

FOREWORD

1. These Rules adopt the text of the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) Jumping Rules for Events (24th edition) as amended from time to time.

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 2012, and supersede all existing National Jumping Rules and Special Regulations on that date.

5. Changes in these Rules come into force when published in the Show Jumping Association of Ireland (SJA) Official Bulletin.

6. SJA 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 SJA Anti-Doping rules are the Irish Anti-Doping Rules as adopted by the Irish Sports Council, as amended from time to time. The rules contained in the said Irish Anti-Doping Rules shall have effect and be construed as rules of SJA

Article 234N.1 The speeds for national competitions are as follows:

Normal Competitions	350m per minute
Grand Prix	350 – 400m per minute
Team	350 – 400m per minute
Derby	350 – 400m per minute
Indoor	325m per minute
Indoor (min. dimensions 50mX30m, class min. height 1.30m)	350mpm
Puissance/Power & Skill	No minimum speed
Young Riders/Juniors	350 – 375m per minute
4 Year Old Competition	325m per minute

Article 248.7N.7.1.1 For classes which have 'prizes in kind' the value of the prize must equate to 5 times the entry fee in line with the other classes

Article 254N.B.1.2.1 Any athlete/animal combination found to be competing in breach of league rules will be disciplined accordingly.

Article 254N.C.1.9.2.2 Any athlete/animal combination found to be competing in breach of league rules will be disciplined accordingly.

Article 254N.C.1.3 An Amateur athlete must not have ridden a horse or pony in National or International Show Jumping Classes **over 1.20m** at the RDS during the last five years. Amateur classes excluded. **If an Amateur athlete jumped in the RDS in a 1.10m or 1.20m class (e.g.: Young Riders 1.10m-1.20m, Children On Horses 1.15m, 4 year old class 1.10m or 5 year old class 1.20m) he/she will not be allowed to jump in Amateur classes for 3 years instead of 5 years.** An Amateur athlete must not have ridden a horse in any National Grand Prix Leagues during the last five years.

This commences from the 1st January of the following year.

Article 255N.2N.2.4 Any athlete/animal combination found to be competing in breach of league rules will be disciplined accordingly.

Article 255N.3N.3.3.4 Any athlete/animal combination found to be competing in breach of league rules will be disciplined accordingly.

Article 255N.1.4 An athlete may not ride more than three horses in a Junior competition. **If an athlete competes on a fourth or subsequent animal in any one competition on the same day, all animals ridden by that athlete on the day will be eliminated.**

Article 255N.2.2 An athlete may not ride more than **four** horses in a Young Rider competition. **If an athlete competes on a fifth or subsequent animal in any competition on the same day, all animals ridden by that athlete on the day will be eliminated.**

Article 255N.3.2. An athlete may not ride more than three horses in a Children on Horses competition. **If an athlete competes on a fourth or subsequent animal in any one competition on the same day, all animals ridden by that athlete on the day will be eliminated.**

Article 256N.1.4.1.1 Headgear 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 case, 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. 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 (e.g. if the harness becomes unfastened in the middle of a combination or one or two strides before the obstacle in question.

Article 294N.2 A Temporary Ticket may be purchased at the show at an additional cost to the entry fee. This is available to members and non-members for animals not currently registered, or without a current registration ticket to hand. Registered animals competing on a Temporary Ticket may take part in their normal class but may not compete in any competition on a registered ticket on the same day and are not eligible for Grading Points or Prize Money. Unregistered animals may participate in the relevant category i.e. correct pony height, or relevant metre class. **Members are not allowed jump on temporary tickets at 1.35m or above.** Temporary tickets are currently available to members at €5. Non-members allowed to jump on temp tickets up to: Horses: 1m Ponies: Glencarrig Lady League, Newcomers, U8/U10, 128cm up to 128 80cms, 138cm up 138 90cms, 148cm up to 148 1 metre at €10. Athletes jumping on Temporary Tickets cannot jump against the clock.

Article 300N.6.3 Any athlete/animal combination found to be competing in breach of league rules will be disciplined accordingly.

