) vertical and one (1) spread obstacle. The ground has to be in proper condition for the ~~training~~ **warming up** of horses. When there are many athletes and sufficient space, additional obstacles should be provided. All obstacles must be constructed in the usual manner and provided with red and white flags. However, the flags may be replaced by tape or paint in order to provide a white and a red top to the wings or uprights.

Where space permits and the number of athletes is large, a separate ~~schooling area~~ **warm up area** may be designated.

3.1.N No person under the age of 16 (excluding mounted athlete) is permitted in the Practice Arena and only two (2) persons per animal/athlete combination will be permitted.

4. Practice Obstacles

The use of obstacle material not provided by the OC is forbidden under penalty of disqualification and/or fine (Articles 242.2.6 and 240.1.5). Practice obstacles may only be jumped in the direction for which they are flagged. No part of the practice obstacles may be physically held by any person.

4.1. Ground lines may be placed directly underneath the first part of an obstacle or up to one (1) metre away on the take-off side of a vertical obstacle, a ground-line may be placed on the landing side of the obstacle at an equal distance up to a maximum of 1m A ground line may never be used on the landing side of a spread obstacle. **Poles on the ground as described above may not be used during the warm up for a competition**

4.2. Any obstacle 1.30m or higher must have a minimum of two poles, in cups, on the take-off side of the obstacle, regardless of whether or not a ground line is used. The lower pole must always be below 1.30m.

4.3. If crossed poles are used as the top part of an obstacle, they must be able to fall individually. The top end of the poles must be in a cup. However, there can be a horizontal top pole behind the crossed poles, which must be at least 20 cm higher than the centre of the crossed poles.

4.4. The top poles of an obstacle must always be in cups at both ends. If the pole is resting on the edge of a cup it must be on the far edge and never on the near edge.

4.5N. ~~Obstacles in the practice arena may not exceed in height and width the obstacles of the competition in progress. For Competitions where the maximum obstacle height is 1.40m or less, the obstacles in the practice arena may not exceed in height and width ten (10) centimetres more than the actual maximum height and width of the obstacles of the competition in progress.~~

~~If the obstacle height of the competition in progress is greater than 1.40m, the obstacles in the practice arena may not exceed 1.60m in height and 1.80m in width.~~ For Ponies, obstacles in the practice arena may not exceed in height and width the obstacles of the competition in progress. For Horses, for competitions where maximum obstacle is 1.40m or less, the obstacle in the practice arena may not exceed in height and width ten (10) centimetres more than the actual maximum height and width of the obstacles of the competition in progress.

4.6. It is not permitted to walk horses or ponies over poles when these are elevated or placed in cups at one or both ends.

4.7. The OC may provide material to simulate a water ditch, must be there from the start of the competition and available to all

5. Gymnastic Training Gymnastic Training during schooling/training sessions, not when competition is on

5.1. Athletes may train their horses in gymnastic exercises using placing poles on the ground, but obstacles used for this purpose may not exceed 1.30 m in height. Athletes using such obstacles must not violate the rules against rapping (Article 243.2.1).

Training exercises consisting of a line of obstacles in succession without a stride in between (in-out/bounce exercises) are permitted if there is sufficient space. For these exercises a maximum of three obstacles with a height not exceeding 1.00m may be used; minimum distance between obstacles is 2.50m, maximum distance is 3.00m Gymnastic/training exercises as described above are not permitted during the warm-up for a Competition. Gymnastic Training must cease 30 minutes before the competition start, subject to permission of management/show organiser.

5.2. Placing Poles: if there is enough space placing poles may be used and placed on the ground not closer than 2.50m on the take-off side of a vertical obstacle not exceeding 1.30m in height. A placing pole may be used on the landing side not closer than 2.50m when the obstacle is jumped at the trot or 3.00m if at the canter. Any pole placed approximately six metres or more from an obstacle on either side or on both sides is not considered a placing pole and is therefore allowed to be used with both verticals and oxers. Poles on the ground as described above may not be used during the warm up for a competition. Gymnastic Training must cease 30 minutes before the competition start, subject to permission of management/show organiser.

5.3. Exercising and Training: whenever possible provision should be made for athletes to exercise and train in the presence of a steward. Athletes may change obstacles providing Articles 201.4, 201.5 and 201.6 are not contravened.

6. Combinations are permitted as long as there is enough space and if they are built with correct distances. The OC must provide the material. When training areas are crowded athletes may only use single obstacles.

7. The schooling area(s) should be supervised by a steward when in use.

8N. Lunging is not permitted in the exercise area. The OC may identify a suitable area for lunging if space permits.

Article 202 ACCESS TO THE ARENA AND PRACTICE OBSTACLE

1. Athletes on foot may only be admitted once to the arena before each competition and this includes competitions with jump-off(s). Permission to enter the arena will be given by the Ground Jury ringing the bell and by an announcement made over the public address system. However, in competitions over two (2) rounds, with different courses, athletes may inspect the course before the second (2nd) round.

1.1N. In the case of specific novice horse or pony competitions, entry into the arena whilst mounted, may be allowed.

2. The OC of an indoor event where facilities for exercising are severely limited, may, with the agreement of the Ground Jury, give special permission for the arena to be used for exercising at specified times.

3. If the schooling area(s) are inadequate or cannot be used, a practice obstacle which is not part of the course must be placed in the arena. In all other circumstances, **facultative non-compulsory** or practice obstacles are not allowed in any competition. In certain special competitions (including but not limited to the Six Bar or Puissance competition) the Ground Jury may decide that the athletes remaining in the competition must stay in the arena after the first (1st) or second (2nd) jump-off. In this case, the Ground Jury must allow a practice obstacle in the arena.

4. The practice obstacle, **in a jumping arena**, must be a spread obstacle, or a vertical obstacle at a fixed height relevant to the competition, provided with red and white flags and should not be numbered. These dimensions may not be altered during the course of the competition. Only two (2) attempts at this obstacle are allowed. Jumping or attempting to jump this practice obstacle more than twice (2 x times) entails a fine in addition to the possible disqualification (Articles 240.1.6 and 242.2.3).

Jumping the practice obstacle in the wrong direction may incur disqualification (Article 242.2.7).

The athlete is allowed 90 seconds maximum to make these attempts, counted from the time the Ground Jury rings the bell.

A knock down, refusal or run out count as an attempt. If there is a refusal at the first (1st) attempt with a knock down or displacing of the obstacle, this obstacle is to be reset and the athlete is allowed to make a second (2nd) and final attempt. The time taken to reset the obstacle is neutralised.

The Ground Jury must give the signal to start the round after the athlete has made his attempt(s) or after 90 seconds. After the sound of the bell, the athlete who has attempted only once (1 x time), is allowed the second (2nd) attempt but he must cross the starting line

in the correct direction within the 45 seconds; failure to do so will start the time of the round (Article ~~203.1.2.1N~~ **202.1.2N**) or incur elimination (Article ~~203.1.2.2N~~, **203.1.2.2**)

5. Athletes may not jump or attempt to jump any obstacle in the arena during a parade before the competition. Failure to comply with this paragraph may incur disqualification (Article 242.2.4).

6. A prize winner may only jump an obstacle for the benefit of the press with the permission of the Ground Jury, provided it does not form part of a subsequent round. This practice should not be encouraged.

Article 203 BELL

1. The bell is used to communicate with the athletes. One of the members of the Ground Jury is in charge of the bell and responsible for its use. The bell is used:-

1.1. to give permission to the athletes to enter the arena when the course is ready for their inspection (Article 202.1) and to signal that the inspection time is over;

1.2N to give the signal to start; and to activate a 45 second countdown shown in the timing equipment in the scoreboard or in another display beside the arena. The 45 seconds countdown sets the time that the athlete can spare before commencing his round. The Ground Jury has the right to interrupt the 45 second countdown if unforeseen circumstances occur. Incidents such as, but not limited to, disobediences, occurring between the signal to start and up until the moment the athlete crosses the starting line in the correct direction, are not penalised (Art 235.3)(~~224.3N, (224N)~~)

1.2.2. After the bell has rung, crossing the starting line in the correct direction for a second time before jumping the first obstacle is counted as a disobedience. However, the Ground Jury in its discretion, if the situation so warrants has the right not to activate the start or to cancel the starting procedure, give a new signal to start and restart the count-down.

1.3. to stop an athlete for any reason or following an unforeseen incident and to signal to him to continue his round after an interruption (Articles 217.4 ~~and 233~~);

1.4. to indicate to the Athlete that an obstacle knocked down following a disobedience has been replaced (~~Article 233~~)

4.4. the track to be followed by athletes marked either by a continuous line (in which case it must be followed precisely) or by a series of arrows showing the direction in which each obstacle must be jumped (in which case the athlete is free to choose his own track). Should there be a compulsory section in an otherwise unrestricted course, both methods must be used on the same plan;

4.5. the table of penalties to be used;

4.6. the speed of the competition, if applicable;

4.7. the length of the course;

4.8. the time allowed and the time limit, if any; or the fixed time in certain competitions, as specified under SJI rules.

4.9. the obstacles, the length, the time allowed and the time limit for the jump-offs;

4.10. the combinations considered as completely closed or as partially closed (Article 214);

4.11. all decisions and/or modifications made by the Ground Jury in regard to the course.

4.12N. obstacles to be jumped in reverse direction in subsequent rounds must be clearly indicated on the course plan.

4.13N. additional fences added into the jump-off course must be indicated on the course plan and must be available for inspection during the Course Walk.

Article 206 ALTERATIONS TO THE COURSE

1. Should force of circumstances make it necessary to alter the plan of the course after it has been posted, the change may only be made after agreement of the Ground Jury. In this case the Chefs d'Equipe and all individual athletes must be advised of the alterations.

2. Once the competition has begun, the conditions under which it is run may not be altered and the course or its obstacles may not be changed unless otherwise stipulated in the SJI rules. (Article 204.3). If it becomes necessary to interrupt the competition (because of a storm or bad light, etc;) it must subsequently be continued using the same obstacles and course and as far as possible under the same conditions and at the exact point where it was interrupted.

3. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, an obstacle may be re-sited during a round, or between rounds of a competition, if in the opinion of the Ground Jury a deterioration in the state of the going or other special circumstances necessitates such action.

Obstacles, which cannot be re-sited, such as water jumps, ditches or permanent obstacles, must be taken out of the course. If an obstacle has been taken out of the course during a round, the scores of all previous athletes penalised during this round at that obstacle must be adjusted by cancelling jumping penalties and time corrections incurred thereat. All eliminations and time penalties already incurred will stand.

4. If necessary, a new time allowed and time limit shall be fixed for the course as altered under paragraph 3 above.

Article 207 FLAGS

1N. Completely red flags and completely white flags should be used to mark the following details of the course.

1.1. the starting line; it is also recommended to place a marker "S". (in the absence of flags, this line must be indicated by 2 markers with either S or Start – one Red and one White). (Article 204.6);

1.2. the limits of the obstacles; the flags may be attached to any part of the wings of the obstacles. They may also stand independently. One (1) red flag and one (1) white flag should be placed at vertical obstacles and at least two (2) red and two (2) white flags to define the limits of spread obstacles. They should also be used to mark the limits of the obstacles provided in the schooling areas (Article 201.3) or the practice obstacle in the arena (Article [Article 202.4](#) & 202.3); in the schooling area it is also allowed to use wings/uprights with a red or white top, instead of flags;

1.3. compulsory turning points;

1.4. the finishing line; it is also recommended to place also a marker "F"; (in the absence of flags, this line must be indicated by 2 markers with either "F" or Finish - one Red and one White) (Article 204.6);

2. At the obstacles, the starting and finishing lines and at the compulsory turning points, the athlete must pass between the flags (red on his right and white on his left). Flag Poles defining the limits of the landing side of the water jump must be made of material that cannot shatter or splinter and must bend when hit; flags must have no sharp points or corners.

3. If an athlete passes the flags on the wrong side, he must retrace his steps and pass them on the correct side before continuing his round. If he does not correct this mistake, he will be eliminated (Article 220.1.2).

4. Knocking down a flag anywhere in the arena does not incur a penalty. If a flag marking the limits of an obstacle or compulsory turning point or the finishing line has been knocked down following a disobedience / resistance, (without passing these lines) or as a result of unforeseen circumstances, the flag will not be replaced immediately; the athlete must continue his round and the obstacle /compulsory turning point will be judged as if the flag was in its original place. The flag must be replaced before the next athlete will be given the signal to start.

5. However, if a flag defining the limits of the water jump or of a natural obstacle has been knocked down following a disobedience or as a result of unforeseen circumstances and in all cases where the nature of the obstacle is changed by knocking down the flag, (Article 211.7) the Ground Jury will interrupt the round of the athlete. The clock must be stopped while the flag is replaced and a time correction of six (6) seconds will be applied in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 232.

6. In certain competitions, the starting and finishing lines may be crossed in both directions. In this case the lines should be provided with four flags; a red and a white flag at each end of these lines.

CHAPTER III OBSTACLES

Article 208 OBSTACLES – GENERAL

1. The obstacles must be inviting in their overall shape and appearance, varied and match their surroundings. Both the obstacles themselves and their constituent parts must be such that they can be knocked down, while not being so light that they fall at the slightest touch or so heavy that they may cause horses to fall or be injured.

2. The obstacles must be designed with horsemanship and fairness in mind.

3. Under no circumstances, except in Six-Bar, Puissance and Power and Skill Competitions may any obstacle exceed 1.70m in height. Spread obstacles must not exceed 2m in spread with the exception of triple bars which may have a maximum spread of 2.20m. This applies also in the case of one or of several jump-offs. The water jump may not exceed ~~4.50m~~ 4.00m in spread including the take-off element. Reference Article 211.1 & 211.9N

4N. Poles and other parts of the obstacles are held up by supports (cups). The pole must be able to roll on its support; in this case the support must have a depth of 18mm minimum and a depth of 30mm maximum. For planks, balustrades, barriers, gates, etc. the diameter of the supports must be more open or even flat.

5. The limits on the height and spread of obstacles set forth by these JRs and in the definite
6. schedules must be observed with the greatest care. However, if it should happen that a maximum dimension has been marginally exceeded as a result of the material used for construction and/or by the position of the obstacle on the ground, the maximum dimensions set forth will not be considered as having been exceeded, but the permitted tolerance is 5cm maximum in height and 10cm in width.

Under no circumstances, except in Six-Bar, Puissance and Power and Skill Competitions may any obstacle exceed 1.70cm in height in the competition arena. Spread obstacles must not exceed 2.00m in spread with the exception of triple bars which may have a maximum spread of 2.20m. This applies also in the case of one or of several jump offs. The water jump may not exceed 4m in spread including the take off element.

7. The approximate dimensions of obstacles in competitions other than those, which are specially set forth in the JRs, must be stipulated in the schedule.

Article 209 VERTICAL OBSTACLE

1. An obstacle whatever its construction may only be called a vertical when faults are judged on the same vertical plane.

10. Only a vertical obstacle of not more than 1.50m in height, having any number of poles, but with the use of Approved safety cups may be placed over open water. The vertical obstacle must not be placed further than two metres (2) from the front of this obstacle.

This obstacle is judged as a vertical obstacle and not as a water jump.

For this reason it is not necessary to use a lath or other arrangement to define its limits.

If a lath is used it is to be considered a visual aid only; Penalties will not be incurred for any imprints on the lath.

The same applies if the take-off element is displaced.

Only poles with a minimum length of 3.50m may be used for a vertical placed over a water jump.

11. With the exception of the case set forth in Art. 211.10, if water is used under, in front of or behind an obstacle (a so-called "Liverpool") the total spread of the obstacle (including the water) may not exceed two metres. open water with a spread of more than two metres may not be used as a Liverpool. For all Liverpool obstacles, the front edge of the water tray must be placed either in alignment with the same vertical plane as the front poles, or in front of the vertical plane of the front poles.

Article 212 COMBINATION OBSTACLES

1. Double, treble or higher combinations mean a group of two (2) or more obstacles, with distances between the elements of seven metres (7) minimum and twelve metres (12) maximum (except for Hunting or Speed and Handiness competitions judged under Table C and for permanent fixed obstacles where the distance may be less than seven metres) which require two (2) or more successive efforts. The distance is measured from the base of the obstacle on the landing side to the base of the next obstacle on the take-off side.

2. In combinations, each element of the group must be jumped separately and consecutively, without circling around any element. Faults committed at any element of a combination are penalised separately.

3. When there is a Refusal, or a Run-out, the athlete, must retake all the elements unless it is a closed combination or partially closed combination (see JRs Art. 214) or a Six bar or obstacles-in-line competition.

4. Penalties for faults made at each element and during different attempts, are counted separately and added together.

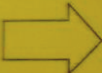


5. In a combination obstacle a triple bar may only be used as the first element.

6N. In 128cm classes, 1 oxer only, may be used anywhere in a combination.

