

RULES GOVERNING NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
TENT PEGGING: 2021

Article 401

CATEGORIES

1. **Main Events**

- (a) NEC Tent Pegging-Lance (Individual)
- (b) NEC Tent Pegging- Sword (Individual)
- (c) NEC Rings & Peg- Lance
- (d) NEC Lemons & Peg- Sword

2. **Subsidiary Events**

- (a) NEC Paired Tent Pegging (Lance & Sword)
- (b) NEC Indian File (Lance &Sword)
- (c) NEC Tent Pegging- Lance (Team).
- (d) NEC Tent Pegging- Sword (Team).

3. All Tent Pegging Events in India shall be governed by ITPF rules-2017 as amended from Time to Time.

Article 402

INDIVIDUAL TENT PEGGING - LANCE: - This is an individual competition with following stipulations:-

- 1. **Speed**:- 750 mtrs per minute. Time allowed is 6.40 secs for 80m (ITPF) course.
- 2. **Number of Rounds**:- Two.
- 3. **Number of Runs**:- Three per round, the first round will have 2 runs on 6 cm pegs and 3rd run on 4 cm pegs. In second round the first run will be on 6 cm peg and 2nd & 3rd runs will be on 4 cm pegs.
- 4. **Placing**:- Highest scorer in both rounds will be placed first and the next best score will be placed next and so on.
- 5. **Tie**: - To avoid undue stress on tent pegging horses, there should be only one additional run on a 2.5 cm peg. Then the classification will be according to the time. If we still have a tie, then the classification will be according to the time of the last run, and if a tie persists, then the time of the run prior to that will be used to determine the winner / positions.
- 6. **Length of Course**:- 80m (ITPF) (Start to Finish line).

7. **Carry Distance**:- 10 meters for Card Board pegs and 15 meters for wooden pegs.
8. **First Peg**:- 70 meters from start line.

Article 403

TEAM TENT PEGGING – LANCE:- This is team Competition starting with 04 (four) riders. Specifications are as under:-

1. **Speed**:- 680 mtrs per minute. Time allowed is 7 sec for 80m (ITPF) course.
2. **Number of Rounds**:- Two.
3. **Number of Runs**:- First round will have 2 runs on 6 cm pegs and the 3rd run on 4 cm peg. Second round will have first run on 6 cm peg and 2nd & 3rd runs on 4 cm pegs.
4. Points secured by all four riders will count.
5. **Length of Course**:- 80m (ITPF) (Start to Finish Line).
6. **Carry Distance**:- 10 meters for Card Board Peg and 15 meters for wooden pegs.
7. **First Peg**:- 70 meters from Start Line.

Article 404

INDIVIDUAL TENT PEGGING - SWORD

This is an individual competition and rules laid down for lance (individual) will apply with the same, speed. Thus time allowed over a 80m (ITPF) course will be 6.4 seconds. Thereafter time penalties apply.

Article 405

TEAM TENT PEGGING - SWORD

This is team competition consisting of 4 riders and rules laid down for lance (team) will apply and the speed shall be 680 meters per minute. Time allowed is 7 secs for 80m (ITPF) course.

Article 406

PAIRED TENT PEGGING (LANCE & SWORD): - This is a paired competition consisting of 2 riders riding abreast and conducted as per following rules: -

1. **Speed**:- 680 mts per minute. Time allowed is 7 secs for 80m course.
2. **Number of Rounds**:- One round of 2 runs. The first run will be with Lance on 6 cm pegs and the second run shall be with Sword on 4 Cm pegs

3. **Placing** : - The team with maximum points will be placed winner. The next best score second and so on.
4. **Length of Course**:- 80m (ITPF) (Start to finish line).

Article 407

INDIAN FILE (LANCE AND SWORD):- The competition is run over two runs. In the first run all competitors carry lances and in the second run all competitors will carry swords. The total team score of both runs minus time penalties if any would decide the team positions. Each competitor will attempt the peg as per the serial number in the orders of start of the team. Carry of a wrong peg will not qualify the competitor for any score. The first run will be on 6 cm peg and Sword run on 4 cm pegs.

