

CONFERENCE SUMMARY 2015

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Election of Dressage Board & Sub-Committees

Chair - Karen Trotter

Finance - Sara Bright

Judges Officer - Sue Hobson

Rules Officer - Genevieve Denize

Judges SC - Michelle Paterson & Linda Warren–Davey

Rules SC - Alicia Collin

Appointed

Training - Lynda Clark

Marketing - Kat Macmillan

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Summary of Rule Changes (official wording to be notified)

Art 463. Paras 2 -6 Re Age /Eligibility of Riders

- That this article be rewritten to clarify the age of young riders to ensure that unless specifically excluded or restricted to riders 17 – 21, that all young riders on a horse are eligible for young rider championships
- That the age of pony riders be consistent with ESNZ Jumping and RAS ie. Riders who are 16 on 1 Aug in any calendar year may continue to compete in that age group on a pony until 31 July the following year (*Age increased by one year to be consistent with other codes*)
- That the 1 Aug be the official age for all pony & young rider age groups

Rule 463.7

- CM = Category Masters For Riders **50yrs & over**(age from the beginning of the calendar year that the rider turns 50). *Changed from 55 to 50*

Art 464 Re Downgrading

- If a rider wishes to compete in an NCH or other specified class at the horse's original grade within the 12 mth downgrade period, it was agreed that this is permissible, but at any point that a rider gets a grading point in the original grade, they may not revert to any lower level. (*previously full twelve moth stand down even to compete in original grade*)
- It was agreed CN riders only could downgrade a horse or pony to level 1 (*previously level 2 minimum*)

Art 479 Re Whips:

- Agreed that no whips are permitted in any Level 6-9 test at the NCH or HoY.
(*Changed from FEI tests at NCH & HoY*)
- Discussion followed regarding an athlete carrying a whip beyond maximum permitted length in the warm up area. It was agreed in principle that the first offence should entail a warning, but re offending will entail elimination.

Art 480 Re Dress Code -

- That the amendments agreed at conference be approved in principle and worded appropriately
- Practice days & TE: The Club can specify the dress code required
- Gloves are optional at practice days, & non-graded TE, compulsory from Levels 1-5 graded
- **Black**, white off, white or same colour as jacket are compulsory at levels 6-9
- That when the OC gives permission for riders to compete without jackets in hot weather, **sleeveless shirts are** permitted

Rule 488.14 Re ID Tags

To make PR details compulsory on ID tag worn by horses at events rather than “preferable”

At all other times during the event, horses and ponies must have Identification Numbers, (preferably also) with the horse’s name, and the person responsible name and mobile number attached to the horse (eg on the halter, cover) Engraved metal discs or cattle ear tags are examples of acceptable methods of identification at times the horse is not being exercised or competed.