7N. A minimum distance between any two (2) parts of a combination of obstacles at 5.50m for 128cm ponies and the maximum 10.5m [two non-jumping strides] for 148cm ponies, except in competitions under Table C when the minimum distance may be less than 5.50m

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R. Dist	3 Stride	4 Stride	5 Stride	6 Stride
Horse	14.40 - 14.80	18.00 - 18.50	21.40 - 22.20	24.50 - 25.50
148	13.30 - 13.50	16.50 - 16.90	19.70 - 20.10	23.00 - 23.30
138	12.80 - 13.10	15.90 - 16.10	19.00 - 19.20	21.90 - 22.10
128	11.80 - 12.00	15.10 - 15.20	18.20 - 18.30	21.00 - 21.20

		1 Stride	2 Stride	1 Stride	2 Stride
	Horse	7.60 - 8.00	10.70 - 11.00	7.60 - 7.80	10.60 - 10.90
	148	6.90 - 7.20	9.90 - 10.10	6.70 - 6.80	9.80 - 10.00
	138	6.50 - 6.70	9.50 - 9.70	6.40 - 6.60	9.40 - 9.60
	128	6.00 - 6.30	8.90 - 9.10	N/R	N/R
	Horse	7.60 - 7.80	10.60 - 10.90	7.40 - 7.70	10.40 - 10.70
	148	6.70 - 7.00	9.80 - 10.00	6.60 - 6.70	9.70 - 9.90
	138	6.40 - 6.60	9.40 - 9.70	6.30 - 6.50	9.30 - 9.50
	128	5.90 - 6.20	8.80 - 9.00	N/R	N/R
	Horse	7.70 - 8.00	10.70 - 11.00	7.60 - 7.80	10.50 - 10.80
	148	7.00 - 7.30	10.00 - 10.30	6.90 - 7.20	9.90 - 10.10
	138	6.60 - 6.90	9.70 - 9.90	6.60 - 6.80	9.60 - 9.80
	128	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R

8N. A double of oxers may not be used, except in 148 1.30m classes, and if used must be a two-stride distance.

Article 213 BANKS, MOUNDS AND RAMPS

1. With exception of JRs Art. 213.2, banks, mounds, ramps and sunken roads irrespective of whether they include any sort of obstacle and in whatever direction they should be taken, are to be regarded as combination obstacles (see JRs Art. 212).

2. A bank or mound without an obstacle or with only one (1) or several poles over it may be jumped in one effort. This method of jumping the obstacle incurs no Penalty.

3. No banks, mounds, sunken roads, talus, slopes or ramps, except table banks not exceeding one metre (1) in height, may be used at indoor Events.

3. Fall of a Horse

A Horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and quarters have touched the ground or the obstacle and the ground.

Medical attention after fall – refer to page 163 – Appendix 7

4. Protocol to be followed in case of a fall of an Athlete

In case of a fall of an Athlete at any time in the Competition arena, in the practice arena or elsewhere within the grounds of the Event, the Athlete must be checked by the Event's medical service before he is permitted to take part in the round in progress or in the next round or competition at the event. The Ground Jury reserves the right to exclude the Athlete from participating further in the Competition and/or Event

Recommendation for athlete suspected of concussion – the athlete will be asked to seek medical attention and produce a certificate from a Doctor or Medical Centre to state that they are fit to return to riding. (See Concussion Recognition Tool 5 – Appendix 15)

4N Should a loose horse leave the arena before the end of the round, including prior to starting, it will be eliminated

5N An athlete who falls off in the arena is allowed to remount but must not jump a fence before leaving the arena. Reference Article 300N.5.

Article 225 UNAUTHORISED ASSISTANCE

1. Any physical intervention by a third party between the crossing of the starting line in the correct direction and the crossing of the finishing line after jumping the last obstacle, whether solicited or not, with the object of helping the athlete or his horse is considered to be unauthorised assistance.

2. In certain exceptional cases, the Ground Jury may authorise the athlete to enter the arena on foot or with the help of another person, without this being considered as unauthorised assistance.

3. Any help given to a mounted athlete to adjust his saddlery or bridle or to hand him a whip while mounted during the round will incur elimination. To hand a mounted athlete his headgear and/or spectacles during his round is not considered to be unauthorised assistance (Article 241.3.20).

4N. Earphones and/or other electronic communication devices may never be worn during, and are strictly prohibited in SJI Jumping Competitions, with such usage penalised by elimination.

For the avoidance of any doubt, Athletes, grooms or any other person may wear one earphone at any other time while mounted.

CHAPTER V TIME AND SPEED

Article 226 TIME OF THE ROUND

1. The time of a round, recorded in seconds and in hundredths of a second, is the time taken by an athlete to complete the round, plus the time correction (Article 232) if any. The time awarded to the Athlete starts running either upon crossing the starting line as per Art. 226.2 or upon expiration of the 45 second countdown (if it reaches zero, the running time starts), whichever occurs first.

It extends to the moment when the mounted athlete crosses the finishing line, in the correct direction, after having jumped the last obstacle.

2. The round starts and the time starts running at the precise moment when the mounted athlete passes the starting line in the correct direction for the first time after the bell has been rung providing the starting signal has been given, or at the moment the 45 seconds count-down expires, whichever occurs first (Article 203.1.2.1~~4~~). It extends to the moment when the mounted athlete crosses the finishing line, in the correct direction, after having jumped the last obstacle.

3. A display board beside the arena, clearly visible for the athlete, must show the 45 second count-down, if it is being used.

Article 227 TIME ALLOWED

1. The time allowed for a round in each competition is determined in relation to the length of the course and the speeds set forth under Article 234 and Appendix 3.

Article 228 TIME LIMIT

1. The time limit is equal to twice the time allowed for all competitions in which a time allowed has been set forth.

Article 229 RECORDING THE TIME

1N. Each athlete in a competition must be timed by the same system or by means of the same type of timing equipment. Electronic timing equipment is compulsory for all Championship classes e.g. RDS Qualifiers, International Trials competitions and Grand Prix competitions etc. The timekeeper is required to record the number of the horse and the time taken to complete his round.

2. Two digital stopwatches are required in the Ground Jury box in case the electronic timing system breaks down and a third watch to measure the time taken to resume the round after the bell has been rung for disobediences, interruptions, the time taken

3.1. If the dimensions are correct and the obstacle in question has been properly built or if the alleged unforeseen circumstances are not accepted as such by the Ground Jury, the athlete will be penalised as for stopping during the round (Article 223.1) and the time of his round will be increased by six seconds;

3.2. If the obstacle or part of the obstacle needs to be rebuilt or if the unforeseen circumstances are accepted as such by the Ground Jury, the athlete is not penalised. The time of the interruption must be deducted and the clock stopped until the moment when the athlete takes up his track at the point where he stopped. Any delay incurred by the athlete must be taken into consideration and an appropriate number of seconds deducted from his recorded time.

Article 234N SPEED

1. The speeds for national competitions are as follows:

Indoor (min dimensions 50m x 30m, class min height 1.30m) Speed 350mpm

Horses:

Normal Competitions	350m per minute
Grand Prix	350 – 400m per minute
Team	350 – 400m per minute
Derby	350 – 400m per minute
Indoor Indoor (min. dimensions 50m x 30m, class min. height 1.30m)	325m per minute Speed 350m per minute.
Puissance/Power & Skill	No minimum speed
Young Riders/Juniors	350 – 375m per minute
4 Year Old Competition	325m per minute

Ponies:

138 A & AB/1.10m & 1.20m	350m per minute
148 A & AB/1.20m & 1.30m	350m per minute
International Trials	350m per minute
All other pony classes	325m per minute
Indoor	325m per minute

CHAPTER VI TABLES OF PENALTIES

Article 235 FAULTS

1. Faults made between the starting line and the finishing line must be taken into consideration. Exception: A knock down of the last obstacle will be considered a fault if the upper element falls from one or both of its supports prior to the time the Athlete leaves the arena or until the bell is rung for the next Athlete to commence his round, whichever occurs first. Definition of faults according to Articles 217 and 218.

2. Disobediences committed during the time when the round is interrupted (Article 231.3) are not penalised.

3. Disobediences occurring between the signal to start and up until the moment the Athlete/Horse combination crosses the starting line in the correct direction are not penalised. However, in the event of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse from the moment the combination enters the arena up until the moment they cross the starting line in the correct direction once the signal to start has been given, the combination will not be able to take part in the round or Competition in question. Furthermore, in the event of a fall of an Athlete and /or horse at any time in the competition arena, whether the signal to start has been given or not, the Athlete must be checked by the Event's medical Service before the Athlete can be permitted to take part in the next round or competition at the event (Refer also to Art. 224.3N) The Ground Jury reserves the right to exclude the Athlete from participating further in the Event.

4. A fall of the Athlete and /or Horse after crossing the finish line does not incur Elimination. **Medical attention after fall – refer to page 163 – Appendix 7**
However, in the event of a fall after the finish line, the following applies:

4.1 In case of a fall of an Athlete and /or Horse after crossing the finish line in a Competition with an immediate jump off, the Athlete/Horse combination is eliminated from the jump off and will be placed equal last in the jump off with Athletes who have withdrawn, retired or been eliminated from the jump off. The Athlete must be checked by the Event's medical service before the Athlete can be permitted to take part in any further Competition at the Event.

4.2 In case of a fall of an Athlete and /or Horse after crossing the finish line in a competition with a jump off (but not an immediate Jump off) or after crossing the finish line of the first round of a two round Competition, the Athlete must be checked by the Event's medical service before the Athlete can be permitted to take part in the jump off, respectively in the second round.

4.3 In case of a fall of the Athlete after crossing the finish line of a jump off, or after crossing the finish line of the initial round if the combination did not qualify for the jump off or after crossing the finish line in a Competition with no jump off, the Athlete must be checked by the Event's medical service before the Athlete can be permitted to take part in any further Competition at an Event

4.4 In all cases outline under Art 235.4 above, the Ground Jury reserves the right to exclude the Athlete from participating further in the Competition and or/Event.

Article 236 TABLE A

1. Faults are penalised in penalty points or by elimination according to the tables set out in this Chapter.

First disobedience	4 penalties
Obstacle knocked down while jumping.	4 penalties
One or more feet in the water jump or an imprint made by the foot or shoe on the lath defining its limits on the landing side	4 penalties
Second disobedience	8 penalties
Third disobedience or other infringement set forth under Article 241	Elimination
First fall of horse or athlete, or both in all Competitions	Elimination
Exceeding the time limit	Elimination
Exceeding the time allowed in the first and second rounds, and jump off not against the clock	1 penalty for every four seconds commenced
Exceeding the time allowed in the jump off against the clock	1 penalty for each second commenced for each fraction of a second.

2. Penalties for the disobediences accumulate not just at the same obstacle, but throughout the entire round.

Article 237 SCORES UNDER TABLE A

1. Adding the penalties for faults at the obstacles and the time penalties, gives the score obtained by the athlete for his round. Time may be taken into consideration to separate equality for first place and/or following places according to the conditions set forth for the competition.

Article 238 METHODS OF DETERMINING THE SCORES UNDER TABLE A

1. Competitions not against the clock

1.1. The athletes with equality of penalties share the prizes. Depending on the conditions of the schedule, there may be one or two jump-offs not against the clock for those with equality of penalties for first place.

1.2. This is a competition not against the clock with a time allowed but in the event of equality of penalties for first place there will be one jump-off against the clock. Other athletes are placed according to their penalties in the first round.

~~**1.3.** This is a competition not against the clock with a time allowed but in the event of equality of penalties for first place, there will be a first jump-off not against the clock and, in the event of further equality of penalties for first place, there will be a second jump-off against the clock. Other athletes are placed according to their penalties in the first jump-off and if necessary in the first round.~~

2. Competitions against the clock

2.1. Athletes with equality of penalties for any place are placed in accordance with the time taken to complete the round. In the event of equality of penalties and time for first place, there may be a jump-off over a shortened course over obstacles, which may be increased in height and/or spread in accordance with the provisions of the schedule. [Time penalties – 1 penalty for every 4 seconds commenced.]

2.2. This is a competition against the clock, but in the event of equality of penalties for first place, there will be one jump-off against the clock. Other athletes are placed according to their penalties and time in the first round. For minor competitions the jump-off may be run according to table C, if thus provided in the schedule.

2.3. This is a competition against the clock as for Article 238. 2.2, but if, in the first jump-off against the clock there are athletes with equal penalties for first place, there

will be a second jump-off against the clock. Other athletes are placed according to their penalties and time in the first jump-off and if necessary according to their penalties and time in the first round.

- Time penalties in first round – 1 penalty for every 4 seconds commenced;
- Time penalties in second round/first jump-off – 1 penalty for each second or commenced fraction of a second;
- Time penalties in third round/second jump-off – 1 penalty for each second or commenced fraction of a second.

3. In all competitions when the placings are determined against the clock, in the event of equality of penalties and time for first place, a jump-off may take place, over a shortened course over obstacles which may be increased in height and/or in spread, depending on the provisions of the schedule.

If no provision for a jump-off is set forth in the schedule, it is considered that the competition will be run with no jump-off (~~Article 245.6~~).

4. If in a jump-off against the clock two or more athletes obtain exactly the same score, a second jump-off may not take place. The athletes are then placed equal.

5. In no circumstances may the number of jump-offs in the same competition under Article 238.1.1. and 2.1. above exceed two.

Article 239 TABLE C

1. Faults under Table C are penalised in seconds which are added to the time taken by the athlete to complete his round or by elimination.

2. Penalties under Table C

Obstacle knocked down while jumping, one or more feet in the water jump or on the lath defining its limits on the landing Side	Four (4) seconds (three seconds for the second phase of two phase Competitions, knock out Competitions And for any jump off under table C) for outdoor Competitions; Three Seconds for Indoor Competitions.
First disobedience	None
Second disobedience	None
First and second disobedience, with a knock down and/or Displacing of an obstacle	Time correction of 6 seconds
Third disobedience or other infringement set forth under Article 241	Elimination
First fall of horse or athlete or both, in all competitions	Elimination

3. There is no time allowed under Table C. The following time limits are applicable:

- (i) -3 mins, if the length of the course is 600m or more, **OR**
- (ii) -2 mins, if the length of the course is less than 600m.
- (iii) - Exceeding the time limit - Elimination

4. Scores under Table C

Adding, the time of the round (including the seconds for time correction if any), plus four seconds for each obstacle knocked down (three seconds during a jump-off or the second phase of a two phase competition), gives the score obtained, in seconds, by the athlete for his round. Indoor competitions to be run with 3 seconds added for a knock down.

5. Athletes wishing to school in speed competitions under Table A or C, must inform the Organising Committee before the competition commences. Those wishing to

school will start first in the competition. Athletes not complying with the above may be eliminated by the Ground Jury (Article 241.4.4).

6. In the event of equality for first place, the athletes will be placed equal first, unless there is a specific provision for a jump-off in the schedule of the event.

CHAPTER VII

FINES, ELIMINATIONS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

Article 240 FINES

1N. The Ground Jury is authorised to impose fines, up to a maximum of €250, in accordance with SJJ regulations in the following cases:

- 1.1.** to an athlete who has been eliminated and does not promptly leave the arena;
- 1.2.** to an athlete who does not promptly leave the arena after his round;
- 1.3.** to an athlete who has been eliminated or has retired and who makes more than one attempt to jump a single obstacle or jumps it in the wrong direction before leaving the arena;
- 1.4.** an athlete who has been eliminated for jumping one or several obstacles after passing the finishing line or jumps an obstacle without the permission of the Ground Jury for the press (Article 202.6);
- 1.5.** an athlete who uses obstacles that are different from those provided by the Organising Committee in the schooling areas (Articles 242.2.6 and 201.4);
- 1.6.** an athlete who jumps or attempts to jump the practice obstacle placed in the arena more times than allowed (Articles 202.4, 242.2.3. and 262.1.9);
- ~~**1.7N.** an athlete who does not salute the Ground Jury or the official personalities on entering the arena, when required to do so. (Article 256N.2.1);~~
- 1.8.** failure to ~~display the identification~~ **provide membership** number in the case of repeated offences (~~Article 282.2~~):
- 1.9N.** an athlete who does not comply with the rules laid down under Article ~~256.1.7N~~ 256N.1.7; or who violates the rules regarding dress and saddlery.
- 1.10N.** an athlete who does not comply with the directives of the Organising Committee;
- 1.11.** an athlete who touches an obstacle to the effect of changing it;
- 1.12.** an athlete who does not follow orders of officials or shows incorrect behaviour towards event officials or any other party connected with the Event (other Athlete, SJJ employee or representative, journalist, public etc);
- 1.13.** an athlete who repeats offences after a warning;

1.14N. ~~an athlete who violates the rules regarding dress and saddlery;~~

1.15N. abuse of horses in any form (rapping, hypersensitisation or desensitisation of limbs, banned schooling methods, excessive use of spurs etc;) (Article 243).

2N. All fines imposed by the Ground Jury are paid to the SJI.

3N. Athletes must be informed of the reason and amount of the fine being imposed.

4N. Disciplinary measures for jumping out of grade/band, schooling area violations and **misrepresentation of online entry/declaration** will be no less than:

First offence -	Warning letter.
Second offence -	€50 Fine
Third offence -	€100 Fine
Fourth offence -	Suspension for a period to be determined, or fine of not less than €600.

