

CODEX

for FEI Dressage judges

1. The FEI Dressage judge is an expert on Dressage and horses, who must have knowledge of the principles of Dressage, of the FEI-Rules and, based on his/her technical competence, is qualified to judge all FEI International dressage competitions. He/She is always representing the FEI.

2. A Judge must avoid any actual or perceived conflict of interest. A judge must have a neutral, independent and fair position towards riders, owners, trainers, organizers and other officials and integrate well into a team. Financial and/or personal interest must never influence or be perceived to influence his/her way of judging.

Activities which will lead to or may lead to a "conflict of interest" when officiating at a CDI, include but are not limited to:

- Training a horse/rider for more than three days in the twelve month period prior to an event or any training of a horse/rider during a period of six months before a CDI event.
- Acting as Team chef of National teams at international level or being responsible/co-responsible for selecting teams and/or individuals or training riders within the NF.
- To be owner/part-owner of horses taking part in the event.
- Being in a situation of financial dependence or gaining financial profit from owners, riders, trainers, organizers or other related organisations.
- Having a close personal relationship with a competitor.
- Nationalistic judging.

A judge has the responsibility to notify the FEI of any of the above or other possible conflicts of interest or situations that may be perceived as such.

4. During a Dressage event a judge has to be punctual and correct in the way of behavior.

5. A judge has to be well prepared for the tests he/she is judging and has to cooperate well with the organizer and his/her colleagues.

6. A judge has to be dressed appropriately and must always be aware that he/she is representing the FEI.

7. The FEI and the FEI Dressage committee have the right to undertake disciplinary actions against judges who do not follow the Codex and FEI rules.

Such disciplinary actions may consist of: 1) Warning letter 2) Temporary suspension and 3) Removal from the FEI Dressage Judges' list.

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