

SHOW JUMPING

RULES GOVERNING NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

SHOW JUMPING: 2019

Article 201

CATEGORIES

MAIN COMPETITION

1. NEC Grand Prix
2. NEC Grade1 / Advanced Grade
3. NEC Grade 2 / Intermediate Grade
4. NEC Grade 3 / Medium Grade
5. NEC Novice Grade
6. NEC Preliminary
(to be conducted alongwith JNEC)

SUBSIDIARY COMPETITION

- Puissance
- Puissance/Six Bar/Power & Speed
- Six Bar/ Puissance
- Top Score
- Accumulator
- OR** any Subsidiary competition by OCs, if approved by EFI

Article 202

STANDARDS FOR JUMPING COMPETITIONS

1. Min 66% of the jumps will be of full height and spread to include three vertical and three parallel jumps.
2. Mandatory to have two round competitions in NEC & EFI approved competitions.
3. EFI approved regional competition standard may vary depending on the ground conditions and number of entries. However, min 50% jumps will be at max height & spread.
4. **Specification of the Show Jumping Course:-**

Grade	Height		Spread Max	Speed Per Min	No. of Round	No of Jumps
	Min	Max				
PRELIMINARY	0.90	1.00	1.20	325 M	One	12-15 efforts. One double combination of height not exceeding 95cm and spread not exceeding 110Cm
NOVICE	1.00	1.10	1.25	350 M	Two	12-15 efforts. Two double combination in each round. Liverpool compulsory.
GRADE III/ Medium	1.10	1.20	1.40	350 M	Two	12-15 efforts with one triple and one double combination or three double combinations in each round. Liverpool compulsory.

Grade	Height		Spread Max	Speed Per Min	No. of Round	No of Jumps
	Min	Max				
GRADE II/ Intermediate	1.20	1.30	1.50	350 M	Two	12-15 efforts with one triple and one double combination or three double combinations in each round. Liverpool compulsory.
GRADE I/ Advance	1.30	1.40	1.60	375 M	Two	12-15 efforts with one triple and one double combination or three double combinations in each round. Liverpool compulsory.
Grand Prix	1.35	1.50	1.70	375 M	Two	12-15 efforts with one triple and one double combination or three double combinations in each round. Liverpool compulsory.
Top Score Competitions Max height of JOKER will not be more than 15 cm higher than the maximum height of that grade. The JOKER will compulsorily be a VERTICAL fence.						

5. **JUMP OFF:-** Jump off will be for 2nd or 3rd place also if there are two or more competitors placed equally.

Article 203

ELIGIBILITY OF RIDERS

- All riders 16 years and above can participate. **Article 502 (JNEC) refers.**
- A Rider can enter a max of two horses in each grade in the NEC/EFI approved competition. He / She will have to nominate one horse per event for his/her penalties to be counted towards rider points. Nominated horse will start first in the competition. A rider will get points in each grade for his/her **nominated** horse only. The penalties of all horses will be counted towards up gradation.
- If a rider does not nominate his horse before the start of the competition then the first horse ridden in the competition will be deemed as nominated horse and penalties accrued by first horse ridden will count.
- FEI Events:-**
 - Should a foreign rider based in India wish to compete in any FEI Competition (including FEI WJC), the rider will compete for his/her own flag and need to get his/her National Federation's permission (NOC).
 - 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 WJC but they will have to get an NOC from their own Federation and their score will not be counted against India.
- 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 204

ELIGIBILITY OF HORSES BY AGE

1. All horses of 4 years of age and above can participate in Preliminary Jumping unless upgraded.
2. All horses of 5 years of age and above can participate in Novice and Gd III Jumping.
3. All horses of 6 years of age and above can participate in Gd II and Gd I however for Grand Prix the minimum age of horse will be 7 years.
4. All horses age for Asian Trials will be as stated in Asian Games Selection Trials criteria.