In the event of a fine not being paid within the period stipulated on the fine notification, this may incur automatic suspension.

5N. Disciplinary measures for abuse of Officials and/or abuse of horses will be within the following ranges:

First offence -	€100 - €300
Second offence -	€200 - €600

Third offence within 2 years – suspension for a period to be determined, or fine of not less than €1,000. **Refer to Appendix 5 – Disciplinary**

6N. Misdemeanours reported by the Senior Judge at a show will be collated by the SJI Office and three such warnings will result in an automatic referral to National Judges Committee for consideration of warning/fine etc., as appropriate.

7N. Disciplinary measures for misdemeanours not specifically covered above will also be dealt with by reference to the Disciplinary Procedures (Appendix 5).

7.1N The procedure for any misdemeanours is as follows:

- 1st offence – official verbal warning by the Ground Jury or Stipendiary Steward.
- 2nd offence – Warning letter and possible fine sent from SJI Office
- 3rd offence – Rider will be ‘stood down’ for 2 Show days

8N. Indebtedness to the Association:

Any member who fails to pay a fine imposed by the Association by the date stipulated or who fails to pay for goods or services supplied by the SJI, including the processing of memberships, registrations etc., or by making such payments by means of cheque or other instrument, including variable amount direct debit mandate which is subsequently

dishonoured, must be notified by the ~~Director General~~ **Board** of his indebtedness by first class letter/ Registered post.

If such indebtedness is not fully settled by the date stipulated, or within 30 days of the dispatch of such notification, the member shall automatically be suspended from all rights and privileges of membership of the Association and no further transactions will be processed on their behalf until such time as payment is received.

In the case of a Company membership liability for such debts incurred will be the responsibility of the registered Company, agent, and/or the athlete. The Director General shall notify the member accordingly.

Should the member concerned dispute the facts of such indebtedness and the Director General fail to resolve such dispute the matter will be reported to the Board of Directors who will investigate the matter under the Disciplinary Procedures – Appendix 5

For a full breakdown of SJI fines please refer to the Showjumping Ireland website www.sji.ie

Article 241 ELIMINATIONS

1. Unless otherwise specified in the Rules or in the conditions for the Competitions, Elimination means that the athlete with the horse in question may not continue in the competition at issue.

2. The athlete has the right to jump one single obstacle, after retiring or after being eliminated, providing that obstacle is part of the course of the current competition. This, however, does not apply to elimination arising from a fall.

3. The following paragraphs lay down the reasons for which athletes are eliminated in competitions. The Ground Jury must enforce elimination under the following circumstances:

3.1. Jumping or attempting to jump an obstacle in the arena before the start of the round except for the practice obstacle(s) authorised by the Ground Jury (Article 202.3);

3.2. starting before the signal is given and jumping the first obstacle of the course (Article 203.1.2);

3.33N Incidents of incorrect saddlery, spur or whip will be penalised by compulsory elimination by Ground Jury

4. Elimination is left to the discretion of the Ground Jury in the following cases:

4.1. not entering the arena when the athlete's name and/or number is called;

4.2. ~~not entering the arena mounted or~~ not leaving the arena mounted; (except in case of a fall)~~after crossing the finish line, in which case the Athlete is not required to remount prior to leaving the arena.~~

4.3. all physical unauthorised assistance, except for paragraph 3.20 above;

4.4. schooling a horse in speed competitions under table A or C, without informing the Organising Committee in advance;

4.5. not stopping when the bell is rung during the round (Articles 203.2. and 233.2);

4.6N. being improperly dressed;

4.7N. entering or leaving the arena by other than the authorised entrances/exits.

Article 242 DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. Disqualification means that the athlete, the horse(s) and/or a combination of both is/are disqualified from the competition at issue or from the entire event. Disqualification may be retroactive.

1.1 Abuse of horses in any form; (rapping, hypersensitisation or desensitisation of limbs, banned schooling methods, excessive use of the whip or spurs, etc;)

2. The Ground Jury may impose disqualification in the following cases:

2.1. entering the arena on foot once the competition has started;

2.2. exercising horses in the arena or jumping or attempting to jump an obstacle without the permission of the Ground Jury (Articles 202.2, 202.5 and 202.6);

2.3. jumping or attempting to jump the practice obstacle in the arena more times than authorised (Articles 202.4, 240.1.6. and 262.1.9);

2.4. jumping or attempting to jump any obstacle in the arena or an obstacle forming part of a subsequent competition (Article 202.5);

2.5. retiring, before a jump-off, without permission of the Ground Jury or without valid reason;

2.6. exercising horses during the course of an event over obstacles different from those provided by the Organising Committee (Articles 240.1.5. and 201.4);

2.7. jumping the obstacles in the schooling areas in the wrong direction or jumping the practice obstacle, if any, in the arena in the wrong direction (Article 201.4 and 202.4);

2.8. all cases of abuse and/or ill treatment of horses reported by a member of the Ground Jury or of the Appeal Committee or by a steward, or by any other person to an Official (Art.242.2) including, but not limited to, cases arising under VRs Art 1034 (Standard Method of Examination for limb Sensitivity);

2.9N. In cases of unseemly behaviour by an athlete or an owner.

CHAPTER X ATHLETES AND HORSES

Article 251N ENTRIES

1. Entries to be made in accordance with the stipulation in the schedule.

Article 252N THE STARTING ORDER

1. A draw for the starting order may be made for any competition and be made **by SJI Live**, the Organising Committee or the Ground Jury.

1.1. For competitions for which time in the first round other than time allowed is relevant to the order of merit, the above may apply or if there has been no order drawn in advance, the second round will be a drawn order. A second jump-off must retain the previously drawn order.

~~**1.2.** The draw for the National Grand Prix Leagues must be carried out in accordance with the agreed format with regard to seeding.~~

1.3. If an individual athlete has more than one (1) horse taking part in a competition, the Ground Jury will adjust the starting order in such a manner that if possible an interval of at least **7** athletes is provided between these individual horses.

1.4. If paragraph 1.3 has not been applied or if by reason of withdrawals or any other cause an athlete's horses are too close together in the draw the Ground Jury may, before the competition begins, adjust the draw to help the athlete.

1.5. A rider may move up in the draw to facilitate multiple rides or riding in another arena

Article 253N DECLARATION OF STARTERS

1. Athletes must declare their intention to participate in the competition **by entering on SJI Live** [registration, temporary, supplementary or sportsman ticket]

2. The Organising Committee reserves the right to refuse declarations from athletes 30 minutes after the first horse in the competition has jumped.

Article 254N.A PARTICIPATION AND NUMBER OF HORSES

1. ELIGIBILITY OF HORSES

1.1. At registered shows, only horses, which are, at least, four (4) years old, currently registered with the Association, and owned by members, may compete in horse competitions. (Unregistered horses may participate by purchasing a temporary **ticket on SJI Live for the relevant class**).

1.2. A horse may compete in a maximum of three (3) classes on any one day, **within 3 height bands (254NA.1.3.1.)**

~~**1.2.1.** An animal may only compete once (x1) in any competition **except in Newcomers classes.**~~

1.2.2. Horse Competitions from 90cm upwards are allowed to run off against the clock in either a 2 phase or jump Off.
Points as per table in Appendix 4.

1.3. Grading System.

1.3.1. An animal may only compete within its three (3) adjacent eligible height bands under the Metre System or in the class for which it is eligible under the Grading System.
e.g. If the horse has been competing in competitions at 0.80m., 0.90m. & 1.00m., and the athlete then decides to jump in a 1.10m., the horse may then not jump in an 0.80m. class, except as Hors Concours, under H/C rules. The eligible height bands will be 0.80ms, 0.90ms., 1.00m., 1.10m., 1.20., 1.30.m., 1.40m., and 1.50m. The rule applies to all groups of three eligible heights.

1.3.2. The 3 eligible height bands continues from one competition year to the next, except where there is a change of owner and athlete who make written application for a downband to the National Competitions Committee. In any other exceptional circumstances - application must be made to National Competitions Committee to down band an animal. Any breach of this application will result in warning/fine etc., as appropriate.

1.3.2.1 Points requirements for horses:

- Up to 1.10m – 0 points;
- 1.20m – 10 points;
- 1.30m – 30 points;
- 1.40m – 50 points;

Article 254N.B ELIGIBILITY OF ATHLETES

1.1 Membership is available on annual basis and must be paid for the current year, prior to registration of the horse/ pony and athlete participating in competition.

1.1.1 In the Pony/Children on Horses categories, only fully paid up members of SJI, resident on the island of Ireland for 6 months of the calendar year, may take up a qualifying place in the RDS.

To be eligible to compete in the RDS Qualifiers, both athlete and pony must be fully paid up with SJI and the ponies must fulfil the same criteria for measurement and points applied to Irish registered ponies.

1.1.2 In order to be eligible to compete in the Young Rider Qualifiers for the RDS, athletes who are resident outside of the island of Ireland for more than 6 months of the calendar year must be available for selection for Ireland.

The athlete and horse must also be registered with SJI for the current year.

1.2 Subject to any conditions in the schedule, an athlete wishing to compete on horses during the period from 1st January in the year in which he/she reaches the age of 12 years until 31st December of the year in which he/she reaches the age of 14 years are subject to the following:

1.3 Athletes are only permitted to ride horse stallions from 1 January in the year in which he/she reaches the age of 14 years of age

1.4 Children in their 13th year may not compete in competitions above 1.20m height, 1.40m spread, unless approval has been obtained from the relevant Standing Committee for that Horse/Athlete combination. Written application must be made to the relevant Standing Committee, who will seek a report on competence from a Level 2 Coach. Refer to Article 255.1 and Article 255.2N for the definition of Juniors, Young Riders and Children on Horses. See also Article 255N.3N.3.4 and Article 255N.3N.3.5

254N.C SPECIAL RULES PERTAINING TO AMATEUR ATHLETES

1. The Association has a category of membership for Senior athletes, classified as 'Amateurs'. To be eligible to compete in these classes the athlete must hold current 'Amateur' status and conform to the regulations printed below.

1.1. An athlete may compete in an Amateur competition from the 1st of January in the year in which he/she reaches the age of 17.

1.1.1 An athlete cannot jump in both Young Rider and Amateur RDS Qualifiers in the same season.

1.2. An Amateur athlete must not have competed in Eventing or Show Jumping at any level abroad during the last five years, except in Amateur competitions or within the relevant height bands.

1.3. An Amateur athlete must not have ridden a horse or pony in National or International Show Jumping Classes age classes 5-8 Year Old or classes exceeding over 1.20m at the RDS during the last five years. Amateur classes excluded. Amateur athletes who breach this rule will have their amateur status revoked immediately for a period of 3 years from the following January.

1.3.1 Amateur athletes must have competed in a minimum of SIX Amateur classes (excluding RDS qualifiers) within the previous 12 months when competing in an amateur RDS qualifier. At least 3 of these classes MUST BE at Standalone classes or Shows (not part of a League held in a Centre) In exceptional circumstances, where an Amateur Athlete cannot compete in any equestrian discipline for more than 6 months, but has met the 6 Class Quota in the previous 24 months to RDS Qualifiers, that Athlete may be given an exemption – pending application to the National Amateur Committee by 20 April 2023

1.3.2 An Amateur athlete is permitted to jump internationally in designated CSI and CSI Amateur classes provided the athlete does not exceed the relevant height range of their category.

1.4. An "AA" Amateur athlete may jump in SJI Registered classes up to, and including 1.20m in height

- If any Amateur athlete competes in a 1.30m or higher SJI class, the athlete will have their amateur status revoked immediately, ~~and cannot reapply for amateur status for a period of 12 months commencing the following January.~~
- If any athlete competes in a 1.30m SJI class, that athlete will not be eligible to apply for amateur status for a period of 1 year commencing the January following their most recent 1.30m class.
- If any Amateur athlete competes in a 1.40m SJI class, that athlete will not be ~~allowed to jump in Amateur classes for 3 years~~ eligible to apply for amateur status for a period of 3 years commencing the January following their most recent 1.40m SJI class.

▪ If an Amateur athlete competes in a non-amateur SJI Horse Puissance class, that athlete will have their amateur status revoked immediately and cannot reapply for amateur status for a period of 12 months commencing the following January.

1.4.1 Amateurs competing above 1.20m Hors Concours are in breach of Amateur rule 1.4.

1.5. Rosettes may be awarded for all 'double clear' rounds.

1.6.1. In the interest of safety, no animal 148cm or lower will be eligible for participation in Amateur classes

1.6.2. Any animal which has competed in pony classes must be measured out at an official SJI Measuring in order to be able to compete in Amateur classes.

1.7. An Amateur athlete may ride a maximum of 2 horses in any Amateur competition.

1.7.1. A horse cannot be ridden by 2 athletes in the same class.

1.8. Amateur athletes must warm up their own horses for Amateur classes.

1.9. New applications for Amateur status will automatically be categorized as "AA" if they have ever ridden SJI 1.20m or above in horse or pony classes or at Eventing Ireland events higher than CNC1* or O/CNC1* (including Juniors and Ponies) in the last 5 years.

1.9.1. An "A" athlete who wishes to upgrade to "AA" status may do so.

Amateurs wishing to downgrade from "AA" to "A" status must apply in writing to the National Amateur Committee for a decision, should they meet the criteria (see below) Criteria for Downgrade:

~~Accumulation of points in 1m or above~~

- Types of classes competed in and results thereof
- Absence from competition for a minimum of 12 months
- Athletes are only allowed to apply once for a downgrade in a 6 month period.

A record of their competition results for the previous 12 months should also be submitted.

An "AA" athlete who has been downgraded returns to 20 points. All downgraded athletes will have their performance monitored and may, at the discretion of the **National** Amateur Committee be upgraded at any time.

1.9.2. Those athletes approved for downgrading by the Committee are not eligible to jump in the RDS qualifiers or compete in any national league finals or championships. This restriction will be effective for a period of twelve months from date of receipt of application.

1.10 Award of Points for Amateur Athletes

1.10.1. Athletes will be awarded amateur points for placings in Amateur classes as follows:
12 or fewer starters per class: 1st 3 pts; 2nd 2 pts; 3rd 1 pt

13 or over starters per class: 1st 6 pts; 2nd 5 pts; 3rd 4 pts; 4th 3pts; 5th 2 pts; 6th 1 pt (Point are allocated to Athletes – not combination of horse/athlete)

“AA” athletes do not receive Amateur athlete points for upgrade, but will receive points as per 1.10.1.1

1.10.1.1 Grading points will be awarded to animals competing in Amateur classes (maximum 3 points)

1.10.2. The athlete will move to “AA” status on accumulation of 30 amateur points.

If an athlete is Category “A” at the start of a show where more than one amateur class is being held, “A” status will remain for the duration of the Show.

In the case of selection for Inter-Provincial Teams etc. the athlete must still be eligible to compete as an “A” Category at the date of the team’s competitions.

Selection as an “A” athlete cannot be carried into the “AA” Category.

1.10.3. At the end of the season, 25% of amateur points gained will be carried forward to the next season

1.10.3.1 An amateur athlete who is upgraded to “AA” status must remain in this category for a minimum of 4 months.

1.10.4. No Grading Points will be awarded to Amateur athletes in the following Amateur classes: Teams, Six Bar, Puissance, Pairs, Relay or Novelty Classes and amateur classes in league shows (excluding the final). **90cm Welcome Stakes Classes**

1.10.5. An Amateur athlete must monitor his or her own points and any athlete competing in “A” Category, when no longer eligible to do so, will be subject to a warning, and/or fine.

When athletes upgrade from A to AA they must inform the SJI Office

1.10.6. Any athlete who jumps out of grade, i.e. an “A” athlete who moved up to an “AA” and continues to compete as an A athlete must return all prizes, trophies and rugs to the relevant show secretary. This will be monitored by the SJI Office.

1.11. In one round classes (including speed, top-score, Table C, Two Phase competitions etc.,) “AA” Categories must jump first.

1.12. An athlete previously registered with the SJI as an Amateur must indicate their status on their membership application form. An athlete not previously registered as an Amateur with the SJI must apply for Amateur Status on the appropriate application form, stating their grade in any other equestrian sport, i.e. Eventing Ireland/AIRC Category etc.

1.13 Amateur athletes are responsible for ensuring their amateur status is shown correctly on SJI Live. Only athletes who have applied and been approved for amateur status are permitted to compete in amateur classes

1.14. Maximum Fence Heights:

	First Round	Second Round
"A"	1.05m	1.10m
"AA"	1.10m	1.15m

1.14. Maximum Fence Heights:

The spread in all cases will be + 10cms on the quoted height. The Course Designer, in the interests of safety, may use a leeway of 5 cms, downwards from maximum heights. The maximum height does not apply to the first fence.

For International Trials and International Competitions, which have been sanctioned by the National Amateur Committee, courses may be built to a maximum of 1.20m.

1.15. Dress as per Article 256N.

1.16. Amateur Athletes must not accept cash prizes for amateur classes. In Handicapped classes the first six prizes must be awarded to the six highest placed athletes, regardless of status, except where a minimum of 6 prizes is provided for each category.

1.17. Horses cannot compete in both amateur classes and classes above 1.20m in the same season unless proof of bona fide sale.