Article 310N.1 Grades A, B, and C and 128/90cms and above, 138/1.00m and above, and 148/**1.00m** and above, ponies may jump off against the clock in the second or third round, according to the schedule.

Article 310N.2 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 or third round against the clock unless in the final of a league where there are at least four preliminary rounds prior to the final.

APPENDIX 2 PERMITTED PONY BITS & NOSEBANDS

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 SJA for approval through the **National Judges Committee & the National Executive Committee**. If such approval is granted the bit may then be used from the time as published in the SJA Bulletin.

Pessoa bit is permitted for use with a leather strap or covered chain. No double reins are permitted (with any bit) in pony classes. Images in separate document will also be added to the Appendix.

Nose bands may only be made of leather and flat. Rope nosebands are not permitted.

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



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



The following nosebands are not allowed:



APPENDIX 2A BOOTS NOT PERMITTED FOR USE

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



However the version below 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)



APPENDIX 11 VETERINARY EXAMINATIONS, HORSE INSPECTIONS, PASSPORT CONTROL AND MEDICATION CONTROL

Horses are not permitted to compete: a) with a tracheotomy / tracheostomy (i.e. a surgical opening through the skin into the trachea), b) when they have a hypersensitive or hyposensitive areas, c) following gene doping i.e. the non - therapeutic use of cells, genes, genetic elements or of the modulation of gene expression, having the capacity to improve performance, d) whilst using kinesio-taping or patches in any way, however their use is permitted in the SJI stables area, e) blood doping or similar methods.

APPENDIX 12 STIPENDIARY STEWARDS

Stewarding is the supervision at national events by trained individuals to ensure that the welfare of the horse is respected and that a level playing field is provided for all athletes participating at the event

- Fairness by means of a good SJI Stewarding Programme - National equestrian competitions have developed in recent years to a point that stewarding is now one of the most important aspects of any event. The steward is called upon to make quick, informed judgements and to intervene in situations that require an official, authoritative but fair reaction. In line with most activities of equestrian officials, knowledge of accepted behaviour and of the rules and regulations combined with experience and common sense provide for the best stewarding. From higher level events where top professionals compete down to lower level events with up and coming competitors, the services of qualified stewards are essential. Up and coming competitors often imitate the well-known experienced competitors, and proper training methods and behaviour are frequently learned by example. The stewards' principal aim is to endeavour to ensure that competitors participating in events do so with the utmost respect for their horses, officials, the public, their fellow competitors and all those involved in the sport. While no two events are alike, stewards should always make fair and considered decisions. The SJI Chief Steward must be aware of the standards at each event and should always aspire to help raise the awareness of competitors and officials alike. The welfare of the horse is paramount.
- SJI Code of Conduct - The SJI requires all those involved in national equestrian sport to adhere to the SJI's Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.
- At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery and tack, and transportation.
- Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of aids.
- Events must not prejudice horse welfare. This involves paying careful attention to the competition areas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, site safety and fitness of the horses for onward travel after the event.
- Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive proper attention after they have competed and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over. This covers proper veterinary care, competition injuries, euthanasia and retirement.
- The SJI urges all involved with the sport to attain the highest levels of education in their area(s) of expertise.
- THE IDEA OF SJI STEWARDING AND ITS PURPOSE - The terms "Stewarding" and "Steward" (and the included responsibilities) can have different interpretations and therefore need to be clearly defined.

- **The purpose of Stewarding is:**
 - To protect the welfare of the horse and ensure fair play;**
 - To support the Organising Committee (OC) in the successful running of the event in line with the SJI rules and regulations.**

- **The SJI Chief Steward is appointed by the SJI Judges Committee. The SJI Chief Steward duties are:**
 - To coordinate all matters relating to Stewarding**
 - To report to the SJI Judges Committee**
 - Liaise with the SJI Judges Committee and produce a report of appointments of stewarding every year;**
 - Arrange a seminar each year for the education of Stewards**
 - Supervise stewarding activities within SJI**