1. **Speed** :- 680 meters per minute.
2. **Time Allowed**:- While computing time allowed for Indian File allowance must be catered for the distance between pegs (i.e. 1 meter between each peg) and distance required to be maintained between 2 horses (i.e. 11 meters). Thus the time allowed for Card Board pegs is 10 secs for 80m (ITPF) course.
3. **Competitor positions**: - If a competitor's peg is knocked out of the ground by a previous rider, and the correct rider manages to score a strike on the peg, he will receive 4 points as for a draw and 6 points if he carried fully.
4. When a competitor draws his peg and it falls against the peg of a following competitor and this rider touches or carries both pegs, he will receive points on his peg alone.
5. No 1 peg will be opposite the peg marked.
6. No 1 rider takes the first peg; No 2 rider takes the second peg, and so on.
7. When a rider has passed his peg, it becomes a "dead peg". If a following rider strikes it, there will be no penalty and no points are scored for that peg.

Article 408

RINGS AND PEG- LANCE

This is an Individual competition with the following stipulations:-

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| (a) | Speed. | 680 m/min (time allowed is 7 secs) |
| (b) | No of Rounds. | One round of two rounds 1 st on 6cm peg 2 nd on 4cm peg |
| (c) | Placing. | Highest scorer of both rounds will be placed first and the next best score will be placed second and so on. |
| (d) | Length of Course. | 80 meters (Start to Finish Line) |

- (e) Carry Distance. 15 meters for Wooden Pegs and 10 meters for Cardboard Pegs
- (f) First ring. 35m from start line
- (g) First peg 70 meters from Start Line
- (h) Size of ring. 60mm internal Diameter

Article 409

LEMONS AND PEG -SWORD

1. The course set up as for Rings and Peg. Instead of Rings, Lemons and Peg in a line will be positioned.
2. **Speed.** 680 meters per minute (time allowed is 7 secs).
3. **Height of Lemon suspended.** 2.2m to top of lemon
4. **Slice One** :- With the sword resting horizontally behind the shoulders, hand in line with shoulder at neck height, elbow below hand, and cut horizontally from rear to front.
5. **Slice Two**:- With sword at left shoulder, cut horizontally from front to rear, at neck height with elbow as high as hand.

Note:- A downward cut or “Push” at lemon will not be allowed and no points shall be awarded for the same.

Article 410

RESTRICTION/ ELIGIBILITY ON RIDERS

All riders of 16 yrs of age and above can participate in NEC Tent Pegging Championships. For Young riders & Juniors refer to JNEC Article-502 whereby junior/young riders participate without compromising their status for JNEC events. A rider can participate in individual events with more than one horse however he has to nominate one horse for which he will get the rider point. He may be awarded medal for his second horse.

Article 411

RESTRICTION ON HORSES

1. Horses participating in National Tent-Pegging Championships cannot participate in any other discipline in that show.
2. Horses below 5 yrs of age cannot participate in National Tent-pegging Championships.
3. The events should be so planned that in a day horses are not required to do more than 8 runs excluding additional runs (in case of tie).

4. The minimum height of a horse shall be 14.2 hands unshod. An allowance of 10mm (3/8inch) will be made for shoes. Horses are to be measured by Veterinary Commission of the Organizing Committee prior to the commencement of the competition on the request of the Judge or his deputy or complaint by a team captain.

5. Official height measurement certificate issued by National Agricultural Associations, Pony Clubs, Breed Societies, the National Equestrian Federations will be accepted as proof of height.

6. In case the horse develops any veterinary problem through the competition after the elimination stage, the rider would have the choice of using his spare horse. However, that horse should not have been used by another rider in the same even in any discipline. The spare horse would have to be declared in the entry form and all veterinary regulations and checks will have to be followed for the said spare horse.