1.18. If an Amateur rides a Stallion he/she must jump first or last in the first round. Stallion identification tags must be worn at all times, these are available from the SJI office.

1.19. "A" athletes are not allowed to jump Hors Concours in any amateur classes.

1.20. Only the qualified combinations (horse/ athlete) will be allowed to compete in the Amateur classes at the RDS. Substitutions of athletes / horses will not be permitted under any circumstance.

1.20.1 Amateur Athletes are not eligible to qualify more than one animal for the RDS, Dingos Championship, The Amateur Autumn Series and the Amateur "A" Championship Final.

1.21 Athletes will be allowed to course walk at all RDS qualifiers before their section of the qualifiers. There will be two course walks at each qualifier.

1.22. The National Amateur Committee's decisions are final subject to an athlete's right of appeal under Article 259N.5.

Article 255N JUNIORS, YOUNG RIDERS AND CHILDREN ON HORSES

1N. Juniors

1.1. An Athlete may compete as a **Junior from the year in which he/she reaches the age of 14 years** until the end of the year in which he reaches the age of 18 years.

1.2. Athletes may take part in certain competitions for Seniors during and after the year of their 14th birthday (see Article 254N.B.)

1.3. A Junior may never ride in a Junior competition and in a Senior International competition at the same event.

1.4./ Art 255N.3.2 An athlete may not ride more than three (3) horses in a Junior/COH competition.

If an athlete competes on a 4th or subsequent animal in any one competition on the same day, all animals ridden by that athlete on the day in that one competition will be eliminated.

1.5. No other athlete may jump or school an athlete's horse on the day of a Junior competition except after the competition or in order to take part in an earlier adult or Young Rider competition in which the horse participates.

2N. Young Riders

2.1. An Athlete may compete as a Young Rider from the year in which he/she reaches the age of 14 years until the end of the year when he reaches the age of 21 years.

2.2. An athlete may not ride more than four (4) horses in a Young Rider competition.

If an athlete competes on a 5th or subsequent animal in any competition on the same day, all animals ridden by that athlete in that one competition will be eliminated.

2.3. No other athlete may jump or school an athlete's horse on the day of a Young Rider's competition in the exercise or schooling areas except after the competition or in order to take part in an earlier adult or Junior competition in which the horse participates.

3N. Children on Horses

3.1. An athlete may compete in children on Horses competition from the year in which he/she reaches the age of 12 years until 31st December in the year in which he/she reaches the age of 14 years, subject to the requirements of Article 254N.B.1.2

3.2. /Art 255N.1.4 An athlete may not ride more than three (3) horses in a Junior/Children on Horses competition.

If an athlete competes on a 4th or subsequent animal in any one competition on the same day, all animals ridden by that athlete on the day in that one competition will be eliminated.

3.3. No other athlete may jump or school an athlete's horse on the day of a Children on Horses competition in the exercise or schooling areas, except after the competition or in order to take part in an earlier competition.

3.4 High performance COH athletes jumping at 1.20m must be signed off by HSI High Performance Nominees (2). This sign off at 1.20m covers athletes to compete on any horse and not a specifically named horse.

Other COH athletes to be signed off by one Level 2 HSI accredited coach.

3.5 High Performance COH athletes jumping at 1.30m must have an application made by a member of the High Performance Coaching Team to the SJI Office to compete at 1.30m at a Show. This will only be granted on the understanding they compete 1st in the preceding 1.20m class.

The SJI office will contact the Show who have the initial right to refuse this request.

Article 256N DRESS, PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR AND SALUTE

1. Dress

1.1. Athletes are required to wear correct dress at all times when competing in the arena and at the prize giving, except with express permission of the Ground Jury.

1.1.1. Riding jackets may not be 'National' green. All other colours are permitted.

1.1.2. Boots must be brown or black, and if worn with half chaps, colour coordination is expected (ornamental and/or fringes are not allowed). Boots must have a heel

1.1.3. Breeches or jodhpurs must be white, fawn or cream in colour. **For League Shows darker colours will be allowed.**

1.1.4. Body Protectors: Properly fitting body protectors are recommended. When worn over the riding jacket, or instead of the riding jacket in hot weather, the body protector must be black or navy. Coloured body protectors must be worn inside and not over the jacket.

1.1.5. Polo neck sweaters/polo shirts are not acceptable

1.2. In bad weather, the Ground Jury may allow the wearing of a greatcoat or dark coloured waterproof coat.

1.3N In very warm weather, the Ground Jury may allow athletes to ride without a jacket. A summer dress code of white or pastel coloured long/short sleeved shirt or dark coloured shirt with white collar is acceptable – all shirts to be worn with white tie or stock. Where a body protector is worn, this must be black or navy. Sleeveless shirts are not permitted dress for safety reasons.

1.4.1. It is compulsory for athletes to wear a hard hat. Anyone mounted, jumping or working an animal in the exercise, schooling areas or anywhere on the showground's must wear properly fastened protective Headgear secured by a three point retention harness. In the interests of Health & Safety, it is recommended that long hair be tied back or tucked neatly under rider's headgear. Such headgear must be worn with the chin strap properly adjusted and at any time, whether permitted or not by these rules, such removal shall always be entirely at his own risk.

An athlete who loses his Headgear or whose retention harness becomes unfastened during the course of his round must recover and replace it, or in the case of the retention harness becoming unfastened must refasten it. In such cases, the Athlete will not be penalised for halting to retrieve his Headgear and/or refasten the retention harness, but the clock will not be stopped.

Helmet Standards

The only helmet design approved by Showjumping Ireland is the one constructed to meet one of the following specifications:

~~PAS015(2011), SNELL E2016, VG1 01.040 2014-12, UTAC/CRIT~~

~~04/2015~~ **European Standard: All PAS 015 (2011) * VG1 01.040 2014-12 * * with BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark** and it must fulfil the following criteria:

- (a) Have a CE marking.
- (b) Be in a serviceable condition
- (c) Have a full liner made of polystyrene or similar impact absorbent material.
- (d) Must not have a chin cup, cradle or draw lace.
- (e) The chin strap must pass under the jaw and be attached to the harness by a quick release buckle. Metal hooks are expressly forbidden.

(f) Must be of the correct size for the individual Rider; the harness must be correctly adjusted and the chin strap fastened at all times when mounted on a horse.

International riders may present with helmets manufactured to ASTM

~~F1163-04a, ASTM F1163- 2004a and subsequent updates Snell 2016 13 or ASTM F1163-15 standards.~~

However, recommendation is that that their helmet should also meet one of

the European standards listed above. (www.eventingireland.com/2023-hat-rule-reminder/)

An Athlete who jumps or attempts to jump an obstacle with a retention harness incorrectly fastened will be eliminated unless the circumstances rendered it unsafe for the Athlete to stop immediately in order to refasten the harness (eg; if the harness becomes unfastened in the middle of a combination or one or two strides before the obstacle in question)

As an exception to this rule Senior Athletes may remove their Headgear while accepting prizes, during the playing of the National Anthem and any other ceremonial protocol.

1.4.2. It is recommended that headgear is to at least the minimum standards as listed below:

It should bear the CE mark and a quality symbol, either the BSI Kite Mark, the SAI Global symbol, or the official Snell label with number.

1.5. Service athletes, if required may wear correct military dress as ordered by the competent authority. Civilians are required to wear the uniform or clothing approved by their NF, a jacket, white or light fawn breeches, black or brown boots. Other dark coloured boots may be approved at the discretion of the FEI. Boots must have a heel. Shirts may have long or short sleeves and must have a white collar; long-sleeved shirts must have white cuffs. A white tie or choker must be worn. Competition jackets may be any colour and must have outward facing buttons. If the jacket has a collar it must be a lapel collar which may be the same colour as the jacket or a different colour. Jackets without a collar are allowed providing the shirt collar and tie are visible when the jacket is closed. If a jacket is not worn (refer to Art. 256.1.3 for exceptions due to weather), shirts must have sleeves; either short or long sleeves are permitted.

1.6. Eligible athletes are expected to wear FEI dress when requested to do so by the Organising Committee.

1.7. At the discretion of the Ground Jury, athletes who are improperly dressed may be refused permission to take part in the competition.

1.8. When inspecting the course, dress must be neat and tidy and in any case riding boots, breeches, and shirts conforming to correct dress must be worn.

1.9.1. Spurs of excessively severe design are not to be worn. Such designs include spurs with necks in excess 2cms long for ponies, spurs with neck set on the side of the heel, spurs with rowel. Rowel spurs with discs that have notched or serrated edges are not authorised anywhere within the grounds of Jumping Events' rowel spurs with discs that have smooth, event edges are allowed.

1.9.2. ~~Spurs made of plastic are not permitted.~~

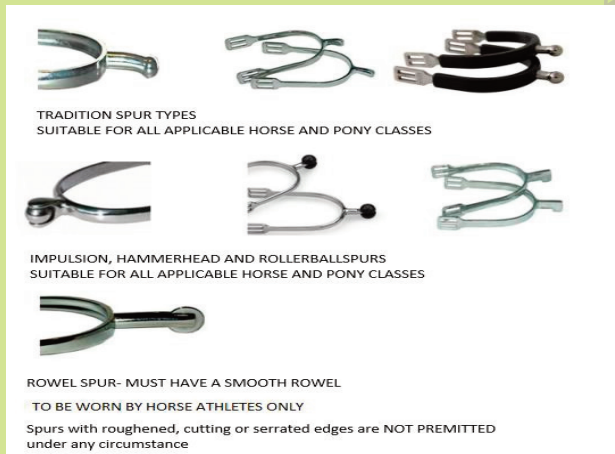
1.9.3. The wearing of spurs upside down constitutes improper dress. They must be worn in the traditional correct manner, with the curve of the neck of the spur directed downwards.

1.9.4. Spurs can only be used in ponies in the 148cms height category, in the 138 1m/1.10m and 1.20m and in the 128 90cm, 1m/1.10m categories and must be of blunt metal and no longer than 2cms.

Non-marking impulsion spurs and wheel end spurs may be worn but must be of length of 2cms or less.

They are the only exceptions allowed for Pony Athletes in competitions where spurs are permitted to be worn.

Riders must take care that the manner in which they use their spurs does not offend the public



1.10. Rowel Spurs, that is spurs with a notched or serrated rotating disc, are not authorised anywhere within the grounds of Jumping Events; spurs with a rotating disc that is not notched or serrated are allowed.

1.11. Where the Show Organisers require numbers to be worn athletes must display only the correct number, specific to that competition.

2. Salute

2.1N. Each athlete must salute as required by the Show Organisers. The Ground Jury may refuse to start an athlete who has not saluted. ~~The athlete may also be fined by the Ground Jury (Article 2402.1.6).~~ **If athlete doesn't salute to retire it will be recorded as an elimination on SJLIVE**

2.2. Athletes should salute during a march past parade, presentation of prizes and during the playing of the anthems.

2.3. For special reasons the Ground Jury can decide that the salute is not necessary.

2.4. Male athletes are not required to remove their hat when saluting. Raising the whip or lowering the head will be considered as saluting.

3. Advertising & Publicity on athletes and Horses:

3.1 Advertising of any kind on athletes, animals, tack etc., must be within the current FEI stipulations (see FEI General Regulations Chapter V, Article 126)

Article 257N SADDLERY

1. In the competition arena

1.1N. Blinkers and fly masks that cover the horse's eyes or similar fitments or adaptations are forbidden.

(Blinkers and fly masks can only be used in the warm-up arena.)

Fly Hoods and Nose Nets are allowed in both warm up and competition arena.

1.2. Leather, sheepskin or similar material may be used on each cheek piece of the bridle providing the sheepskin/material does not exceed 3cm in diameter measured from the horse's cheek.

1.3N. Only unrestricted running martingales are allowed; no more than one martingale stopper per rein may be used. Reins may not be configured in such a way as to cause a running martingale to function as a standing martingale, in horse classes with the exception of Standing martingales which are permitted in horse classes up to and including 1.1.0m

Only Unrestricted Running Martingales are permitted in Pony Competitions

Standing Martingales may be used in Children On Horses Competitions

1.3.1 The use of Market Harborough, or similar training aid is forbidden anywhere on the showgrounds.

1.4N There are no restrictions on bits. However the Ground Jury has the right, based on veterinary advice, to forbid the use of a bit that may cause injury to the horse. Reins must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle.

A maximum of 2 pairs of reins may be used.

If 2 pairs of reins are used, one (1) pair must be attached to the bit or directly to the bridle.

Gags and hackamores are allowed.

[For permitted pony bits see Appendix 2]

1.5N. Properly constructed tongue guards are permitted in competition. The use of string, fine wire, twine, cord or any other similar substance in or around a horse or pony's mouth is forbidden. The use of a tongue-strap is forbidden. The following items of tack are prohibited for use at any time during the period of the Event: (a) tongue ties, (b) mouth guards which cover the teeth, (c) additional items or changes made to the bit that effect the function are not permitted, with exception of wraps used to cushion effects of bit, (d) Horses/Ponies are not permitted to wear glasses or visors outside the stables area.

1.6N. The use of draw reins for both horses and ponies is forbidden in the competition arena and may only be used for horses in the practice or schooling areas. (see Article 302.N.7.)

1.7N. The carrying of a whip in the athlete's boot or holding the whip over the head of the horse/pony – anywhere on the showgrounds – will incur elimination. (Article 241.3.29N)

1.8N. A saddle is compulsory in all competitions however side saddles are not allowed.

1.9N Stallion Identification tags must be worn at all times, these are available from the SJI office

2. Anywhere within the grounds of the event under control of the Organising Committee, the following provisions apply:

2.1. In the interests of safety, the stirrup iron and the stirrup leather (this also applies to safety stirrups) must hang freely from the bar of the saddle and the outside of the flap. The Athlete must not directly or indirectly tie any part of his body to the saddlery.

2.2. **Horse** Athletes are allowed to use a dressage whip when working on the flat but are strictly forbidden to use or carry a whip which is weighed down at the end at any time, or to carry or use one which is more than 75 cm in length in the arena and schooling areas when riding over poles or any obstacle. No substitute for a whip may be carried

2.3. The total maximum weight of equipment allowed to be placed on a horse's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings etc.) is 500 grams (shoe excluded). Failure to comply with this paragraph will incur disqualification (Article 242.2.8.).

2.4N. At all Jumping Competitions for Young Horses (four (4) five (5) six (6) seven (7) and eight (8) Year Old horses), only hind boots meeting the following description may be used: The following criteria must be respected in relation to hind boots worn in young horse competitions:

Hind boots that have a protective element on the inside only are the only type of hind boot allowed. The boot must have a maximum interior length of 16 centimetres; the width of the fastener must be at least five centimetres. Hind boots with additional protection for the pastern that extends below the rounded shell on the inside of the boot are allowed providing the protection is made of soft pliable material. The pastern protection that extends below the rounded shell on the inside is not taken into account when measuring the length of the boot.

The rounded protective element of the boot must be placed around the inside of the fetlock.

The inside of the boot must be smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points on the inside of the boot; for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the boot, is permitted. Sheepskin linings are allowed.

Only non-elastic Velcro-type fasteners are permitted; no hooks, buckles, clips or other methods of attaching the fasteners may be used.

No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the boot itself.

Fetlock rings may be used for protective purposes providing they are properly adjusted and providing the total weight of equipment on the horse's leg does not exceed 500grams.

~~Pastern straps may not be used.~~

For 148cm Ponies in 1.20m competitions and above and all stand-alone Children On Horses competitions the following criteria for boots must be adhered to:

1. The Ground Jury

1.1. A Judge is a Member of a Ground Jury appointed to control a competition or event. The SJI Board Of Directors Committee lays down the number and category of Judges to be appointed as members of the Ground Jury.

1.2. There are 4 levels of International Judges – Official, International and Candidate International, Level 4,3,2,1, and 4 categories of National Judges – Senior National; National; Judge and Deputy Judge.

The details of the necessary qualifications for each category are laid down by the FEI/SJI. (See Appendix 9 for Rules for Upgrading of Judges.)

1.3 Judges in each category may not fill appointments at a higher level than laid down in the following articles.

1.4 Shows are responsible for appointing Judges from the current approved list of SJI Judges.

1.5 The Ground Jury should consist of three (3) judges from any of the SJI panel of judges.

There should always be one (1) judge of the appropriate status.

1.5.1.A minimum of at least 2 members from the appropriate SJI Judges panel together with a marker is essential.

At league Shows one (1) judge with a marker is essential with the exception of the Final.

1.6 The following competitions should have a Judge of Senior National Status or above – All Championship classes e.g. R.D.S. Qualifiers, International Trials, National Grand Prix League competitions etc.

1.7 Attendance at a Judge's Seminar once every two (2) years is compulsory to remain on current panel.

1.8 Arguing, truculence or abuse by an athlete with or towards a judge or show official constitutes unseemly behaviour and (without prejudice to other disciplinary action) renders the offender liable to be disqualified from further participation at the show.

1.9 Judges of Deputy Status are not permitted to judge any SJI competition without being accompanied by a Judge of at least Judge Status.

