

SHOW JUMPING

RULES GOVERNING NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

SHOW JUMPING: 2021

Article 201

CATEGORIES

MAIN COMPETITION

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

SUBSIDIARY COMPETITION

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

Article 202

STANDARDS FOR JUMPING COMPETITIONS

1. Min 66% of the jumps will be of max height and spread to include three vertical and three parallel jumps.
2. **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 with One double combination.
Novice	1.00	1.10	1.30	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 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. Water jump 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. Water jump compulsory.
<u>Top Score Competitions.</u> 1. 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. 2. 3cm plus or minus is permitted due to ground conditions and depending on placement of holes on the strip of wings.						

3. **JUMP OFF.** Jump off will be compulsory for all placings if there are two or more competitors placed equally.

Article 203

ELIGIBILITY OF RIDERS

1. All riders 14 years and above can participate. **Article 502 (JNEC) refers.**
2. A Rider can enter on as many horses in each grade in the NEC. He will be awarded rider points for the first place horse only, subject to the meeting the criteria as given in **Article 211**. The penalty of the other horses will only be counted towards up gradation and medals for the event entered and not towards rider points irrespective of the result. However, a rider has to nominate a team horse before the commencement of the event.
3. If a rider does not nominate his horse for team event 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.

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 Grade III Jumping.
3. All horses of 6 years of age and above can participate in Grade II and Grade 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.
5. Riders holding valid Indian Passport are permitted to take part in National Events.

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**:- A rider is allowed to participate as an HC Entry in own/lower grades but without the benefit of Rider points and medals. It will be a non competitive entry. All HC entries will take part at the end of the competitive entries and will not be judged by the Jury of the Event. The OC will be responsible for judging of HC Entries.

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 Jumping World Challenge, Army Equestrian Championships and Delhi Horse Show.
2. The EFI will upgrade the horses on meeting the MER as laid down in **Article 207** after each competition considered in updation as mutual in 1 above.
3. It is the responsibility of the participant to enter in the event of correct grade of eligibility as per EFI's Grading List. Any error would mean automatic disqualification, withdrawal of prizes and placing awarded, a fine equivalent of 150 CHF in Indian Currency. Further participation in that Meet/ Horse Show/ Championship will be as per discretion of EFI. Necessary disciplinary action may be initiated by EFI on case to case basis.
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 in a competition wherein one event has been designated a championship and the other for a local/regional show.

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 Jumping World Challenge , Army Equestrian Championships and Delhi Horse Show events. The penalties that will be taken into account for upgradation will be as follows:-

From	To	MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT (MER)
Preliminary	Novice	A horse will automatically be upgraded after two years from the first Preliminary competition it participates in. OR 04 jumping faults or below in one round competition.
Novice Normal (Equivalent of Cat 'C' of FEI Jumping World Challenge)	Grade III	A horse will automatically be upgraded after two years from the first Novice competition it participates in. OR 12 jumping faults or below in two rounds Competition including FEI Jumping World Challenge.
Grade III (Equivalent of Cat 'B' of FEI Jumping World Challenge)	Grade II	12 jumping faults or below in two rounds competition (meeting this as two MER's mandatory). OR 8 jumping faults or below in two rounds competition (not mandatory) on the written request rider.
Grade II (Equivalent of Cat 'A' of FEI Jumping World Challenge)	Grade I	20 jumping faults or below in two rounds Competitions (meeting this as two MER's mandatory). OR 8 jumping faults or below in two rounds competition (not mandatory) on the written request rider.
Grand Prix		Grand Prix competition will be open to Grade I

Note:-

1. This penalty system will cover the following competitions:-

- (a) NEC Jumping Normal Competitions over two rounds (except in Prelim).
- (b) FEI Jumping World Challenge.
- (c) Army Equestrian Championship.
- (d) Delhi Horse Show.

2. 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 and Secretary General. However, once upgraded the horse will remain in that higher grade till it is downgraded as per the procedures of downgrading.

3. 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 (01 Aug 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 Secretary 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. For considering upgradation in Jumping World Challenge the Horse should have participated in the same grade otherwise relevant provisions for upgradation do not apply.

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/ FEI Jumping World Challenge in a calendar year in his own grade.

3. The Member Discipline of Show Jumping shall keep an updated record of all horses with their grades and info EFI on completion of events as per **Article 207** note 1.

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. Upgradation list to be out in 7 days.

5. **Reverse qualification**:- A reverse qualification is the obligation for a Horse to show restored competence at a lower level (MER) after a number of unsuccessful attempts at a certain level. Reverse qualification will be apply for all FEI/EFI recognized competitions/championships.

A reverse qualification shall be triggered by three (3) consecutive eliminations in FEI/EFI recognized show jumping (Normal only) competitions/championships. For this purpose relevant reasons of elimination on show jumping would be :-

- (i) Two (2) refusals (Elimination)
- (ii) Fall of horse or athlete or both

6. Horses coming under reverse qualification will be downgraded and will be thereafter upgraded as per **Article 207**.

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.
- (d) Use of spurs as per FEI rules.

Article 210

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

		<u>Individual</u>	<u>Team</u>
(a)	NEC Grand Prix	- 24 penalties	72 penalties
(b)	NEC Grade I	- 24 Penalties	72 penalties
(c)	NEC Grade II	- 20 Penalties	60 penalties
(d)	NEC Grade III	- 12 Penalties	36 penalties
(e)	NEC Novice	- 08 Penalties	24 penalties
(f)	NEC Preliminary	- 04 Penalties	24 Penalties
(g)	FEI Jumping World Challenge Cat 'A' -	24 Penalties (Only for rider points)	

2. It shall be mandatory to have min of 4 Teams for Team events during NEC and any EFI approved event. Each Team will consist of min of 3 riders and max of 4 riders of which best of three scores will be counted for Team placing.

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 RULES).**

Article 213

RIDER POINTS

Competition	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
NEC Grand Prix	28	26	24	22	20	18
NEC Grade I Normal	20	18	16	14	12	10
NEC Grade II Normal/FEI Jumping World Challenge Category A	12	10	8	6	4	2
NEC Grade III Normal/ FEI Jumping World Challenge Category B	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. Riders not achieving MER, even if they get placed in first 6 positions, will not be awarded any rider points (**Article 211**).

Article 214

SELECTION OF INDIAN TEAM

Indian Team will be selected based on trials if time permits otherwise selection will be based on points. Team for Asian Games will be selected on the basis of trials.

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 there is no participation /winner of NEC Grand Prix category then no National Champion will be declared for that year.

Article 216

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

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