Article 412

SPECIFICATIONS OF EQUIPMENTS

1. **LANCE**:- The length of lance shall be as per ITPF specifications. Grips are permitted. Lances can be of any material.

2. **SWORD**:- The sword shall be as per ITPF specifications. Blades on hilt, slings or barbs not allowed.

3. **WOODEN PEGS**:- The dimensions of wooden pegs are 30 cm long, 2.5 cm thick but the width will vary from 6 cm/4 cm/3 cm/ 2.5 cm depending on the stage of competition. Standard Pegs shall be provided by EFI for National and International events. The cost of Pegs shall be borne by the OC conducting the event. Similar Pegs will be provided by EFI for all Trials to select National Team also. The Jury will make every effort to select pegs of uniform weight and size as much as possible from the pegs provided by the Organising Committee. However, this provision can't form a point for objection by the teams/competitors.

In order to prevent the pegs from splitting and breaking up, they should be bound with wire 2 cm from the top end and again 13 cm from the bottom point. The wooden pegs will be soaked in water before the competition to prevent them from splitting. The pegs should preferably be made of the wood of a date palm or any other fibrous material and should as far as possible equal in weight and should not break up when pierced by the lance/sword.

4. **CARD BOARD PEGS**:- Card Board Pegs used should be made of 2 layers of corrugated card board glued together with total thickness of 2.5 cm with corrugation running vertically. Sizes will be as specified for wooden pegs.

Note:- Any other synthetic peg of same dimensions can be used provided above principles hold good.

Article 413

AWARD OF POINTS-PEGS

1. **6 Points**:- For wooden pegs carried all the way or falls forward / sideways beyond 15 meters. For cardboard pegs carried all the way or falls forward / sideways beyond 10m measured from the point at which the peg was placed. In single file same principle holds good. Peg struck with point of lance or sword but breaks and part of it still in the ground, even if no part of it still attached to the weapon.

2. **4 Points**:- Peg removed from the ground, but not carried full distance as stipulated above.

3. **2 Points**:- Peg struck on face, but not removed from its position in the ground.

Note:- Peg must be struck on the face of the peg by the point of the weapon and must leave a mark on the peg (marks on the side of the pegs are not countable). Doubtful pegs must be handed over to the jury.

4. **RINGS & PEG**

Rings carried on lance – 6 each
Carry Peg- 6, Draw of peg – 4
Strike of peg – 2

5. **LEMONS & PEG**

Horizontal slice or cut on lemon– Must be clear and distinct and caused due to use of sword - 6 each
Carry Peg - 6, Draw of peg - 4
Strike of peg - 2

Article 414

SADDLERY

1. Saddlery in good condition and of any type may be used. The stirrups or stirrup leather may not be attached to any other part of the horse or saddlery.

2. Running reins and dropped nose bands are permitted. Martingales are optional.

Article 415

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Crash helmets or hard Top Hat must be worn in all Tent Pegging Competitions, with the exception of service personnel. Service personnel must wear appropriate authorized helmet.

Article 416

DRESS

T-Shirts are allowed for civilian competitors only. Service personnel must wear appropriate uniform. Changes to this if any can be made with the permission of the President of the Ground Jury in case of exceptional circumstances.

Article 417

BITS:- The following bits are permitted:-

- (a) Pelham
- (b) Double
- (c) Snaffle

Article 418

MINIMUM STANDARD GUIDELINES FOR MEDALS

The National Federation may however from time to time lay down minimum standard for awarding of medals in the National Equestrian Championships. A rider or team will not be awarded a National Medal if they score less than the following specified point in Main Events.

Individual - 24 Points

Team - 72 Points

Note:- Winner of the National Tent Pegging Lance (Individual) and National Tent Pegging Sword (Individual) will be declared as the National Champion Lance and National Champion Sword respectively.