Article 205

ELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPATION OF HORSE

1. All horses will only participate in the event according to their grades.
2. **It is mandatory for the organizers to conduct all Jumping competitions of all grades irrespective of the number of entries, to enable the riders to upgrade their horses.**
3. In open competitions for non NEC event/ Regional shows, the standard of the course will be min as per grade III standards.
4. **HORSE CONCOURS ENTRY**:- Horse Concours (HC) entries will only be for lower grades and such horses will not be entitled for any benefit what so ever including upgradation & downgradation. All HC entries will start at the top order of the draw in the competition.

Article 206

GRADING PROCEDURES GENERAL

1. All upgrading and downgrading of horses will be done based on the results and penalty system in vogue of NEC Normal Competitions for all grades and FEI WJC.
2. The EFI will upgrade the horses on meeting the MER as laid down in **Article 207** after NEC & FEI WJC events.
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, withdrawal of prizes and placing awarded and a fine of Rs 1000/-. Further participation in that Meet/ Horse Show/ Championship will be as per discretion of Organizing Committee. Necessary disciplinary action will be initiated by EFI in case of any such violation.
4. For the purpose of upgrading and downgrading, penalties will be accrued based on the performance of the horse irrespective of change in rider.
5. **All horses when competing in India for the first time in Jumping may enter in any grade, considering the age eligibility. For subsequent competitions, both NEC and EFI approved, the grading of the horse entered for the next time will be the same, irrespective of change or request of rider /owner/club /unit, thereafter all upgradations / downgradation will be as per policy.**
6. Competitions for all grades of jumping will be held at every Horse Show at NEC and EFI approved events. All normal competitions will be organized in a progressive manner starting with Novice Normal and culminating with Grand Prix Normal to enable a horse to participate in up to two or more Jumping grades in a single Horse Show, if it meets the MER as per **Art 207** in lower grade. However, subsidiary events of all grade may be adjusted as per the requirement of OC.

7. Two medals will not be awarded for the same event.

Article 207

UP GRADING PROCEDURES

Upgradation of horses will be done on penalties obtained by a horse in a horse show in Normal competitions of NEC & FEI WJC events. The penalties that will be taken into account for upgradation will be as follows:-

From	To	MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT (MER)
PRELIM	NOVICE	A horse will automatically be upgraded after <u>two years</u> from the first Preliminary competition it participates in. OR 08 jumping faults or below in one round competition.
NOVICE NORMAL	GRADE III	A horse will automatically be upgraded after <u>two years</u> from the first Novice competition it participates in. OR 16 jumping faults or below in two rounds competition. OR 20 jumping faults or below in FEI Jumping World Challenge Cat 'C' Six rounds.
GRADE III	GRADE II	16 jumping faults or below in two rounds competition. OR 20 jumping faults or below in FEI Jumping World Challenge Cat 'B' Six rounds.
GRADE II	GRADE I	16 jumping faults or below in two rounds competitions. OR 20 jumping faults in FEI Jumping World Challenge Cat 'A' Six rounds.
GRAND PRIX		Grand Prix competition will be open to Grade I

Note:-

- This penalty system will cover the following competitions:-
 - NEC Jumping Normal Competitions over two rounds (except in Prelim).
 - FEI Jumping World Challenge.
- A rider may be permitted to upgrade his horse to any grade on submission of a written application to EFI which will be vetted by a committee consisting of Vice President (Technical), Member Discipline & Secretary General. However, once upgraded the horse will remain in that higher grade till it is downgraded as per the procedures of downgrading.
- Only jumping penalties/faults will be taken into account for upgradation / downgradation.

