

RULES GOVERNING NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
DRESSAGE: 2020

Article 1

CATEGORIES:- All the following categories will be applicable for National Equestrian Championships (NEC) as well as FEI Dressage World Challenge:-

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| 1. | NEC Intermediate-I | - | Appendix 'A' | |
| 2. | NEC Prix St Georges | - | Appendix 'B' | |
| 3. | NEC Advanced Test/Senior II | - | Appendix 'C' | |
| 4. | NEC Advance Medium | - | Appendix 'D' | |
| 5. | NEC Medium Test/ Senior I | - | Appendix 'E' | |
| 6. | NEC Elementary | - | Appendix 'F' | } Only in NEC |
| 7. | NEC Preliminary | - | Appendix 'G' | |

Article 2

ELIGIBILITY OF RIDERS

1. All riders 16 years and above can participate. **Article 502 (JNEC) refers.**
2. Teams will comprise of three riders and all three scores will count.
3. A Rider can enter a max of two horses in each grade in the NEC. He will have to nominate any one horse for his percentage to be counted towards rider points and medals. Nominated horses will start first in the competition. **A rider will get points in any grade for his nominated horse only.** The percentage of the other horses will only be counted towards up gradation and medal for the event entered and not towards rider points irrespective of the result.
4. **FEI Events:-**
 - (a) Should a foreign rider based in India wish to compete in any FEI Competition (including FEI Dressage World Challenge) will compete for his/her own flag and need to get his/her National Federation's permission (NOC)
 - (b) **Foreign Riders not to form as part of Indian Team:-** Foreign Riders will not be the part of Indian Team. A foreign rider can participate in the Indian Chapter of FEI Dressage

World Challenge but they will have to get an NOC from their own Federation and their score will not be counted against India.

5. **National Equestrian Championship:-** All athletes having Indian Nationality are allowed to participate in the National Championship. **However, a foreign rider is allowed to take part in regional horse shows. but in the National Championship he / she can participate as an HC Entry.**

Article 3

ELIGIBILITY / PARTICIPATION OF HORSES

1. Horses must participate in the Test according to their grade.
2. All horses of 4 yrs of age and above can participate in Preliminary.
3. All horses of 5 yrs of age and above can participate in Elementary Dressage.
4. All horses 6 yrs of age and above can participate in NEC Medium, Advance Medium & Advanced Dressage.
5. All horses 7 yrs of age and above can participate in NEC Prix St Georges & Intermediate - I Dressage.
6. **It is mandatory for the organisers to conduct all Dressage competitions of all grades irrespective of the number of entries, to enable the riders to upgrade their horses.**
7. **Refer to Article 11 (Dressage) for Horse Concours (HC) entry.**
8. **Horses of all grades except for Inter-I & Prix St George will be allowed to be used for Children 1, Children 2, Juniors and Young Rider dressage.**

Article 4

GRADING OF DRESSAGE HORSES

GRADE	
Preliminary	Any horse who has not been graded in a higher grade
Elementary	All horses upgraded from Preliminary grade & downgraded from Medium grade.
Medium	All horses upgraded from Elementary grade & downgraded from Advanced Medium grade.
Advance Medium	All horses upgraded from Medium grade & downgraded from Advanced grade.

Advanced	All horses upgraded from Advance Medium grade & downgraded from Prix St Georges grade.
Prix St George	All horses upgraded from Advanced grade and downgraded from Intermediate-1.
Intermediate - I	All horses upgraded from Prix St Georges grade.

Article 5

GRADING PROCEDURES GENERAL

1. All grading of horses will be done based on the results of NEC Dressage & FEI Dressage World Challenge. **Horses will be graded after every NEC & FEI Dressage World Challenge.**
2. All six grades of Dressage will be held at every Horse Show in the EFI calendar. All competitions will be organized in a progressive manner starting with Preliminary and ending with Inter-1 to enable a horse to participate in higher grades in a single Horse Show if it gets MER as mentioned in **Article 06** and meeting the age criteria ~~(not applicable for upgradation of horses)~~.
3. It is the responsibility of the participant to enter in the event of correct grade of eligibility. Any error would mean automatic disqualification and forfeiture of entry fee and withdrawal of prizes and placing awarded. Further participation in that Meet/ Horse Show/ Championship will be as per discretion of Organizing Committee. Necessary disciplinary action will be initiated by EFI for any such violation.
4. **All horses (including imported) when competing in India for the first time, in Dressage, may enter in any grade of their choice. For subsequent competitions, both NEC and EFI approved, the grading of the horse entered will remain the same as given initially. ~~irrespective of change or request of rider /owner/club /unit.~~ Thereafter all upgradations will apply as per Article 6 and all downgradation as per Article 7.**

Article 6

UP GRADING PROCEDURES

FROM	TO	<u>MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (MER)</u>
Preliminary	Elementary	Any horse that scores 60% or more in NEC Preliminary test will be upgraded. All Preliminary horses will be compulsorily upgraded to Elementary grade on completion of two years
Elementary	Medium	Any horse that scores 60% or more in NEC Elementary test will be upgraded. All Elementary horses will be compulsorily upgraded to Medium grade on completion of two years
Medium	Advance Medium	Any horse that scores 60% or more in NEC Medium/FEI Dressage World Challenge Senior I test will be upgraded on meeting Two MER or with One MER rider makes a request to EFI in writing to upgrade.
Advance Medium	Advanced	Any horse that scores 60% or more in NEC Advance Medium test will be upgraded on meeting Two MER or with One MER rider makes a request to EFI in writing to upgrade..
Advanced	Prix St Georges	Any horse that scores 60% in NEC Advanced/ FEI Dressage World Challenge Senior II test will be upgraded on acquiring Two MER or with One MER rider makes a request to EFI in writing to upgrade.
Prix St Georges	Intermediate-I	Any horse that scores 60% in NEC Prix St Georges / FEI Dressage World Challenge Prix St Georges test will be upgraded on acquiring Two MER or with One MER rider makes a request to EFI in writing to upgrade. .