Exit and Reinstatement Criteria for Judges

1.10 The National Judges Committee of SJI may request, for consideration by the National Board Of Directors Committee, the removal of a Judge from the Showjumping Ireland list of Judges.

The SJI may remove a Judge from the list of Judges for any of the following reasons:

1. For not attending a seminar every 2 years, unless dispensation is given by the SJI National Judges Committee
2. For having acted against SJI Rules and Regulations and/or the SJI Code of Conduct and /or The SJI policy for Conflict of Interest
- 3 For refusing to return to the SJI, any request for further information following an incident at an event, where a statement of events is required to assist in further investigation

The criteria to be reinstated onto the list of SJI Judges will be established jointly by the National Board Of Directors of Showjumping Ireland and the National SJI Judges Committee.

Demotion of Judges Criteria

The National Judges Committee of SJI may permit the demotion of any SJI Judge for any of the following reasons

1. Following a written personal request from the SJI Judge in question to downgrade
2. Should a judge wish to retire from International (FEI) duty, but remain active nationally as a judge, they will automatically be relisted as SJI Senior National Status
3. Following instruction by the National Judges Committee to demote a Judge on the Showjumping Ireland list of Judges, ratified by the National Board Of Directors Committee

Judges Duties - Arrive 30 minutes before show starts. Bell, Clock, Marking, SJI Live, Calling, Back Up Watch x 2, Back up for 45 second. Most Senior Judge in box/panel with discussion of fellow judges allocates the duties for the day. Most Senior /President in box is responsible for the Marking Sheet and publishing/checking results. It is Judge's responsibility to have their name on the schedule/app prior to show starting. All Judges should sign the marking sheets.

2. GROUND JURY – DUTIES

1. The Ground Jury shall be competent to deal with all Protests and Reports which relate to anything occurring during or in direct connection with an event and are presented within the period of its jurisdiction.
2. The period of jurisdiction of the Ground Jury commences one hour before the beginning of the first competition and terminates half an hour after the announcement of the final result of the relevant competition.
3. The Ground Jury may impose the following penalties:
 - 3.1. A Warning;
 - 3.2. A Fine – to be paid to the SJI.
 - 3.3. Disqualification with one or more horses from the competition.
 - 3.4. In serious cases immediate disqualification during the event with a referral to the Appeal Committee.

4.3 Protests concerning irregularities or incidents during a competition, or the classification of a competition: not later than 30 minutes after the announcement of the results.

5. Any person making a protest should, if possible, secure witnesses to the incident and any other form of evidence, and either bring them to the body before the protest is lodged, or obtain written statements from them, duly signed, together with their names and addresses.

6. Upon receipt of an objection, the President of the Ground Jury and one other person with relevant experience, not involved in the judging of the competition, must deal with it as soon as possible. All interested parties must receive a fair hearing and be allowed to state their case and the facts.

7. In the case of all formal protests the decision of the Ground Jury should be given in writing to the Organising Committee and copies to each interested party

8. In a competition where there is a Jump-Off or a second round, where the protest concerns the athlete's score, a quick decision may be needed. If this is not possible, the horse in question should be allowed to jump in its proper order without prejudice to the ultimate resolution of the protest. The situation should be explained to the athlete and announced over the public address system before the horse jumps.

9. In all cases, the Ground Jury and Appeal Committee must act fairly, patiently and reach an impartial decision in a sporting spirit, remembering that generosity shown to one athlete may result in unfairness to another.

10. If the protest is overruled, the protestor's deposit is forfeited to the show. If the protest is upheld the deposit must be returned to the protestor.

5. APPEALS

1. Any person may lodge an Appeal with a legitimate interest against any decision made by any person or body authorised by the SJI, provided it is admissible.

2. An Appeal is not admissible:

2.1. Against decisions by the Ground Jury in cases covered by Article 259N.2.5.1-3

3. Appeals to the Appeals Committee must be made in writing, signed and accompanied by supporting evidence in writing or the presence of one or more witnesses and must be lodged not later than 1 hour after the decision of the Ground Jury.

6. PROCEDURES FOR APPEALS

- 1.** If the athlete is dissatisfied with the ruling of the Ground Jury on the protest he has the right to appeal, with the exception of cases as covered in Article 259N.2.5.1-3
- 2.** When preparing to hear an appeal, the Appeal Committee should first read carefully the decision of the Ground Jury.
- 3.** They hear the appellant and his witnesses followed by other interested parties and other witnesses.
- 4.** The Ground Jury and the Appeal Committee are entitled to take into account what they have seen happening but interested parties must be invited to comment on the facts before a decision is reached.
- 5.** The decision of the Appeal Committee is then given, in writing, to the acting Show Official and copies to each interested party.
- 6.** The decision of the Appeal Committee is final. (Appendix 5)

7. VETERINARY OFFICIALS

- 1.** There must be at least one (1) veterinary official present or on call while jumping is in progress. This includes practice jumping.

8. COURSE DESIGNERS

- 1.** The course designer is responsible for designing the course, supervising the building of the obstacles, including the practice obstacles, and measuring the course.

1.1. There are 4 categories of International Course Designers – International and Candidate International and 4 categories of National Course Designers –

Senior National; National; Regional and Assistant. The details of the necessary qualifications for each category are laid down by the FEI/SJI [see Appendix 10]

Assistant – Can assist in any region. Regional can build up to and including 1.20m.

National can build for any competition except National Grand Prix and RDS Qualifiers.

Senior National can build for any national classes.

1.2. Course Designers in each category may not fill appointments at a higher level than laid down in the following articles.

1.3. Shows are responsible for appointing Course designers from the current approved list of SJI Course Designers.

4. Classifications

4.1. Athletes will be placed according to the Penalties and time in the jump-off. The remaining Athletes will be placed according to aggregate Penalties over both rounds and the time incurred in the first (1st) round.

4.2. Athletes will be placed according to the Penalties and time in the jump-off. The remaining Athletes will be placed according to aggregate Penalties over both rounds.

4.3. Athletes will be placed according to aggregate Penalties over both rounds and the time incurred in the second (2nd) round.

4.4. Athletes will be placed according to the Penalties and time in the jump off. The remaining Athletes will be placed according to aggregate Penalties over both rounds and the time incurred in the second (2nd) round.

Athletes not taking part in the second (2nd) round are placed according to their penalties and time in the first (1st) round (if the first round is against the clock) or according to their Penalties in the first (1st) round (if the first round is not against the clock).

Article 274 COMPETITION IN TWO PHASES

1. This competition comprises two (2) phases run without interruption, each at an identical or different speed, the finishing line for the first (1st) phase being identical with the starting line for the second (2nd) phase.

2. The first (1st) phase is a course of seven (7) to nine (9) obstacles with or without combinations. The second (2nd) phase takes place over four (4) to six (6) obstacles, which may include one (1) combination.

3. Athletes penalised in the first (1st) phase are halted by ringing the bell after they have jumped the last obstacle or when the time allowed for the first (1st) phase has been exceeded, after crossing the finishing line of the first (1st) phase. They must stop after crossing the first (1st) finishing line.

4. Athletes not penalised in the first (1st) phase continue the course, which finishes, after crossing the second (2nd) finishing line.

5. The manner of judging this Competition must be specified in the Schedule in accordance with one of the following formulas:

If not clear in first phase, will be belled out

First phase	Second phase	Placing
5.1. Table A – Not against the clock	Table A - Not against the clock	According to the penalties in the 2 nd phase, and if necessary, to the penalties in the 1 st phase
5.2. Table A – Not against the clock	Table A- Against the Clock	According to penalties and time in the 2 nd phase, athletes who do not qualify for the 2 nd Phase are placed according to the
5.3. Table A – Against the clock	Table A- Against the clock	According to the penalties and time in the 2 nd phase and, if necessary, the penalties and time in the 1 st phase

6. Athletes stopped after the first (1st) phase may only be placed after Athletes who have taken part in both phases. Athletes who are eliminated or who retire in the second phase will be placed equal last of all Athletes who completed the second phase.

7. In the event of equality for first (1st) place, the tied Athletes will be placed equal first. (1st)

7.1N. Time penalties for a Two-Phase Competition are one (1) penalty for every four (4) seconds commenced over the time allowed.

7.2 In order to fulfil the eligibility requirement for Horses taking part in the Grand Prix (see JRs Art. 261.4.4), it is sufficient to complete the first phase of Competitions conducted according to any of the formulas listed in Art. 274.1.5.1 – 274.1.5.5.

7.3N Until such times when the Time Allowed and Time Limit have been approved by the Ground Jury and the Course Designer, athletes completing phase one (1) without disobedience or fence down, but incurring a time penalty, should be permitted to continue into phase two (2). Once the time allowed has been confirmed as per Article 201.3, if no changes are made to the Time Allowed any time penalties incurred would stand. Following amendment to the Time Allowed, any time penalties incurred would be removed accordingly

8 Special Two-Phase Competition – Not to be used for League Shows

8.1 This Competition comprises two phases run without interruption, each at an identical or different speed, the finishing line for the first phase being identical with the starting line for the second phase.

8.2 The first phase is a course of five to seven obstacles with or without combinations. The total number of obstacles in both phases is a minimum of 11 and maximum of 13 obstacles. The second phase may include one combination.

8.3 Athletes completing the first phase may continue in the second phase.

8.4 The second phase finishes after crossing its finishing line.

8.5 This Competition must be judged in accordance with the following formula:

8.5.1 First Phase	Second Phase	Placings
Table A not against the clock Minimum 5 – Maximum 7 obstacles	Table A Against the clock Remaining obstacles (Total of minimum 11 And maximum 13 obstacles in both Phases)	According to the aggregate penalties in both phases (faults on obstacles and penalties for exceeding the time allowed in both phases) and, if necessary, according to the time of the 2 nd phase.
8.5.2 First Phase	Second Phase	Placings
Table A not against the clock Minimum 5 – Maximum 7 obstacles	Table A Not against the clock Remaining obstacles Total of minimum 11 And maximum 13 obstacles in both Phases)	According to aggregate penalties in both phases (faults on obstacles and penalties for exceeding the time allowed in both phases) and, if necessary, according to the time of the 2 nd phase. However an athlete with penalties in the 1 st phase cannot be placed higher than an athlete who has lower penalties in the 1 st phase on the same aggregate score.

8.6 Athletes who are eliminated or retire from either the first or second phase will not be placed.

8.7 In the event of equality for first place, the tied Athletes will be placed equal first.

8.8 In order to fulfil the eligibility requirement for Horses taking part in the Grand Prix (see JRs Art. 261.4.4), both phases of Competitions conducted according to Art. 274.2.5 must be completed.

8N. Modified Two Phases Competition

8N.1 Judges and Organisers have the discretion to run modified classes for all horse classes at all Shows, where athletes with faults in the 1st round (without a dismount) may continue to jump a 2nd round in training mode. (Restricted to 80cms -1.30m classes only).

8N.2 All competition result sheets must clearly identify the class with an (M) after the competition type e.g. 1.00m (M).

Article 275 COMPETITION IN GROUPS WITH WINNING ROUND

1N. In this Competition the Athletes are divided into groups. They can either be divided by draw, according to the results of a qualifying Competition or according to a recent Jumping Ranking's list, to be specified in the Schedule.

2. The way, in which the Athletes are divided among the groups, and how the starting order within the groups is determined, must be specified in the Schedule.

3. First, all Athletes in the first (1st) group start, then all Athletes in the second (2nd) group and so on.

4. The best Athlete of each group qualifies for the winning round.

5. The OC may stipulate in the Schedule that a limited number of Athletes, who have not obtained the best result in their group, but who are the next best of all Athletes, also qualify for the winning round.

6. All Athletes in the winning round start with zero (0) Penalties.

7. Athletes in the winning round will retain their starting order of the first (1st) round or, if so stipulated in the Schedule, they will start in reverse order of the results (Penalties and time) in the first (1st) round.

8. The first (1st) round and the winning round are judged under Table A against the clock.

4.2. Only Horses going clear in each round will be eligible to compete in the next round.

5. The winner shall be the last Athlete to jump clear the highest course. In case of equality of penalties after the 3rd jump-off, a 4th jump off against the clock, without altering the height of the obstacles, takes place among the Athletes concerned to decide the classification.

The maximum height and spread in the 4th and final jump-off are:

- Height: 1.70m maximum
- Spread: 2m maximum
- Triplebar: 2.20m maximum

(Art 283.N.5 & Art 284N.5; Refer to Art 257N.2.4N)

Article 281N AMERICAN STYLE COMPETITION

1. This Competition comprises two (2) phases run with a specified short interval between each round, each at an identical or different speed.

2. This Competition may take place in accordance with the conditions of the schedule as follows:

2.1. Both rounds under Table A not against the clock with a time allowed for each round;

2.2. The first (1st) round under Table A not against the clock with a time allowed and the second (2nd) round under Table A against the clock;

2.3. The first (1st) round under Table A not against the clock with a time allowed and the second (2nd) round under Table C with a time allowed.

3. The first (1st) round is a course of eight (8) to ten (10) obstacles with or without combinations. The second (2nd) round takes place over six (6) to eight (8) obstacles which may include a simple combination.

4. Athletes penalised in the first (1st) round by jumping and or time faults, after crossing the finishing line of the first (1st) round retire from the Competition.

5. Athletes not penalised in the first (1st) round continue on to round two (2) without leaving the arena in a manner indicated below and according to the conditions of the schedule:

OPTION 1

5.1. After crossing the finishing line of round one (1), the bell is sounded as the signal for the Athlete to commence his second (2) round. The Athlete has from the bell 45 seconds to cross the starting line of round two (2). The course finishes after crossing the second (2nd) finishing line. Exceeding the time allowed to be Penalised in accordance with Articles 236 or 239, as appropriate.

OPTION 2

5.2. After crossing the finishing line of round one (1) the Athlete retires to a corner of the arena where he waits for the next horse to complete round one (1).

On completion of round one (1) by the subsequent horse and when the course is ready, the previous Athlete is given the bell as an indication to commence round two (2). The Athlete has 45 seconds after the bell to cross the starting line of round two (2). The course finishes after crossing the second (2nd) finishing line. Exceeding the time allowed to be penalised in accordance with Articles 236 or 239 as appropriate.

Article 282N HANDICAP COMPETITIONS FOR HORSES

1. Handicap Competitions may be held for the combination of ages in Horses. i.e. 5 year old and 6 year old or 6 year old and 7 year old.

1.1. The Horses will, for the purpose of the Competition, be divided into two (2) categories, i.e. 5year old and 6year old; or 6year old and 7year old horses.

1.2. The Horses of the lower age group will jump first (1st) and the Horses of the higher age group will then jump the same course with the obstacles raised approximately 5cm. In the succeeding round, the Horses of the lower age group will jump at the height and spread jumped by the Horses of the higher age group in the preceding round, so that the difference in the height and spread of fences is maintained throughout the Competition. The fences will then be raised by approximately 5cms for the higher age group's second (2nd) round.

1.3. The Competition may be jumped off under Article 238.1.2 or Article 238.2.2.

Article 283N 4 Year Old Rules

Recommend that the Judges on the ground be located in different locations in the arena and must have scribe.

1. 4 Year Old Classes may be run over one round (1) no time allowed but with a time limit. or- (2) rounds. If run over one (1) round, it will be judged in accordance with Article 283N. 2 -12. If run over two (2) rounds, the first (1st) round to be run under Table A, not against the Clock (Article 261.2) with all clears going forward to the second (2nd) round judged in accordance with Article 283N. 2 - 12.

Option 1 – First round to be scored with and all the clear rounds carrying their score go into the second round with the score of the first round to be added to the score of the second and the combined score will find the winner

Option 2 – First round to be scored and a defined number of horses go into the second round based on their score and the round does not have to be clear. Example. Top 10 scores advance to the second round.

2. 10 jumping efforts (8 single fences + 1 double)

3. Fence heights – Set at maximum of 1.10m.

4. Speed: 325mpm

5. 4 year olds will not be permitted to wear hind boots in any four year old classes

6. Jumping efforts will be scored out of 10. A score of zero will be given for an obstacle knocked down and for the first (1st) and second (2nd) refusal (including circle). A third (3rd) refusal will result in Elimination.

7. The double will be judged as 2 individual efforts.

8. Each Judge will award points for the round, up to a maximum of 140 points as follows:

-	Jumping Score (10 efforts x 10 points)	= 100
-	Future Potential/Natural - - Ability	= 20
-	Rideability/Temperament	= <u>20</u>
	Total Points	= 140

(i) Future Potential / Natural Ability are assessed on: Canter, Balance & Rhythm. Approach, Take-off, Bascule, Technique and Elasticity, Suspension, Carefulness and Correction & Scope.

(ii) Rideability / Temperament are assessed on: Willingness to go forward, Attitude, Temperament and Perception of Rideability.

9. Number of Horses to qualify for any final or place to be published and announced prior to start of class.

10. In the event of equality of Athletes' average final scores, the highest Jumping Score will be declared the winner. If there is a further tie, Rideability /Temperament will be the deciding factor. If a tie still remains, Future Potential/Natural Ability will decide the winner.

