



# **FEI**™ **JUMPING**

## FEI Jumping Rules 2019 - Important Rule Changes -

Stephan Ellenbruch

FEI Board Member

Chair, Jumping Committee

# Important Rule Changes

- Fall of Athlete/Horse (Art. 224, 235)
- Elimination or Withdrawal from a Jump-Off or Second Round (Art. 247)
- Saddlery (Art. 257)
- Pre-qualified Athletes for GP Competitions (Art. 261)
- Competitions that count as GP Qualifiers (Art. 261)

## Art. 224 FALLS

3. In case of a fall of an Athlete and/or a Horse at any time in the Competition arena, in the practice arena or elsewhere within the grounds of the Event, the Athlete and/or the Horse must be cleared by the Event's medical service, respectively the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or the Horse may be permitted to take part in the next round or Competition at the Event.

## Art. 235 FAULTS

3. Disobediences occurring between the signal to start and up until the moment the Athlete/Horse combination crosses the starting line in the correct direction, are not penalised.

However, in the event of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse from the moment the combination enters the arena up until the moment they cross the starting line in the correct direction once the signal to start has been given, the combination will not be able to take part in the round or Competition in question.

## Art. 235 FAULTS

### 3. (...)

Furthermore, in the event of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse at any time in the Competition arena, whether the signal to start has been given or not, the Athlete and/or the Horse must be cleared by the Event's medical service, respectively by the Veterinary Delegate at the Event, before the Athlete and/or Horse can be permitted to take part in the next round or Competition at the Event. (Refer also to JRs Art. 224.3.)

## Art. 235 FAULTS

4. A fall of the Athlete and/or Horse after crossing the finish line does not incur Elimination. However, in the event of a fall after the finish line, the following applies:
  1. In case of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse after crossing the finish line in a Competition with an immediate jump-off, the Athlete/Horse combination is eliminated from the jump-off, and will be placed equal last in the jump-off with Athletes who have withdrawn, retired or been eliminated from the jump-off. The Athlete and/or the Horse must be cleared by the Event's medical service, respectively by the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or Horse can be permitted to take part in any further Competition at the Event.

## Art. 235 FAULTS

4. A fall of the Athlete and/or Horse after crossing the finish line does not incur Elimination. However, in the event of a fall after the finish line, the following applies:
  2. In case of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse after crossing the finish line in a Competition with a jump-off (but not an immediate jump-off) or after crossing the finish line of the first round of a two-round Competition, the Athlete and/or the Horse must be cleared by the Event's medical service, respectively by the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or Horse can be permitted to take part in the jump-off, respectively in the second round.

## Art. 235 FAULTS

4. A fall of the Athlete and/or Horse after crossing the finish line does not incur Elimination. However, in the event of a fall after the finish line, the following applies:
  3. In case of a fall of the Athlete after crossing the finish line of a jump-off, or after crossing the finish line of the initial round if the combination did not qualify for the jump off, or after crossing the finish line in a Competition with no jump-off, the Athlete and/or the Horse must be cleared by the Event's medical service, respectively by the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or Horse can be permitted to take part in any further Competition at the Event.



## Art. 247 ELIMINATION OR WITHDRAWAL FROM A JUMP-OFF OR SECOND ROUND

1. An Athlete/team that is eliminated or that retires in a jump-off or second round will be placed equal last in the jump-off/second round.
2. An Athlete, who with the permission of the Ground Jury withdraws from a jump-off, must always be placed equal with an Athlete eliminated or who retires on the course.

## Art. 247 ELIMINATION OR WITHDRAWAL FROM A JUMP-OFF OR SECOND ROUND

3. If before a deciding jump-off, two or more Athletes decline to take part in the jump-off, the Ground Jury will decide whether this refusal can be accepted or must be rejected. If the Ground Jury accepts the refusal, the OC will award the trophy by lot and the prize money will be added together and shared equally between the Athletes. If the Ground Jury's instruction to continue is not followed by Athletes, no trophy will be awarded and the Athletes will each only receive the prize money and the lowest placing for which they would have jumped-off.

## Art. 257 SADDLERY

1. In the competition arena:
  1. Blinkers, fly masks,
  2. sheepskin etc.
  3. martingales
  4. bits
  5. drawreins
  6. Failure to comply with any of the provisions listed in Art. 257.1.1 – 257.1.5 will incur elimination (see JRs Art. 241.3.21).

## Art. 257 SADDLERY

2. Anywhere within the grounds of the Event (restricted area) under control of the OC, the following provisions apply:

4. For all **FEI Jumping Competitions** for Young Horses (five, six, seven and eight year old Horses):

The following criteria must be respected in relation to hind boots worn in international Young Horses Competitions:

## Art. 257 SADDLERY

2. Anywhere within the grounds of the Event (restricted area) under control of the OC, the following provisions apply:

4. For all **FEI Jumping Competitions** for Young Horses (five, six, seven and eight year old Horses):

The following criteria must be respected in relation to hind boots worn in international Young Horses Competitions:

All hind leg protections must have a maximum interior length of 16 centimetres; the width of the fastener must be at least five centimetres (refer to FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual on the FEI website for diagram).

## Art. 257 SADDLERY

2. Anywhere within the grounds of the Event (restricted area)...:
  4. For all **FEI Jumping Competitions** for Young Horses (five, six, seven and eight year old Horses):

The following criteria must be respected in relation to hind boots worn in international Young Horses Competitions:

The rounded protective element of the boot must be placed around the inside of the fetlock.