Article 419

LAYOUT OF PEGS

The pegs are driven into the ground at an angle of 60 degrees from horizontal, with exactly 17 cm of the peg showing above the ground level. The face of the peg must be painted white or sprinkled with pure white chalk/lime.

Article 420

1. Electronic Timers are mandatory for conduct of NEC.
2. **Time Penalty Ready Reckoners**:- Ready reckoners for time penalties at various speeds for all the events are attached at **Appendix 'A', Appendix 'B' & Appendix 'C'**.

(In view of Tent Pegging now being a part of FEI recognized Regional discipline, these rules have been revised to meet the FEI guidelines and to include other International events as practiced in other Tent Pegging countries).

Article 421

RIDER POINTS

Competition	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Remarks
Tent Pegging Lance Individual	12	10	8	6	4	2	
Tent Pegging Sword Individual	12	10	8	6	4	2	
Tent Pegging Rings & Peg- Lance	12	10	8	6	4	2	
Tent Pegging Lemons & Peg- Sword	12	10	8	6	4	2	

Note:-

1. For selection of Indian Team, rider points secured in all Main Events as mentioned above at the National Tent Pegging Championship will be taken into account for short listing of 12 probables who will undergo a selection trial on borrowed horses for final selection of team. All probable will get their own horses for final selection trial.

2. In addition to 12 probables shortlisted based on Rider Points, all Tent Peggers securing First 3 positions in Individual Lance, Individual Sword and Individual Lemon and Peg Sword Ring and Peg Lance will also be shortlisted in addition to the 12 probables selected based on riders points.

Article 422

FEI Rules will be referred for welfare of horses and athletes and ITPF Rules for safety requirements.

Article 423

RULES GOVERNING ALL EVENTS – GENERAL

- Electronic Timers are mandatory to hold any event under the aegis of EFI.
- An independent Jury as per EFI empanelled officials comprising of the following is mandatory for all NEC events:-
 - President Ground Jury - 1
 - Lane Judges - 4 (One per Track/Lane)
 - Scorer - 1
 - Timer – Start & Finish - 2 (Start & Finish one each)
 - Marshalls / Stewards - 2
- The rider shall start his run from a start box and finish his run in the finish box which should be duly marked and fenced from 3 sides. Score shall be announced only after the rider reports physically to finish box Marshall/Steward.
- During NEC **NO** member of Jury shall be from the org conducting the event to ensure transparency and independence of Judgement including Timing.

5. **Tie.** In case more than one riders are tied for any of the first three places the tie shall be resolved as per Tie rules at Art 402 Para 5.
6. One REL shall be conducted by the OC preceding the NEC.
7. For Team events in NEC, it shall be ensured that State/Org/Club affiliations are adhered to, to have one common identity.
8. It shall be mandatory to have Min of 4 Teams for Team event to be conducted during NEC and any EFI Approved event.

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TENT PEGGING TIME PENALTY POINTS
(READY RECKONER FOR A SPEED OF 680 METRES PER MIN)

Time(Seconds) (ITPF)	Penalty Points	Time (Seconds) (ITPF)	Penalty Points
00.00-07.00	0.00	27.01-28.00	10.50
07.01-08.00	0.50	28.01-29.00	11.00
08.01-09.00	1.00	29.01-30.00	11.50
09.01-10.00	1.50	30.01-31.00	12.00
10.01-11.00	2.00	31.01-32.00	12.50
11.01-12.00	2.50	32.01-33.00	13.00
12.01-13.00	3.00	33.01-34.00	13.50
13.01-14.00	3.50	34.01-35.00	14.00
14.01-15.00	4.00	35.01-36.00	14.50
15.01-16.00	4.50	36.01-37.00	15.00
16.01-17.00	5.00	37.01-38.00	15.50
17.01-18.00	5.50	38.01-39.00	16.00
18.01-19.00	6.00	39.01-40.00	16.50
19.01-20.00	6.50	40.01-41.00	17.00
20.01-21.00	7.00	41.01-42.00	17.50
21.01-22.00	7.50	42.01-43.00	18.00
22.01-23.00	8.00	43.01-44.00	18.50
23.01-24.00	8.50	44.01-45.00	19.00
24.01-25.00	9.00	45.01-46.00	19.50
25.01-26.00	9.50	46.01-47.00	20.00
26.01-27.00	10.00		

