



Changes to the Sport Rules for 2018

Effective April 1, 2018

General Rules

The following changes to the General Rules section of the *FEIF Rules and Regulations* are of interest to sport riders and officials:

1. All types of artificial noisemaking devices are prohibited at competitions.
2. Shoes on sport horses must follow the size and form of the hoof.
3. A specific section is added to the rules on the topic of the loss of a shoe in sport competition. G8.3.2.3 indicates the rider should stop the presentation as soon as possible. The text describes which marks the rider keeps after the shoe is lost.

Sport Rules

The following changes have been made in the Sport Rules specific portion of the *FEIF Rules and Regulations*:

1. References to “racing pace” in test descriptions is changed to “pace”.
2. F3 is added as a new test in the sequence of oval track, five-gait tests. In F3, the mark for tölt is not doubled. The rider is only required to show a single pace sprint to receive full marks for the pace section – which is doubled.
3. The amount of time riders are expected to show lengthened strides in T1 & T3 in groups of five or more riders has been reduced.
4. The amount of time riders are expected to show loose rein tölt in T2, T4, and T6 in groups of four or more riders is reduced.
5. Eligible starting combinations for pace track tests is clearly described:
 - P1 combinations may not start in P3;
 - P3 combinations may not start in P1;
 - PP1 combinations may not start in PP2;
 - PP2 combinations may not start in PP1;
6. In pace test (PP1 and PP2) the rider’s time must be announced before the mark for the slowing down (last section).
7. In pace test (PP2) the combinations are allowed two runs regardless of red flags. The final mark is the average of the two runs.
8. In pace test (PP2) the time only contributes 10 points toward a total of 50 point. The final mark for a run is computed by dividing by 5.
9. Young Rider World Champions have the right to return at the next World Championships to compete in either age class and any test(s) under the same conditions as adult World Champions.
10. World Ranking competition organizers may face a fine if they are found in violation of the rules or engaging in discriminatory behaviour toward the riders.

11. International FEIF Sport Judges must participate in all formal, online video judging exercises to keep their licenses valid.
12. The Sport Judges Committee may limit the number of new FEIF International License candidates based on an online video judging exercise.

Experimental Changes (optional)

Alternative Shoeing in Sport Competition

The national Sport Leaders have asked the FEIF Sport Committee to extend the experimental status of alternative shoeing methods in sport competition for two more years. Refer to the “information” section of the Sport Documents page on the FEIF website for more information. (<https://www.feif.org/Service/Documents/Sport.aspx>)

T2 Finals

Organizers may ask riders to show the loose rein portion of the T2 final on both hands. This change was not approved as a formal rule change by the Delegates Assembly 2018 but is still supported by the national Sport Leaders.

Organizers and Judges at competitions where the loose rein is shown on both hands during the finals are kindly requested to provide feedback to the FEIF Sport Committee.