4. **Double upgradation in one Equestrian Calendar year (01 Aug – 31 Jul):-**
 - (a) With the present policy of participation a horse may participate in two or more different grades in the same EFI Calendar year (01Aug to 31 Jul). With this policy in vogue it is possible that certain horse may get upgraded by two grades within the same EFI Calendar yr. However, the rider will have the liberty whether to accept or reject the 2nd upgradation within the same yr by sending a written application to Secy Gen EFI.
 - (b) In case, after the first upgradation if the horse participates in next higher grade and achieve results within first three positions in individual event of NEC during the same EFI calendar year the horse will remain in the next higher grade in which he participated (i.e 2nd upgradation).
5. Once upgraded the horse will remain in the same grade for two subsequent EFI Calendar (01 Aug- 31 Jul) before being considered for downgradation.
6. All medal winners in NEC will be upgraded automatically to next higher grade.

Article 208

DOWN GRADING PROCEDURES

1. No downgrading is permissible below Grade III.
2. **Downgrading of the horses of Grade I & Grade II will be allowed after three elimination in NEC/WJC competition in a calendar year in his own grade.**
3. The Federation secretariat shall keep an updated record of all horses with their grades.
4. It will be mandatory for Technical Delegate to submit the detailed results/score sheets to the Secretary General within 7 days of the culmination of the event.

Article 209

DRESS

1. When inspecting the course, dress must be neat and tidy. In any case, riding boots, white breeches, a white or lightly colored plain shirt, white tie and Jacket must be worn. **Service personnel will be in uniform.**
2. It is compulsory for anyone jumping a horse to wear a properly fastened helmet with three point retention harness including riders in uniform.
3. **The use of a properly fastened Protective Headgear will be mandatory while riding on the show grounds (Article 140.1, General Regulations, FEI).**
 - (a) This rule applies in all Disciplines
 - (b) "Protective Headgear" is defined as "appropriate helmet or Headgear that is in compliance with the applicable international testing standards" (Glossary, General Regulations).
 - (c) Failure to wear Protective Headgear where and when required after being notified to do so by an Official, shall result in a Yellow Warning Card, being issued to the Athlete.

Article 210

TECHNICAL CONDUCT AND VETERINARY REGULATIONS: As per FEI Rules

Article 211

MINIMUM STANDARD FOR A NATIONAL MEDAL

1. The National Federation, however, from time to time may lay down minimum standards of entitlement for awarding of medals in the National Equestrian Championships. This has been incorporated to debar presentation of medals to undeserving participants in the unlikely circumstances where participation in NEC is either very limited or unrepresentative of National standards. A rider will not be given any points or medals if he gets more penalties than those specified below:-

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| 1. | NEC Grand Prix | - | 24 penalties |
| 2. | NEC Grade I | - | 24 Penalties |
| 3. | NEC Grade II | - | 20 Penalties |
| 4. | NEC Grade III | - | 12 Penalties |
| 5. | NEC Novice | - | 08 Penalties |
| 6. | NEC Prelim | - | 08 Penalties |
| 7. | FEI Jumping World Challenge Cat 'A' | - | 48 Penalties (Only for rider points) |

Article 212

ABUSE / CRUELTY TO HORSES :- As per FEI Jumping 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 213

RIDER POINTS

Competition	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
NEC Grand Prix	20	18	16	14	12	10
NEC Grade I Normal	16	14	12	10	8	6
NEC Grade II Normal/FEI Jumping World Challenge Cat A	14	12	10	8	6	4
NEC Grade III Normal/FEI Jumping World Challenge Cat B	12	10	8	6	4	2
FEI Jumping World Challenge Cat 'C'	10	8	6	4	2	1

Note:-

1. The moment National Events / International Events are held in next calendar year the points for the previous year will be cancelled.
2. If an event is not held in the next calendar year, points will be valid for only 12 months.
3. A rider will only get points in each grade for highest placed horse.
4. Rider points are valid for best rider in a horse show and dedication of horses.

Article 214

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 highest grade conducted during the EFI Calendar year.

Article 215

NATIONAL CHAMPION:- A rider will be deemed to be National Champion if he wins NEC Grand Prix competition with 24 penalties or less. In case Grand Prix is not held for that calendar year then the rider of Grade I winning gold medal will be the National Champion.

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