

## **VETERINARY RULES**

### **1000 GENERAL**

1000.1 In all cases the welfare of the horse is paramount.

1000.2 The FEI Code of Conduct pertaining to horses must as far as locally possible be respected.

1000.3 The Provisions of Rule 108 apply at all shows.

1000.4 A Ground Jury, a Judge, the HAK TD or the Chief Steward and the Chairman of the SOC have the right to Refer to the Veterinary Officer on Duty, and / or Appeal Committee, any horse or pony which fails to comply with the guidelines for sufficient condition. (Appendix IV).

1000.5 Veterinary Officers should be in attendance or on immediate call at all HAK Shows.

### **1001 VETERINARY GROUND JURY (PANEL)**

In the absence of the Veterinary Officer, a decision on Fitness to Compete, may be made by a Ground Jury consisting of not less than three representatives from: The discipline(s) concerned, the HAK TD or Chief Steward and the SOC.

### **1002 HORSE INSPECTIONS:**

1002.1 At all Events and Competitions run under FEI Rules, horses must be presented to an Inspection Panel for examination of Fitness to Compete, Identification and validity of inoculations.

1002.2 Each horse must present a Passport or Certificate of Identification which includes proof of all required inoculation(s).

1002.3 Horses will be presented for inspection in a bridle. Handlers will wear proper footwear.

1002.4 Horses will be inspected at halt. They must walk and trot on a straight line with one right turn on a loose rein with one handler.

1002.5 The Person Responsible (rider) should present the horse unless permission for a substitute person to present has been granted by the Panel.

1002.6 Competitors/Persons responsible may not interfere or confer with the Veterinary Panel during veterinary inspections unless invited to do so

1002.7 The horse will be halted in front of the Panel for identification and visual inspection. It will then walk approximately 10 m, then it will proceed in trot for c. 20 m. until it reaches the marker. At the marker, it must walk around the marker in a clockwise direction and then proceed in trot straight back to the point of origin.

1002.8 Palpitation of a limb or other part of the body will only be carried out if deemed necessary and with permission of the Person Responsible. Other tests (i.e. Flexion or move the horse in a circle) may not be performed. Refusal to grant permission for palpitation will result in the horse being sent to a holding box for re-inspection.

1002.9 The rider will then be informed if the horse is: “passed”, sent to a holding box, eligible for re-inspection at a later time or “Not Accepted” (If the horse is clearly lame or unfit).

### **1003 RE-INSPECTIONS**

During any inspection, if there is any doubt as to whether a horse should be passed, he will be offered the possibility of a re-inspection. He will wait at one side, under supervision. No horse may be lunged or ridden during this period. It will be inspected again within one hour or after the other competitors before a decision is made. In exceptional circumstances and if the start of a competition is not imminent, a horse may be allowed to come for further re-inspection, at a time designated by the panel, but not less than 30 minutes before the start of his competition. These horses should never be subject to any medication while awaiting re-inspection.

### **1004 FAILURE TO PRESENT AT A HORSE INSPECTION**

The names of horses not presented for veterinary inspection must be forwarded to the SOC Office and the HAK TD or Chief Steward. They must be inspected by a Veterinary Officer before competing in any class at the show and may be subject to disqualification from the whole show.

### **1005 FAILURE TO PASS A HORSE INSPECTION**

1005.1 Failure to pass an inspection during a competition leads to elimination. After failure, it is not permitted to withdraw with the possibility of a refund of entry fees.

1005.2 If a horse arrives at the place of competition and is not fit to compete, for example as the result of an injury sustained during transport, the PR should withdraw from the competition rather than presenting his horse at the inspection or declaring his intention to compete. Once the declaration is made or a horse is presented at a horse inspection, the horse is deemed to be competing, and no refund of entry fee will be made.

### **1006 UNFITNESS OF HORSES**

1006.1 If at any time during a competition a horse is lame, sick or exhausted, it may be eliminated and must be seen by a Veterinary Officer. Competitors are warned that competing with a horse in such condition can amount to a breach of the Rules.

1006.2 If the official Veterinary Officer on duty or Panel at a show or event finds that a horse is so lame, unfit or in such poor condition that he should not compete in any class at a show, he can ban that horse from all competitions.