11. It is the responsibility of the Organising Committee at the selected venues /or SJI, where agreed, to appoint three (3) impartial 'Assessment Judges' from the list approved by SJI National Competitions Committee, available on the SJI website, and provide each with a scribe.

12. Calculation Guideline

1. Add all 3 Judges' Scores for each horse; and
2. Divide Total Score for each horse by 3 to obtain Average Score (Final Score) for the horse.

6. Motorised vehicles are permitted in authorised areas, as designated by the Show Organisers. In the interests of safety, motorised cycles/quads will normally be excluded from equestrian areas unless their use is specifically required by the Show Organisers. Failure to adhere to above guidance may result in disciplinary action, e.g., the Show Organiser has the authority to restrict further access to the Show Grounds.

For Rules for the Authorisation of Shows, please see Appendix 13 & 13a

Article 292N SHOW SCHEDULE

~~1. All Authorised Shows must submit their Schedule to the appropriate Regional Secretary for approval.~~ Date of Show to be submitted to Regional Secretary three months in advance of show. Schedules submitted two/three weeks in advance of the show. Schedules that are submitted within 10 days of show are charged a levy on top of the authorised fee except in special cases. Schedule does not open for entries until Judges, etc. are entered.

The Schedule must contain the following details:

1.1. Name of Show. Day & Date of Show. Venue. Commencement time/s per arena and contact details of Show Organiser.

1.2. The programme of competitions being run, identified by classification – e.g. pony category, i.e. 128cm, 138cm, 148cm & metric height of fences / Grade, i.e. A/B/C/D, if relevant, etc.: Horse / height – metric height of fences / Grade e.g. ABCDE, / Amateur, or age e.g. 4 year old, 5 year old, 6 year old etc. Competitions which are qualifying classes for future finals must refer to details of the relevant qualifying conditions.

1.3. All Pony and Children on Horses competitions must be finished by 11.00 p.m. on Friday & Saturday nights, and Sunday nights when followed by a bank holiday. All Pony and Children on Horses competitions should finish by 10.00 p.m. on normal week-days and Sundays.

1.4. Details of entry fee/ prize fund for each class.

1.5 . Name and Status of Course Designer (s) responsible for the course(s) at the Show. The Organising Committee must ensure that the status of the Course Designer is such to have authority to build the courses scheduled. Where, for unavoidable reasons, the advertised Course Designer is unable to attend the Show, the replacement Course Designer's name/status must be submitted to the SJI Office prior to the start of the Show.

1.6. Name of Safety Officer(s) appointed for the duration of the Show.

1.7. Judges of the correct level confirmed to judge on the specific day must be listed on SJI Live prior to entries being opened.

Article 293N QUALIFYING DATE FOR SHOWS

1.1.	<u>Qualifying Dates</u>	<u>Show Dates</u>
	31st December	February
	28th February	March / April
	30th April	May / June
	30th June	July / August
	31st August	September / October
	31st October	November / December

1.2. The Grading Points gained by the qualifying date of the show indicate the Grade of competition for which the animal is eligible to compete in under the Grading System.

2. There may be special qualifying dates for specific National Competitions during the year. Members are advised to check the rules as published on the SJI Website

Article 294N COMPETITION ENTRIES

Competition Entries must be one of the following:

1. SJI LIVE: All animals competing at SJI Authorised shows must be registered with the SJI for points and prizemoney..

2. SJI LIVE TEMPORARY TICKETS: A Temporary Ticket may be purchased on SJI LIVE at an additional cost to the entry fee. This is available to members and non-members for animals not currently registered

Registered animals competing on a Temporary Ticket may take part in their normal class but will not be eligible to compete for points or prizemoney on the same day. Unregistered animals may participate in the relevant category i.e. correct pony height, or relevant metre class.

Members are not allowed to jump on temporary tickets in Regional or National Grand Prix including New Heights/Premier Series and in classes above 1.35m.

Members are allowed to jump on temporary tickets in all classes where temporary tickets are currently allowed at €5.

Non-members are allowed to jump on temporary tickets up to:

- Horses: 1m
- Ponies: Glencarrig Lady League, Newcomers, U8/U10, 128cm up to 128 80cms, 138cm up to 138 90cms, 148cm up to 148 1m at €10.

Athletes jumping on Temporary Tickets cannot jump against the clock.

In Newcomer Pony Classes, Temporary Tickets will be available priced at €5 per ticket

Article 295N MEMBERSHIP OF THE SJI

1. GENERAL

1.1. Application for membership shall be made through electronic online registration system on SJI web page, or in writing signed by or on behalf of applicant in such form as the Board Of Directors Committee shall from time to time prescribe or approve and the Board Of Directors Committee shall have an absolute discretion to accept or reject any application.

1.2. Membership is available on an annual basis, from January to December each year, the fees for which are specified by the Board Of Directors Committee from time to time.

1.3. All categories of Adult membership are eligible to vote.

2. No athlete may take part in any show jumping competition while under the influence of a forbidden substance.

The Association may require samples of body fluids to be taken at a Show. Members shall not reasonably refuse to give a sample of body fluids for the purpose of control of forbidden substances. Samples will be tested according to FEI current regulations, governed by W.A.D.A. – see www.fei.org or www.irishsportscouncil.ie, and Appendix 8 for details

2.1. In the event that an athlete / owner receives a FEI suspension such athlete / owner will automatically be suspended from all rights and privileges of membership of the Association for the same period of time as the FEI suspension.

2.2. Suspension of SJI Members

A person who has been suspended from all rights and privileges of membership of Showjumping Ireland so long as his/her suspension lasts, shall not: deal in any capacity with a ShowjumpingIreland registered horse or pony (e.g. as trainer, manager, adviser, groom)attend at any show authorised or affiliated to Showjumping Ireland, nor are they allowed to walk the course or have access to the practice areas, or be involved in any respect with any show affiliated to Showjumping Ireland. **Refer to Appendix 5 for full details.**

2. CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

2. The SJI has different categories of membership to cover:

2.1. Full Horse Owner or Athlete [FH]: Must be 18 years of age or over, on 1st January. All new members under 21 years on 1st January, must submit an original birth certificate with the membership form. This category entitles members to register either horses or ponies in their name and compete as an athlete.

2.2 Full Amateur [FA]: The Association has a Senior Category of athlete classified as 'Amateurs' and has special competitions confined to such athletes. Those members registered as 'Amateur' athletes may also compete in the normal show jumping classes. For details of eligibility to register as an Amateur Athlete see Article 254.C.N.

2.3 Pony Owner [FP]: Ponies must be registered in the name of an adult. This category entitles members to register ponies in their name but excludes horse registration. To also register horses this membership category must be upgraded to FH category.

2.4 Junior Membership [JU]: Membership for athletes under the age of 18 years on 1st January of the current year is available but members cannot register an animal in their own name. An original Birth Certificate must be produced when joining for the first time.

2.5 Official Membership: Officials must renew their membership annually. Membership as an official does not entitle such member to register animals in their name. The relevant category(ies) must be indicated on the membership form.

CB	Official Course Designers listed on the SJI Panel of Course Designers
JJ	Official Judges listed on the SJI Panel of Judges
OO	Officials, Show Secretaries, Stipendiary Stewards, Field Stewards, Safety Officers
FV	Foreign Visitor

2.6. FOREIGN VISITOR: Athletes coming from overseas wishing to compete in National classes in Ireland may do so under the following arrangement.

2.6.1. Horses: For a continuous period not exceeding 90 days, a Membership Fee is applicable. Details of fees applicable will be available by contacting the SJI office.

2.6.2. This reduced membership and registration fee may only be applied for once, within a calendar year.

2.6.3. Full details of the animal and evidence of approval from the athlete's National Federation are required at the time of registration.

Article 302N PERMITTED BITS AND TACK

1. In Pony Competitions bridles must be ordinary snaffles or pelhams. Subject to paragraph 2 below the reins must be attached to the bit or the connecting piece, or directly to the bridle. Only running restricted martingales are allowed. Double bridles are not allowed. Hackamores are not allowed with the exception of 148cms ponies. Combination bits are not allowed. Appendix 2

1.1. Bits

Bits may be made of any material (metal, rubber, plastic, leather) but must be used in the original manufactured state. Double bridles are not allowed. The minimum diameter of the bit shall be 10mm

1.1.2 Nosebands

Nosebands must be flat. Nosebands constructed from material other than leather are not permitted **with the exception of the front part of the noseband which may be optionally made of flat, not abrasive leather like material. Sheepskin on the noseband is permitted.** A small disk of sheepskin may be used in the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband.

2. The only permitted tack is that illustrated in Appendix 2 or subsequently approved by the SJJ Board Of Directors Committee/ National Pony Committee and published on the SJJ Website/Newsletter

3. 1. When a Pelham bit is used a connecting strap or bridge attached to the upper and lower rings is compulsory and the rein must only be attached to the middle of the connecting strap.

3.2 A curb chain if worn must be fitted with a chain guard.

4. Any of the above mentioned bits may be covered with rubber, leather or smooth composition material, and must be used with single reins only.

5. If any bit in use is causing distress to the animal the Ground Jury may decide that in the interest of the welfare of the pony it may not be used.

6. Only running, unrestricted martingales are permitted. Any schooling device where reins are attached to something other than directly to the bit, are not allowed.

7. Draw reins for ponies are not permitted anywhere in the showgrounds.

8. Properly constructed tongue guards are permitted in competition. The use of string, fine wire, twine, cord or any other similar substance in or around a horse or pony's mouth is forbidden.

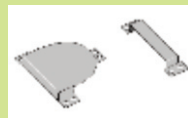
9. Only correctly fitted Hind fetlock boots are allowed to be worn on ponies, anywhere on the showgrounds. This does not affect boots/bandages worn on forelegs.

The total amount of equipment allowed to be added to an animal's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings etc.) is 500g (shoe excluded).

The following criteria must be respected in relation to hind boots

Boots with a protective element on the inside only and double-shell boots, that is, boots that wrap around the back of the fetlock and have a protective shell on the inside and the outside, are permitted. The rounded protective part of the boot must be placed around the fetlock (if the boot has a protective element on one side only, the rounded protective part of the boot must be placed on the inside of the fetlock).

1. The inside of the boot must be smooth. That is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points on the inside of the boot; for avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the boot that attaches the inner lining to the shell, is permitted. Sheepskin linings are allowed. The maximum length of the inside of the boot may not exceed 20cm.
2. Only following types of fasteners are permitted: Velcro-type fasteners, straps maybe elastic or non-elastic. Stud-type fasteners, straps with holes at the end that fit over a stud, straps must be elastic. Hook-and-eye type fasteners, straps with a hook at the end that fits into an "eyelet", straps must be elastic.



3. Fasteners must be one-directional, that is, the fastener must be attached directly from one side of the boot to the other side; no mechanism permitting the fastener to double back on itself is permitted.

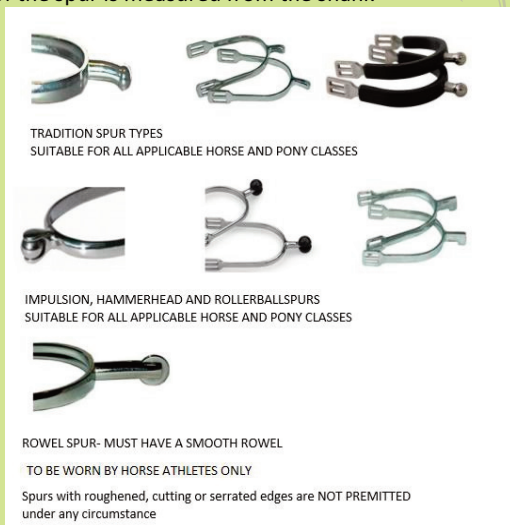
Boots may have one or two fasteners; if the boot has only one fastener, it must have a minimum width of 5cm. If the boot has two fasteners, they must each have a minimum width of 2.5cm.

4. No additional elements may be added to or inserted into the boot itself, other than a protective skirt, providing it is soft and clearly intended for protection only. Fetlock rings may be used for protective purposes providing they are properly adjusted and providing the total weight of equipment on the horse's leg does not exceed 500 grams;

10. Spurs are optional but in any case may only be used on 148 Ponies (in all competitions), 138 cms ponies (1m/1.10m/1.20m classes) and 128cms ponies (90cms/1m and 1.10m classes). Not allowed in 128 U10.

Spurs must be made of smooth metal and may not exceed 2.0 cms in length.

The only exemption to this rule are the below pictured use of Non-marking impulsion spurs and wheel end spurs. If worn must be of 2cms length or less. These are the only exceptions allowed for Pony Athletes in competitions where spurs are permitted to be worn. Spurs of excessively severe design are not to be worn. Such designs include spurs with necks in excess 2.0cms long for ponies, spurs with neck set on the side of the heel, spurs with rowel diameters in excess of 1cm, spurs with roughened or cutting edges and serrated spurs, with or without necks. The neck of the spur is measured from the shank



~~10.1. Spurs made of plastic are not permitted.~~

10.2. The wearing of spurs upside down constitutes improper dress. They must be worn in the traditional correct manner, with the curve of the neck of the spur directed downwards.

11. Stirrups should be of correct size. They should have a minimum of ½ inch or 12 mm clearance for safety. Stirrups which are too large are also not safe. Magnetic stirrups are not recommended.

12. Show organisations, who for insurance or other reasons, find it necessary to make further restrictions may do so, providing these restrictions are included in pre-published material.

Article 303N NUMBER OF MOUNTS

1.1. An athlete may not ride more than three (3) ponies in any one (1) competition.

1.2. If an athlete competes on a fourth (4th) or subsequent pony in any competition, all ponies ridden by that athlete in that competition will be eliminated (refer to Article 300.6.2 for maximum number of ponies an athlete may ride on the same day).

Article 304N GRADING BANDS / POINTS

1. Grading Bands for Ponies:

Grade D	0 - 69 points
Grade C	70 - 139 points
Grade B	140 – 199 points
Grade A	200 + points

2. Points conversion: ponies coming in from Great Britain have their points confirmed by translating winnings as 1point = £2.5stg or according to their print out.

3. The points gained by the pony, at the qualifying date of the show, indicate the Grading Band of the pony for shows within the periods below.

3.1. Points - qualifying dates for shows

<u>Qualifying Dates</u>	<u>Show Dates</u>
31st December	February
28th February	March / April
30th April	May / June
30th June	July / August
31st August	September / October
31st October	November / December

i.e. the points gained up to and including 28th February previous will determine the ponies Grade for Shows held in March/April.

3.2. There may be special qualifying dates for National Competitions during the year. Members are advised to always check the specific rules for National Competitions printed on the SJI Website

3.3. Points are allocated to ponies as below:

Points only awarded provided the first (1st) round is jumped clear.

Class	Points	Rounds/Places
Newcomers: (40/50/60/70cm)	1	2 clear rounds
Under 8 (60cm)	1	2 clear rounds
Over 8 and Under 10 (70cm)	3	2 clear rounds
128cm Under 10 (over 69 points) – 85cms	6/5/4/3/3/3	1-6 places + (3 points for additional double clear rounds)
128cm 70/80cm	3	2 clear rounds
128cm 90cm	6,5,4,3,3,3	1-6 places + (3 points for additional double clear rounds)
128cm 1.00/1.10m	10,8,6,4,3,3	1-6 places + (3 points for additional double clear rounds)
138cm 80/90cm	3	2 clear rounds
138cm 1.00m	6,5,4,3,3,3	1-6 places + (3 points for additional double clear rounds)
138cm 1.10/1.20m	10,8,6,4,3,3	1-6 places + (3 points for additional double clear rounds)
148cm 80cm	1	2 clear rounds
148cm 90cm/1.00m	3	2 clear rounds
148cm 1.10m	6,5,4,3,3,3	1-6 places + (3 points for additional double clear rounds)
148 5/6/7 Year Old 1.10m(S)	6,5,4,3,3,3	1-6 places + (3 points for additional double clear rounds)
148cm 1.20/1.30m	10,8,6,4,3,3	1-6 places + (3 points for additional double clear rounds)

3.4. For all jump-off classes points will also be awarded for additional ponies jumping a double clear round as per 6th place, i.e. 3 points.

3.5. Points allocation – points 6/5/4/3/3/3 to be allocated to top 6 in one round speed and Derby classes (one round).

3.6. The 3 eligible height bands continues from one competition year to the next, except where there is a change of owner and athlete who make written application for a downband to the National Pony Committee. In any other exceptional circumstances – application must be made to National Pony Committee to down band an animal. Any breach of this application will result in warning/fine etc; as appropriate.

4. It is the responsibility of the owner of the animal to keep a record of its points/participation, for grading/eligible height band purposes and for ensuring that their pony and athlete are eligible for every competition in which they are entered.

5. Ponies must be entered in competitions under their registered SJI name and where necessary, number and in the name of the owner or joint owners in whose name they are registered.

6. A pony may jump in a maximum of three (3) competitions on any one (1) day. Refer to Article 301N.5.

Article 305N HORS CONCOURS

1. At the discretion of the Show Committee athletes may, on payment of the entry fee, participate in competitions Hors Concours but may not win a prize or token of any kind, other than a rosette.