Note.

1. For upgradation in FEI Dressage World Challenge, the horse has to compete in his own grade and attain the required MER for upgradation.
2. In case the horse competes in any other grade than his own/equivalent grade at FEI Dressage World Challenge and scores the upgradation %, the horse will not be considered for upgradation.
3. Adv Med upgradation will be based on scores of NEC only.

Article 7

DOWN GRADING PROCEDURES

1. Down grading is permitted only up to Medium dressage. (No downgrading permitted below this grade).
2. Any horse that scores less than 50% in two consecutive tests in its own grade in NEC/FEI Dressage World Challenge (i.e Medium/Advance Medium/Advance/Prix St Georges/ Intermediate-I) may be downgraded on a written application to the EFI which will be vetted and approved by a committee consisting of **Vice President (Technical), Secretary General & Member Discipline.**

Article 8

BITTING/SPURS RULES FOR DRESSAGE

As per FEI Dressage Rules.

Article 9

GENERAL:-General conduct of competition as per FEI Dressage Rules.

(**Note**:-Two medals will not be awarded for the same event)

Article 10

TECHNICAL CONDUCT AND VETERINARY REGULATIONS: - As per FEI Rules (FEI Dressage Rules, General Regulations & Veterinary Rules).

Article 11.

FEI Rules will be referred for welfare of horses, athlete and safety requirements.

Article 12

HORSE CONCOURS (HC):-HC will only be permitted in EFI competitions other than NEC & FEI Dressage World Challenge. ~~A horse is allowed to start the competition in its own grade or any lower grade but will not be entitled for any benefits whatsoever including upgradation & downgradation.~~ All HC entries will start at the top order of the draw in the competition. No horse can participate as HC in a higher grade.

Article 13

ABUSE / CRUELTY TO HORSES:- As per FEI Dressage Rules. (IT IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDENT GROUND JURY TO ELIMINATE THE RIDER AND/OR AWARD A YELLOW CARD AS PER FEI GUIDELINES)

Article 14

JURY FOR NEC/EFI HORSE SHOWS

There will never be any **SINGLE MEMBER JURY** whether foreign or Indian for any NEC / EFI Horse Show / Any Trial. There will be 3 member jury. All jury members scores will count.

Article 15

MINIMUM STANDARD FOR A NATIONAL MEDAL (INDL & TEAM)

1. A rider in Dressage must get following Minimum % of marks mentioned against each grade to get rider points as well as to be awarded a National medal (Indl & Team):-

			<u>Indl</u>	<u>Team</u>
(a)	NEC Intermediate-I	-	60%	58%
(b)	NEC Prix St-George	-	60%	58%
(c)	NEC Advanced	-	60%	58%
(d)	NEC Advance Medium	-	62%	60%
(e)	NEC Medium	-	63%	61%
(f)	NEC Elementary	-	64%	62%
(g)	NEC Preliminary	-	65%	63%

2. **NATIONAL CHAMPION**. The gold medalist of a highest category conducted in the National Equestrian Championships will be declared as the National Champion in Dressage.

3. It shall be mandatory to have min of 4 Teams for Team event consisting of min 3 riders in each team during NEC and any EFI approved event.

Article 16

RIDER POINTS

Events	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
NEC Intermediate-I	32	30	28	26	24	22
FEI Dressage World Challenge Intermediate-I	32	30	28	26	24	22
NEC Prix St Georges	22	20	18	16	14	12
FEI World Dressage Challenge Prix St Georges	22	20	18	16	14	12
NEC Advanced	16	14	12	10	8	6
FEI World Dressage Challenge Senior II	16	14	12	10	8	6
NEC Advance Medium	14	12	10	8	6	4
NEC Medium	6	5	4	3	2	1
FEI World Dressage Challenge Senior I	6	5	4	3	2	1

Note:-

1. A rider will only get points in each grade for the nominated horse which will be ridden first. In case rider doesn't nominate horse before the competition then the horse ridden first will be considered as nominated horse.
2. A rider in Dressage must get Minimum % of Marks as given in **Article 14** mentioned against each grade to get rider points and medal.
3. The moment National Events / International Events are held in next equestrian calendar (01 Aug – 31 Jul) year the points for the previous year will be cancelled.
4. If an event is not held in the next equestrian calendar year, points will be valid for only 12 months.

Article 17

SELECTION OF INDIAN TEAM

Indian Team will be selected based on trials if time permits otherwise selection will be based on points earned in NEC same grade of International competition / higher grade conducted during the EFI Calendar year. This is not applicable for Asian Championship/Asian Games/Olympic Games/World Equestrian Championship.

Article 18

A standing committee consisting of members as mentioned below to take decision in case of any eventuality/contingency/situation which is/are not covered in Tech guidelines in case of ambiguity or unforeseen or circumstances, without diluting or compromising rules/guidelines by approaching as near as possible the intention or expression of Tech Guidelines/rules of NF in the best interest of the Sport:-

- (a) VP Tech
- (b) Member Dressage
- (c) Secretary General or his rep
- (d) Rep of Ground Jury.

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