1006.3 If, however, the Veterinary Officer finds that a horse is unfit for some events or classes, but is sufficiently fit to participate in others, he should so state, and pass this information on to the Show Office and HAK TD or Chief Steward. Such horse may not compete in any classes for which he has been found unfit until examined and passed by the Veterinary Officer on duty.

1006.4 If a horse is banned by the Veterinary Officer from all competitions, this decision must be publicly posted on the Show Bulletin Board.

1006.5 A horse so banned will not be allowed to compete until it has been examined and passed by the Official Veterinary Officer on duty.

### **1007 DECISION OF THE VETERINARY OFFICER OR PANEL**

In all cases the Veterinary Officer or Panel's decision is final. The decision is made at the time of inspection and no previous certificates of soundness, mechanical lameness will be acknowledged as binding.

### **1008 DESTRUCTION OF SEVERELY INJURED HORSES**

If at an HAK Show a horse is so severely injured that, in the opinion of the Veterinary Officer, it ought to be destroyed on humane grounds, the Veterinary Officer will obtain agreement from the owner or his authorised representative. If the owner or his representative is not available, the senior HAK Official present, acting on the advice of the Veterinary Officer, may order the destruction of the horse.

**For Special Rules applicable to Eventing, see Rules: 504, 521 and 522**

## **1010 FEI Equine Anti-Doping Controlled Medication Regulations (CLEAN SPORT) RULES:**

### **APPLICATION, REPORTING AND RECOGNITION**

#### ***Application of FEI EADCMR (ART. 13 FEI General Regulations and FEI Veterinary Regulations)***

For *FEI* Disciplines only, all *National Federations* shall specifically incorporate Articles 2, 3, 4, 8.2, and 10 of these *EADCM Rules* into their anti-doping regulations without substantive change and enforce them against their members, unless doing so would contravene any applicable national law. With regards to the other Articles of these *EADCM Rules*, *National Federations*, to the extent they do not wish to incorporate them, shall adopt corresponding provisions which embody similar concepts and principles.

Nothing in these *EADCM Rules* shall be interpreted to prevent a *National Federation* from conducting out-of-competition testing on national horses as part of its national *medication Control*.

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## MEDICAL RULES

### 1100 UNFITNESS OF RIDERS

The Medical Officer, TD, HAK Steward or a Judge is authorised to exclude from competition any competitor who is severely injured or unfit, for instance as a result of a fall or any other reason. Judges should be responsible to ensure that no rider continues in another competition, if there is doubt concerning his fitness, irrespective of the view of the rider, parents, trainer, etc.

The relevant Ground Jury, HAK TD, HAK Steward or any Steward are authorized to require examination and clearance, by a Veterinary Officer or Medical Officer after a witnessed fall reported to the official above anywhere on the show grounds, before the horse or rider may compete again at the same show.

### 1101 FALLS and SUMMARY (moved from rule 150)

1101.1 All falls of either horse or rider or both will result in the elimination of that horse from that whole competition. This applies to horses in a multiple phase or multiple round competitions.

1101.2 The period of jurisdiction for this rule will be as follows:

1101.2.1 Jumping: From the time the signal to start is given for the competitor to begin his round until the horse and rider have passed through the finish line.

1101.2.2 Dressage: From the time the signal to start for the competitor to begin his test until the horse and rider complete the final halt.

1101.2.3 Eventing: (556.5) Phases A & C: from the signal to start until the end of the phase. Steeplechase and Cross Country: from the start of the final countdown whether in the starting box or not, until the horse and rider go through the finish of that phase. NB special provisions in 556.6.

1101.2.4 Showing and Equitation: From the time the judging of the class or rider begins until all the rosettes are presented except in Working Hunter and Equitation Phases with Jumping where a fall after passing through the finish after the final obstacle will not incur elimination.

1101.3 Notwithstanding the above the Judge(s) **or relevant officials** of any competition have the right to allow a competitor to dismount before the actual round or tests begins or in special circumstances according to specific discipline rules.

1101.4 The Judges(s) of any competition may at any time of competition eliminate a horse or rider who they deem unfit.

1101.5 The relevant Ground Jury, HAK TD or HAK Steward are authorized to REQUIRE examination and clearance, by a Medical Officer after any fall during a competition before the rider may compete again at the same show on the same or a different horse.

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