TENT PEGGING TIME PENALTY POINTS
(READY RECKONER FOR A SPEED OF 750 METERS PER MINUTE)

Time(Seconds) (ITPF)	Penalty Points	Time (Seconds) (ITPF)	Penalty Points
00.00-06.40	0.00	26.41-27.40	10.50
06.41-07.40	0.50	27.41-28.40	11.00
07.41-08.40	1.00	28.41-29.40	11.50
08.41-09.40	1.50	29.41-30.40	12.00
09.41-10.40	2.00	30.41-31.40	12.50
10.41-11.40	2.50	31.41-32.40	13.00
11.41-12.40	3.00	32.41-33.40	13.50
12.41-13.40	3.50	33.41-34.40	14.00
13.41-14.40	4.00	34.41-35.40	14.50
14.41-15.40	4.50	35.41-36.40	15.00
15.41-16.40	5.00	36.41-37.40	15.50
16.41-17.40	5.50	37.41-38.40	16.00
17.41-18.40	6.00	38.41-39.40	16.50
18.41-19.40	6.50	39.41-40.40	17.00
19.41-20.40	7.00	40.41-41.40	17.50
20.41-21.40	7.50	41.41-42.40	18.00
21.41-22.40	8.00	42.41-43.40	18.50
22.41-23.40	8.50	43.41-44.40	19.00
23.41-24.40	9.00	44.41-45.40	19.50
24.41-25.40	9.50	45.41-46.40	20.00
25.41-26.40	10.00		

READY RECKONER INDIAN FILE
(SPEED 680 METERS PER MINUTE)

Time (Seconds) (ITPF)	Penalty Points	Time (Seconds) (ITPF)	Penalty Points
00.00-10.00	00	30.01-31.00	10.5
10.01-11.00	0.5	31.01-32.00	11
11.01-12.00	1	32.01-33.00	11.5
12.01-13.00	1.5	33.01-34.00	12
13.01-14.00	2	34.01-35.00	12.5
14.01-15.00	2.5	35.01-36.00	13
15.01-16.00	3	36.01-37.00	13.5
16.01-17.00	3.5	37.01-38.00	14
17.01-18.00	4	38.01-39.00	14.5
18.01-19.00	4.5	39.01-40.00	15
19.01-20.00	5	40.01-41.00	15.5
20.01-21.00	5.5	41.01-42.00	16
21.01-22.00	6	42.01-43.00	16.5
22.01-23.00	6.5	43.01-44.00	17
23.01-24.00	7	44.01-45.00	17.5
24.01-25.00	7.5	45.01-46.00	18
25.01-26.00	8	46.01-47.00	18.5
26.01-27.00	8.5	47.01-48.00	19
27.01-28.00	9	48.01-49.00	19.5
28.01-29.00	9.5	49.01-50.00	20
29.01-30.00	10		

JUDGE CARD
NEC TENT PEGGING TEAM (_____)

1st

Participants

Ride

Unit

2nd

Participants

Ride

Unit

3rd

Participants

Ride

Unit

4th

Participants

Ride

Unit

Judge Remarks

Dated :

Judge 1 _____

Judge 2 _____

Judge 3 _____

JUDGE CARD
NEC TENT PEGGING INDIVIDUAL (_____)

1st

Participants

Ride

Unit

2nd

Participants

Ride

Unit

3rd

Participants

Ride

Unit

4th

Participants

Ride

Unit

Judge Remarks

Dated :

Judge 1 _____

Judge 2 _____

Judge 3 _____