2. A pony may participate twice (x2) Hors Concours on the same day in appropriate competitions subject to the approval of the Organising Committee.

3. The same pony may not compete [be eligible for points and/or prize money] in any later competition, on the same day, at the same show, having once participated Hors Concours.

4. A pony may jump Hors Concours on the first (1st) day of a two-day show or one of longer duration and then jump in competition on the second (2nd) or later days.

~~5. Athletes participating Hors Concours should jump at the beginning or at the end of the round as directed by the Ground Jury.~~

6. The fact that a pony has entered a competition 'Hors Concours' must be registered on SJILIVE and clearly marked ~~on his registration ticket, and~~ on the marking sheets, as 'HC'. Ponies competing 'HC' will not be included in the result sheet.

7. It is the responsibility of the owner /agent to declare HC on SJILIVE

Article 306N SPECIAL COMPETITIONS

1. For novelty competitions approval, in writing, of the relevant SJI Standing Committee must be sought.

2. Puissance competitions must be confined to Grade A 148cm ponies and require the written permission of the relevant SJI Standing Committee.

3. One round speed competitions for 128 70/80cm, 138 80/90cm, 148 80/90/100cm ponies are not permitted.

4. Ponies with 70+ points competing in/above 128cms/0.90cms; 138cms/1.0m; 148cms /1.10m may compete in One Round Speed classes and classes such as Top Score, Fault and Out, Hit and Hurry: Ponies in lower bands in each category may not compete in above.

~~5. Pony High Jump Competitions are not permitted.~~

Article 307N COMPETITIONS FOR COMBINED GRADES

1. No competition may be held for ponies combining different grades/height categories without approval of the Board Of Directors Committee.

Article 308N MODIFIED TWO PHASE COMPETITIONS

1. Judges and Organisers have the discretion to run modified classes for all pony classes at all Shows, where athletes with faults in the first (1st) round (without a dismount) may continue to jump a second (2nd) round in training mode.

2. All competition result sheets must clearly identify the class with an (M) after the competition type. e.g. 138cms 90cms(M).

3. Number of fences must be minimum of 11 and maximum of 13.

Article 309N SCHOOLING OF PONIES

1. Anyone, who is ineligible by reason of age, to ride a particular pony in competition, may not ride that pony anywhere in or near the showgrounds.

Article 310N JUMP-OFFS

1. Grades A, B, and C and 128/80cms and above, 138/90cm and above, and 148/1m and above, ponies may jump off against the clock in the second (2nd) or third (3rd) round, according to the schedule.

2. Grade D ponies, Newcomer ponies and 128 70/80cm, 138 80/90cm and 148 80/90/1.00m classes may not have the second (2nd) or third (3rd) round against the clock unless in the final of a league where there are at least four (4) preliminary rounds prior to the final.

Specifically, if 128 80cm, 138 90cm and 148 1m classes are jumped off against the clock for the allocation of prizemoney. This must be specified in the schedule published on SJI LIVE. Point allocation will be as per Article 304N3.3 i.e. 3 points for double clears

3. Under 8 (60cms)/Over 8 and Under 10 (70cm) classes may not be jumped off against the clock, except in finals where an optimum time may be used.

4. Ponies in the Under 10 category (over 69 points) 85cms are permitted to jump off against the clock.

Article 311N TIME ALLOWED AND SPEED

1. The speed of the competition shall be 350 metres per minute for 1.20/1.30m 148A/AB and 1.10/1.20m 138A/AB and for International Trials.

For all other categories the speed shall be 325 metres per minute.

Indoor – 325m. per minute for all classes.

2. There should be a time allowed and time limit in all competitions.

CHAPTER XVI

INFORMATION ON PONY MEASURING RULES AND APPEALS

Article 312N GENERAL

1.1. It is compulsory for ponies to be measured at an official SJI Measuring Session, as prescribed hereunder, before being registered to jump in show jumping competitions, under SJI rules.

1.2. Specific measuring sessions in each region for this purpose are organised from time to time, to facilitate pony owners.

1.3. The pony owner or the person responsible for presenting the pony at the Measuring Session is responsible for making themselves familiar with the rules of measuring of ponies and those of Appeal, under SJI rules.

1.4. All ponies measured at an Official SJI Measuring centre, must have the height, as measured on that day, recorded in the passport and signed by the attending Veterinarian.

1.5. The Board Of Directors Committee through its relevant committee has the authority to ask for any pony to be re-measured.

1.6. Fees for measuring / micro-chipping, re-measuring etc., will be set by the Board Of Directors Committee from time to time as considered necessary, and recorded in the official publication. **The fee for measuring may vary and will be decided by the relevant regions at the beginning of each measuring year.** Fee for appeal measuring is €250 for members and €300 for non members

1.7. Should the Veterinary Surgeon consider the pony unfit for presentation, through clinical grounds, which will include excessive hoof trimming, lameness, ataxia, dehydration, abnormal heart rate or other conditions which the Veterinary Surgeon deems 'unfit' for presentation this animal will not be permitted to be presented. This judgement is made at the time of the presentation by the attending Veterinarian. The owner will be subject to disciplinary action which may lead to a criminal prosecution for cruelty.

~~Should there be a demand for measuring's later in the year, the Regional Secretaries will have the ability to arrange further official measuring's amongst themselves~~ **From 1st October members may apply for temporary measuring which may be arranged with the Regional Secretaries at an approved SJI Veterinary Clinic and fee for temporary measuring is €250. Temporary measuring will not count as 1st measuring or counting measuring. Should measuring be confirmed in following year on official measuring, the points gained will be retained by the animal and if it doesn't the animal will lose them.**

Article 313N MICRO CHIPPING

- 1.** Micro chipping is compulsory for all ponies prior to being measured.
- 2.** The owner, by presenting his pony for measuring, agrees to the micro chipping of the pony, where this has not been done prior to attendance at the Measuring Venue.
- 3.** There will be a fee for micro chipping in addition to the measuring fee.
- 4.** It is advisable to have the pony protected against tetanus before being micro chipped. Tetanus Vaccination may be available at the Measuring Centres, at an additional fee, but owners are advised to consult their own veterinary surgeon prior to attending the Measuring Session

Article 314N MEASURING

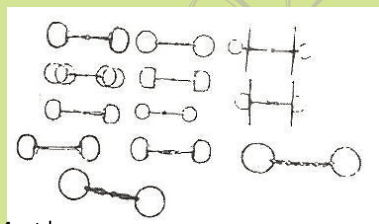
- 1.** Ponies may be measured at any official SJI measuring venue in any Region
- 2.** Ponies may only be presented once (x 1) for measuring in any one calendar year other than in one of the specific circumstances as listed below.
 - 3.1.** Through the Appeal System,
 - 3.2.** For verification of measurement if moving to a lower height category,
 - 3.3.** Ponies turned down at regional measuring sessions by the attending veterinary surgeon, as being in a physical unfit state.
- 4.** If in the opinion of the attending measuring Veterinarian an animal presented for measuring is not under the control of the handler, the measuring Vet may refuse to measure the animal.
 - 4.1.** The right to present the pony at a subsequent Measuring Centre is at the discretion of the Veterinary Committee, to whom a written application must be made through the relevant Regional Secretary/Pony Co-ordinator.In the case of Article 314.N. 3.3 and 314N.4– attendance for measuring may only be at the Veterinary Clinic for Appeals.

APPENDIX 2 PERMITTED PONY BITS AND NOSEBANDS

Snaffle

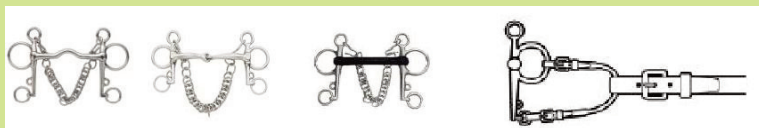
Mouthpieces can be straight, jointed or linked. Roller, Waterford snaffle and Cherry roller also allowed. Sides may be loose ring, eggbutt, D-ring, half or full cheek.

Magennis snaffle NOT allowed.



Pelham

Mullen mouth, with port or jointed with or without link. Must be used with D-strap (roundings) **or on the top ring only** to which single rein is attached centrally. **Chain if used must have a leather or rubber guard.**



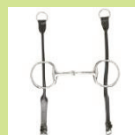
Kimblewick

Use with rein in any slot. Chain if used must have a leather or rubber guard.



Cheltenham Gag

Use with single rein. Plain or jointed.



American Gag

Plain or jointed. Shank measured from top to bottom must not exceed 7.5" (19cm) (see diagram). Must NOT be used with strap or chain behind bit.



Continental Gag

(Also known as Swedish-Belgium-Dutch Gag or Pessoa Bit). Plain or jointed. Use with rein in any of the three rings or with D-Strap (roundings) Shank measured from top to bottom must not exceed 6.3" (16cm) (see diagram). Must NOT be used with strap or chain behind bit.



All of the above may be made of metal, nylon or covered with rubber. Bits with double mouthpieces are not allowed. All bits must be used with single reins only. Only rounded smooth mouthpieces are allowed.

The Judges of any competition can decide whether a bit is abnormal or cruel and therefore may not be used. It is recognised that other bits may come onto the market and the owner has the right to submit any such bit to the SJI for approval through the National Judges Committee & the National Board Of Directors Committee. If such approval is granted the bit may then be used from the time as published on the SJI Website/Newsletter.

Pessoa bit is permitted for use with a leather strap or covered chain.
No double reins are permitted (with any bit) in pony classes.

Nosebands must be flat. Nosebands constructed from material other than leather are not permitted **with the exception of the front part of the noseband which may be optionally made of flat, not abrasive leather like material. Sheepskin on the noseband is permitted.** A small disk of sheepskin may be used in the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband.

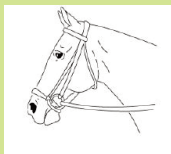
Both of the Pessoa snaffles pictured below are allowed; however, the maximum cheek length remains 16cms.



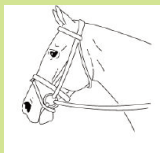
A Pessoa snaffle as a Waterford snaffle type (pictured below) is not allowed.



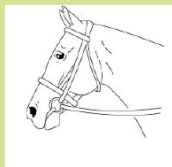
Dropped Noseband



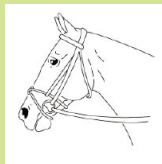
Flash Noseband



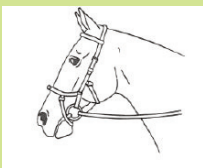
Cavesson Noseband



Crossed Noseband



Micklem Bridle



Variations of the Above, such as but not limited to the Micklem Bridle pictured above, maybe permitted providing they comply with the provision of this paragraph and are properly fitted and do not interfere with the Pony's breathing (refer to the Stewards manual for Jumping for further details).

The following nosebands are not allowed:

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Two separate nosebands are not allowed.

Boots not Permitted. – (Reference Page 77)

Both versions of the fetlock boots if used as pictured below are not allowed under any circumstances.

Both versions of the fetlock boots if used as pictured below left are not allowed under any circumstances, however the version pictured below right is allowed with the purple plastic insert:



However, the version is allowed with the purple plastic insert.

The following hind boot is not allowed in Young Horse Competitions or pony competitions:
(For the sake of clarity, the inside of these boots must be flat and have no pressure pads)



The same applies to any hind boot that has one or more pressure pads.

APPENDIX 3 CALCULATION OF TIME ALLOWED

Speed : 300m/minute

M	00	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
1	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38
2	40	42	44	46	48	50	52	54	56	58
3	60	62	64	66	68	70	72	74	76	78
4	80	82	84	86	88	90	92	94	96	98
5	100	102	104	106	108	110	112	114	116	118
6	120	122	124	126	128	130	132	134	136	138
7	140	142	144	146	148	150	152	154	156	158
8	160	162	164	166	168	170	172	174	176	178
9	180	182	184	186	188	190	192	194	196	178

To calculate the time allowed
in a competition

- 1.Get the length/Speed from
the Course Plan/Course
Designer
- 2.If the Length is 332 at
300m/minute
- 3.Click on 3 down left side
and 30 across the top

Where they both meet is your
time allowed

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3	60	62	64	66	68	70	72	74	76	78
4	80	82	84	86	88	90	92	94	96	98
5	100	102	104	106	108	110	112	114	116	118
6	120	122	124	126	128	130	132	134	136	138
7	140	142	144	146	148	150	152	154	156	158
8	160	162	164	166	168	170	172	174	176	178
9	180	182	184	186	188	190	192	194	196	178

Speed : 325m/minute

M	00	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
1	19	21	23	24	26	28	30	32	34	36
2	37	39	41	43	45	47	48	50	52	54
3	56	58	60	61	63	65	67	69	71	72
4	74	76	78	80	82	84	85	87	89	91
5	93	95	96	98	100	102	104	106	108	109
6	111	113	115	117	119	120	122	124	126	128
7	130	132	133	135	137	139	141	143	144	146
8	148	150	152	154	156	157	159	161	163	165
9	167	168	170	172	174	176	178	180	181	183

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Fence Dimensions

Horses Outdoors/Indoors

-----	80cm
-----	90cm
-----	1.00m
4 Year Old	1.10m
5 Year Old	1.20m
6 Year Old	1.30m
7 year old and above/Open	1.30mS
Combined Classes: 5/6 year old	1.20/1.30 Handicap
6/7 year old	1.30/1.30S Handicap
Grand Prix	1.40m / 1.50cm
Amateurs AA	1.10m / 1.15cm
Amateurs A	1.05m / 1.10cm
Amateurs	1.20m International Trials/Comps (with approval of National Amateur Committee)
Premier Grand Prix	1.50m

Any horse that jumps in a Premier Grand Prix is deemed to be a 1.50m horse and is therefore ineligible to jump in a 1.20m class.

10cm spread on all listed heights.

Restricted/Open Classes

A Show Organiser has the option of limiting animals in the 'Restricted' classes by either Grading Points by Age or by gender of animal, as agreed by Board Of Directors Committee each year.

APPENDIX 5

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Disciplinary procedures to be followed in the event of a complaint of inappropriate/unacceptable behaviour, e.g. physical/verbal abuse, assault/battery, harassment etc., and / or breach of the National Show Jumping Rules and Regulations: (Rule-240-8N Also see Article 240)

Complaints procedure

An incident of inappropriate/unacceptable behaviour should be reported in writing to the Office Co-Ordinator who must present the matter for initial investigation to the National Chairperson and the relevant Committee Chairperson. The person against whom the complaint was made will be asked to provide a written reply to the allegation.

Following investigation of all relevant available information, the aforementioned panel will decide whether an informal procedure or Disciplinary Hearing is deemed necessary. Where it is felt that an informal procedure will dispose of the complaint, the above named persons have discretion to deal with the matter as appropriate – i.e., seek an apology, give a verbal warning.

Where it is considered that no prima facie case is made the Committee can decide not to proceed. In such cases the complaint is dismissed, and all relevant parties will be notified in writing accordingly.

Disciplinary Committee:

Will be made up of the Chairperson of the Association, the Chairperson of each Region (except where any of these had a vested interest in any part of the complaint). Where the above would result in less than 3 persons being able to participate, the Board Of Directors Committee would nominate suitable impartial persons to the Committee.

Duties of the Disciplinary Committee:

The Disciplinary Committee will be afforded site of all documentary evidence already received, and may request that further evidence be obtained. The individual/s concerned will be given a full opportunity to defend him/herself, and to offer an explanation for the allegation. Having fully considered all the evidence, both written and verbal, the Disciplinary Committee is empowered by the Board Of Directors Committee to impose sanctions at the conclusion of the hearing. A combination of sanctions can be imposed. The decision of the Disciplinary Committee will be notified in writing, by registered post, to the parties concerned, and held on record. The Board Of Directors Committee reserves the right to publish any penalties imposed.

Disciplinary Hearing:

The hearing will be carried out at a date / time and location decreed by the SJI and a response from the Appellant must be received within 28 days or the case will be heard in their absence.

The Person/s involved in the complaint will be:

- Advised of the allegations
- Provided with all information currently on file
- Advised to provide any additional information not available earlier
- Given notice of a date and time of the hearing (minimum 14 days notice by registered post, to the address registered with the SJI)
- Have a right to representation, maximum 2 persons, (provided the appropriate name/address of such representation is notified to the SJI office within 7 days prior to the said hearing.)
- Have the right to challenge evidence as presented by the complainant either prior to or during the hearing.

Sanctions:

The Disciplinary Committee, having made its decision, may issue the following sanctions:-

- Request an apology from an individual (either verbally or in writing).
- Issue a fine as per National Show Jumping Rules and Regulations
- Suspend an individual/s from competition.
- Suspend an individual/s entirely from SJI membership
- Request publication of any decision.

Appeal System:

An individual who is dissatisfied with the decision of the Disciplinary Committee shall have the right to appeal that decision. The appeal must be made in writing within fourteen days, accompanied by a lodgement of €500 which will be refunded should there be a successful outcome for the Appellant, setting out the grounds of the appeal, and must be sent by registered post to the Chairperson of the SJI at its headquarters.

The Appeal Committee's decision is final.

Appeal Committee:

The Appeal Committee will be made up of 5 persons, 4 members of the Board Of Directors Committee not previously involved in the case, and without any vested interest in any parties (one of whom will be nominated as Chairperson of the Appeal Committee), and 1 other nominated person with knowledge of the sport. This person should be nominated with reference to the case – i.e. a Senior Showjumping Judge / Legal representative / Veterinary person etc.

Appeal Hearing:

The appeal hearing must take place within 6 months maximum and will be organised on the same basis as the Disciplinary Hearing. SJI witnesses will be paid an attendance fee of €100 and mileage allowance of €50 for a distance up to 70 miles or €100 for a distance over 70 miles.

Sanctions:

The Appeal Committee having made its decision, may

- Dismiss the case
- Uphold the Disciplinary Committee's decisions
- May reduce / increase the fines and / or suspension periods.

The decision of the Appeal Committee will be notified to all parties concerned by registered post.

The decision of the Appeal Committee is final.

Fines imposed must be paid to the SJI, at its registered offices, within 28 days of date of notification letter. Failure to comply with this will result in all membership rights and privileges being revoked.

Suspension:

Suspension from competition - the length of suspension will depend on the perceived severity of the misdemeanour.

Suspension from membership – ~~will revoke all rights and privileges of membership of the SJI, and all animals registered for the current season in that persons name, for the period of the suspension. The period of suspension will depend on the perceived severity of the misdemeanour.~~ A person who has been suspended from all rights and privileges of membership of ShowjumpingIreland so long as his/her suspension lasts, shall not: deal in any capacity with a ShowjumpingIreland registered horse or pony (e.g. as trainer, manager, adviser, groom) attend at any show authorised or affiliated to Showjumping Ireland, nor are they allowed to walk the course or have access to the practice areas, or be involved in any respect with any show affiliated to Showjumping Ireland.

The Chief Executive/ShowjumpingIreland Appointee/Board of Directors or appointed Standing Committee as appropriate may, following receipt of notice of a concern and/or at any point prior to the determination of a complaint, suspend the membership of a Member of any part or parts of the rights or benefits of a Member if it reasonably believes that:

1. Children, young people or adults may be at risk;
2. It is necessary for the protection of other Members, including the Respondent;
3. Allegations against the Respondent would, if established and upheld, in the sole discretion of the Chief Executive/ShowjumpingIreland Appointee/Board of Directors or appointed Standing Committee as appropriate amount to a serious breach of the rules of ShowjumpingIreland;
4. In the sole discretion of the Chief Executive/ShowjumpingIreland Appointee/Board of Directors or appointed Standing Committee as appropriate, the reputation of ShowjumpingIreland could be harmed if the Respondent continued to act as a Member;
5. The continued involvement of the Member might impede enquiries/ investigation; Such decision to suspend must be approved by three members of the Board or relevant standing committee, in writing.

An Official (Judges/Coaches/Trainers/Stewards/Members of the Disciplinary Panel or Course Designers) may be suspended from all rights and privileges of membership if charged with any sexual offence relating to children or vulnerable young adults pending a full investigation by the Safeguarding Panel Officers/Disciplinary Panel and/or the conclusion of any criminal proceedings; such suspension is to be approved by two members of the Safeguarding/Disciplinary Panel in writing.

Suspension under this Rule, while a serious matter, is not a disciplinary sanction and should not therefore be viewed as a sign of guilt. The disciplinary hearing shall take place as soon as reasonably practicable, following notification of the suspension having been given to the member concerned.

APPENDIX 6

CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE – AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND BY THE RULES

Agreement by Members to be Bound by the Rules.

Every member of the Association has, by completion of his membership form, agreed to be bound by the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and all rules and regulations and bye-laws made hereunder, and has agreed that the decisions of the Board Of Directors Committee, Officials, Stewards and other competent authorities of the Association given in accordance therewith shall be binding upon him.

The following points highlight the most common misdemeanours which occur within the running of Show Jumping events. It is not a complete list and members are advised to read the rule book with particular attention to Articles 201, 240, 241, 242, and 243.

No member of the Show Jumping Association of Ireland shall:

- Conduct him/herself at a show in a manner which is offensive to the public or conduct him/herself in such a manner which is considered to be detrimental to the character and/or prejudicial to the interests of the Association. (Articles 240 and 242 Fines/ Disqualifications)
- Argue at a show with a Judge or with a Show Official, use abusive or threatening language or behave with incivility or contempt towards a Judge or Show Official. (Articles 240 and 242 Fines/ Disqualifications)
- Allow a horse or pony in the practice ring or anywhere on or in the vicinity of the Show Grounds to
 - (a) be rapped
 - (b) jump a pole or obstacle which is held by hand
 - (c) jump an oxer which has the back element lower than the top of the front element
 - (d) jump a fence in the wrong direction (Article 242.2.7 Disqualification).

Compete as an owner or athlete in a competition for which the horse, pony or athlete is not fully eligible. (Articles 254N.A.1.3 and 301.4)

APPENDIX 7 – HEALTH & SAFETY

- Safety Officers to monitor the safety of athletes, horses and general public throughout the showgrounds.
- Safety Officers must attend Seminar for Safety Officers every 2 years.
- Numbers in Practice Arena may be restricted at the discretion of the Show Director or Safety Officer.
- The Chief Safety Officer (must be a member from 1st January of the current year) is to become an automatic member under the Show Authorisation Submission.
- A maximum of 2 persons over the age of 16 years are allowed in the warm up arena for each mounted athlete.
- No animal to be tied up anywhere on the Showground's apart from inside a Stable, Horse Lorry, Trailer or a Designated Holding Area.
- Temporary pens/paddocks are not to be erected for animals to be let loose in, or to graze in, at any SJL event.

Protocol to be followed in case of a fall of an Athlete

In case of a fall of an Athlete at any time in the Competition arena, in the practice arena or elsewhere within the grounds of the Event, the Athlete must be checked by the Event's medical service before he is permitted to take part in the round in progress or in the next round or competition at the event. The Ground Jury reserves the right to exclude the Athlete from participating further in the Competition and /or Event

Recommendation for athlete suspected of concussion – the athlete will be asked to seek medical attention and produce a certificate from a Doctor or Medical Centre to state that they are fit to return to riding. (See Concussion Recognition Tool 5 – Appendix 15)

APPENDIX 8

FORBIDDEN SUBSTANCES - ATHLETES

Article 295N. 2. refers.

The official text of the prohibited list shall be maintained by WADA and shall be published in English and French. This list came into effect on 01.01.07 and the list is currently available on the FEI and ISC websites.

www.fei.org and www.irishsportsCouncil.ie

APPENDIX 9

JUDGING OF SHOW JUMPING COMPETITIONS UNDER THE SJI

TRAINING OF JUDGES

RATIONALE:

A progressive training and education of SJI Judges will ensure that Judges will be able to understand the underlying principles of the skill and techniques required of Judges and equip them with a sound knowledge of the Rules and Regulations governing the sport. It will enable them to interpret the standard of courses set, the questions asked by the Course Designer and ensure that they are appropriate for the expected level of the training of the horse and athlete involved.

AIMS:

To establish a progressive training scheme for Judges of Show Jumping competitions, run under the auspices of the SJI, and provide them with a sound knowledge of the Rules and Regulations of the Sport of Show Jumping, technical information on show jumping courses and the necessary skills of good judging.

PRINCIPLE OBJECTIVES

To establish the basic principles in Judging of Show Jumping competitions. To identify ways and means by which the Judge can play a significant role in ensuring a fair result. To be able to understand the techniques of the jumping horse, to analyse the actual performance of the horse over the different types of obstacle and thus make a reasonable interpretation of the course set in competition, to ensure a fair test for the expected level of training of horse and athlete involved. To be able to recognise factors which may influence the result of a competition. To show an understanding of the importance of safety in all aspects of show jumping. To be familiar with the role of the Judge and their responsibilities within the running of a successful event.

STRATEGIES

Progressive education of Judges will be based on - ongoing practical experience, seminars, lectures, demonstrations and videos. These will be supported by specific opportunities to work alongside more experienced Judges at selected shows.

SJI Panels of Judges indicating the level of achievement and experience of Judges will be maintained under the following categories: Deputy; Judge; National Judge and Senior National Status.

An examination structure will verify the level of achievement as follows:

To ensure Judges are up to date with current rules they will be required to attend National or Regional Seminars once within a period of two years.

Failure to do so without a valid reason may mean reverting to a lower panel.

CRITERIA FOR UPGRADING ON SJI JUDGE'S PANELS

	Requirement	Procedure
Joining as a Deputy	<p>Candidate to have previously acted as a marker at SJ competitions</p> <p>Minimum Age: 16 18</p> <p>Must attend regional judges' seminar in year of joining deputy panel.</p>	<p>Application to regional committee for approval.</p> <p>If approved, details forwarded to SJI office, where membership fee to be paid.</p> <p>On successful completion of registration, candidate will be forwarded log book and rule book.</p>
Deputy to Judge	<p>Candidate will be required to have successfully completed the following over 4 different venues:</p> <p><u>Ponies</u> 10 full days including 1 Spring Tour or equivalent.</p> <p><u>Horses</u> 10 full days including 5 Amateur classes and 2 Regional Grand Prix or equivalent.</p> <p>On completion then considered for assessment. Attended Judges Seminar in past 2 years</p>	<p>Submit log book detailing experience to regional judges committee.</p> <p>If approved, candidate will be invited to attend regional judges' assessment, where the following topics will be assessed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundamental rules of the association • Completion of marking sheet and results sheet <p>Upgrade after 2 years Pass Rate: 70%</p> <p>Where a Deputy Judge meets the criteria and has been assessed accordingly they should automatically be upgraded to Judge. This should happen immediately, as opposed to waiting until January of the following year.</p>

Equine Influenza Vaccination Programme

The SJI requires all horses competing in competition, to provide evidence of sufficient vaccination against equine influenza. Vaccination against equine influenza is an important deterrent to respiratory disease amongst competition horses and is essential for health regulatory reasons.

The Vaccination protocols for Equine Influenza will require:

- A primary course of two injections 21 – 92 days apart
- A primary booster 150 – 215 days after the second injection
- An annual booster less than 365 days after the third injection.

The Person Responsible will be deemed to be the competitor (athlete) who shall be responsible for any act performed by him/herself or by other person with access to his/her horses. The Person Responsible (PR) is responsible for the condition, fitness and management of each and every horse under his/her jurisdiction and must know the relevant Rules and Regulations.

If the competitor is under 18 years of age, the Person Responsible will be deemed to be the Registered Owner of the animal.

If for any reason circumstances change regarding the Person Responsible, it is obligatory that he/she will immediately inform the Show Jumping Association of Ireland, in writing. A copy of this notice must be forwarded to the Chairman of the Veterinary Committee without delay.

Abuse of animals:

Abuse of animals can be defined as acting in a way or omitting to prevent an action, which has caused or is likely to cause pain or unnecessary discomfort to the horse.

Officials are requested to be vigilant of the behaviour of competitors towards their animals in all areas of the show grounds, but particularly in the Exercise, Practice and Competition areas.

Any case of alleged abuse of horses must be immediately reported to the Ground Jury.

Hypersensitised limbs

Hypersensitisation of limbs is considered an abuse of horses and will be considered a violation of the SJI Rules and Regulations. Checks will be carried out at shows to evaluate the presence of any abnormal skin sensitivity of the limbs or the use of materials which may cause sensitivity. The degree of sensitivity will be judged on clinical grounds by a Veterinary Surgeon.

Examination for increased sensitivity may also involve the swabbing of the limb/s to collect samples or the collection of bandages and other material to be analysed for the presence of prohibited substances. The inspection of boots, bandages or tack material for the presence of foreign bodies and/or the application of prohibited substances may be carried out:

- In the exercise and schooling areas
- During a competition
- Other such places as determined by the Veterinary Committee.

Medication Control

Testing – There will be sanctions for riders/members who refuse testing. For those riders under 18, the sanctions will be placed on the owner of the animal. Parties may be named at discretion of the SJI Board. (Appendix 5 - Disciplinary)

Refer to HSI Anti Doping regulations <http://www.horsesportireland.ie/anti-doping.5781.html>

League Rules

57. Leagues run during the show jumping year, February to December inclusive. Must have a minimum of 4 shows plus a final and must not have more than a maximum of 11 shows plus a final. Only one League date per week is permitted (Mon –Sun). If run over a weekend, it can only be one day. Exception: Where next league date clashes with established show then minimum days between legs may be reduced to 3.

5A - If a league show is clashing with a standalone show in its region, the centre running the league must stand down on that weekend at the discretion of the Regional Secretary. This league rule will be implemented from the 1st May to 31st August only.

57B. League must not clash with an established Show in the Region.

57C. An established show is to be defined as a Show with Individual Authorisation where it has been running over a minimum of 3 consecutive years.

58A. Prize Fund to be a minimum of 10% per entry to Prize Fund in relevant class in Final. (Prize Fund to be clearly specified in schedule on SJI LIVE)

58B. Date of Final to be clearly specified in schedule.

58C. Number of Legs in League to be minimum 5 and maximum 12 (this includes Finals).

58D. League to be held must be completed within a period of no longer than 2 weeks more than the number of days, i.e. weeks of the League. e.g. a League with 12 legs would be completed within 14 calendar weeks. Time between individual legs to be no greater than 2 weeks.

59E. Legs of League Shows to be single day shows with the exception of a show which has more than one arena where an individual show can be held in the second arena. A separate authorisation for the individual show must be paid

59F. Qualification of a combination (Horse /Pony/Rider) at a League to be defined as the number of attendances at the Show irrespective of the class/classes competed in. Number of attendances required to be a maximum of 50% number of days of League.

59G. Organisers holding leagues will be required to publish clearly, within the venue, lists of competitors in each class to show the attendance.

League Organisers

The maximum attendance which organisers of league shows can request, in order for competitors to gain qualification for the final, is 50% of total number of shows in the league excluding the final. ShowjumpingIreland reserves the right to require leagues to suspend where established shows are taking place in close regional proximity. Organisers may if necessary run the league final on the same weekend as another league leg.

Amendments

60. Any changes in the Schedule must be conveyed to the SJI Office via the Regional Secretary

61. Any changes to the Health & Safety documentation must be notified to the SJI office

Media Rights

Media Rights All rights (including rights to income) in relation to all moving images (including but not exclusively from television, radio, film, video, DVD, internet, telephone or other media or data) and all broadcasting, recording and distribution rights to any affiliated event (excluding any rights reserved directly to the FEI) shall belong to ShowjumpingIreland. Any agreement by any Show Organiser with any third party in relation to such rights must be subject to the provisions of this Rule and having first obtained the written consent of the Chief Executive/ShowjumpingIreland

Live Streaming Microphones When in agreement with ShowjumpingIreland that Live streaming is taking place on the showground. At no point should a live microphone linked directly to the live stream be allowed in the Judges Box. A cabled feed may be taken from the official PA system, but no separate microphone to be allowed except with the express agreement of the President of the Ground Jury.

All open/background microphones should be clearly identifiable by Officials and competitors. All reasonable efforts must be made by the streaming provider to clearly mark and identify open/background microphones positioned in or around the arena.

Should any Show Organiser be found in breach of the terms of authorisation, the SJI reserves the right to refuse authorisation of future events or to rescind existing authorisation already granted or impose a penalty fine.

APPENDIX 13a – Authorisation Fees for Shows & Leagues

Shows – (1, 2 or 3 day)	Prizemoney €2,000 or under	€200 per day
	Prizemoney above €2,000	€300 per day

Leagues - Minimum of 5 legs (4 plus final) and no more than 12 legs (11 plus final)

1 st League Date	€160.00 per day
2 nd League Date	€110.00 per day
3 rd to 6 th League Date	€65.00
7 th to 12 th League Date	€60.00

Payment by card payment or bank transfer

Bank Details: Showjumping Ireland
IBAN: IE63 AIBK 9332 4403 9390 53
BIC: AIBKIE2D

See page 182 for Regulations.

APPENDIX 14 – Testing Procedure
PROCEDURE FOR TESTING AT SHOWS:

- On the morning of the event the Chief Steward informs the President of the Ground Jury that there will be testing carried out and checks that correct facilities have been provided. One Steward must be allocated to testing and carry out no other tasks that day
- When the Vet arrives, the Steward brings the Vet to the President of the Ground Jury and a random selection of horses to be tested throughout the day is made prior to the beginning of the class (the random selection process previously accumulated can be used as a guideline if wished but is not essential)
- The horses selected could be taken from any SJI class in any arena on the day
- The steward will then accompany the selected horse to the Vet in the testing box along with the person responsible for the horse
- If on return to the entrance to the arena the next horse selected has been missed then the next available animal with the designated faults can be taken. However, there must be time allowed between selected horses for the Vet to have all paper work completed and the Steward must liaise with the President of the Ground Jury on this before taking the next animal for testing

Random selection is the norm but if for any reason it is felt necessary the targeted testing may be carried out

There will be sanctions for riders/members who refuse testing. For those riders under 18, the sanctions will be placed on the owner of the animal. Parties may be named at discretion of the SJI Board. (Appendix 5 - Disciplinary)