# Art. 257 SADDLERY

2. Anywhere within the grounds of the Event (restricted area)...

4. For all **FEI Jumping Competitions** for Young Horses (five, six, seven and eight year old Horses):

The following criteria must be respected in relation to hind boots worn in international Young Horses Competitions:

The inside of the boot must be smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points on the inside of the boot;

for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the boot, is permitted. Sheepskin linings are allowed.

## Art. 257 SADDLERY

2. Anywhere within the grounds of the Event (restricted area)...:
  4. For all **FEI Jumping Competitions** for Young Horses (five, six, seven and eight year old Horses):

The following criteria must be respected in relation to hind boots worn in international Young Horses Competitions:

Only non-elastic Velcro-type fasteners are permitted; no hooks, buckles, clips or other methods of attaching the fasteners may be used.



## Art. 257 SADDLERY

2. Anywhere within the grounds of the Event (restricted area)...:
  4. For all **FEI Jumping Competitions** for Young Horses (five, six, seven and eight year old Horses):

The following criteria must be respected in relation to hind boots worn in international Young Horses Competitions:

No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the boot itself, other than a protective flap, providing it is soft and clearly intended for protection only.

## Art. 257 SADDLERY

2. Anywhere within the grounds of the Event (restricted area)...

4. For all **FEI Jumping Competitions** for Young Horses (five, six, seven and eight year old Horses):

The following criteria must be respected in relation to hind boots worn in international Young Horses Competitions:

Fetlock rings may be used for protective purposes providing they are properly adjusted and providing the total weight of equipment on the horse's leg does not exceed 500 grams (see JRs 257.2.3).

## Art. 257 SADDLERY

2. Anywhere within the grounds of the Event (restricted area)...:
  5. At all FEI Jumping Events for Pony Riders, Children, Amateur Owners and Veterans, only hind boots meeting the following descriptions may be used:

## Art. 257 SADDLERY

2. Anywhere within the grounds of the Event (restricted area)...:
  5. At all FEI Jumping Events for Pony Riders, Children, Amateur Owners and Veterans, only hind boots meeting the following descriptions may be used:
    - 5.1. Boots as described in Art. 257.2.4 for FEI Jumping Competitions for Young Horses.

# Art. 257 SADDLERY

2. Anywhere within the grounds of the Event (restricted area)...

5. At all FEI Jumping Events for Pony Riders, Children, Amateur Owners and Veterans, only hind boots meeting the following descriptions may be used:

5.2. Boots that have a protective element on the inside and outside, that is, double-shell boots that wrap around the back of the fetlock, are permitted providing they meet the following criteria:

# Art. 257 SADDLERY

2. Anywhere within the grounds of the Event (restricted area)...:

5. At all FEI Jumping Events for Pony Riders, Children, Amateur Owners and Veterans, only hind boots meeting the following descriptions may be used:

5.2. Boots that have a protective element on the inside and outside, that is, double-shell boots that wrap around the back of the fetlock, are permitted providing they meet the following criteria:

The boot must have a maximum length of 20 centimetres.

The rounded protective part of the boot must be placed around the fetlock.

# Art. 257 SADDLERY

2. Anywhere within the grounds of the Event (restricted area)...

5. At all FEI Jumping Events for Pony Riders, Children, Amateur Owners and Veterans, only hind boots meeting the following descriptions may be used:

5.2. ...providing they meet the following criteria:

The inside of the boot must be smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points on the inside of the boot; for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the boot, is permitted. Sheepskin linings are allowed.



# Art. 257 SADDLERY

2. Anywhere within the grounds of the Event (restricted area)...

5. At all FEI Jumping Events for Pony Riders, Children, Amateur Owners and Veterans, only hind boots meeting the following descriptions may be used:

5.2. ...providing they meet the following criteria:

The boot must have two elastic fasteners with a minimum width of 2.5 cm each. Only the following types of fasteners are permitted:

<p>- Stud-type fasteners: straps with holes at the end that fit over a stud;</p>	
<p>- Hook-and-eye type fasteners: straps with a hook at the end that fits into an "eyelet".</p>	



# Art. 257 SADDLERY

2. Anywhere within the grounds of the Event (restricted area)...

5. At all FEI Jumping Events for Pony Riders, Children, Amateur Owners and Veterans, only hind boots meeting the following descriptions may be used:

5.2. ...providing they meet the following criteria:

Fasteners must be one-directional, that is, the fastener must be attached directly from one side of the boot to the other side and may not wrap around the entire boot; no mechanism permitting the fastener to double back on itself is permitted.

No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the boot itself.

# Art. 257 SADDLERY

2. Anywhere within the grounds of the Event (restricted area)...:

6. For implementation as of 1 January 2020: Only hind boots as described in JRs Art. 257.2.4 and 257.2.5, may be used at FEI Jumping Events for Juniors, Young Riders and U-25.

For implementation as of 1 January 2021: Only hind boots as described in JRs Art. 257.2.4 and 257.2.5, may be used at FEI Jumping Events.

## Art. 257 SADDLERY

2. Anywhere within the grounds of the Event (restricted area)...:
  8. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of Art. 257.2.1 – 257.2.6 in the Competition arena will incur Elimination (see JRs Art. 241.3.21.)

# Art. 261 NORMAL COMPETITIONS AND GRAND PRIX C.

- FEI Competitions that may count for fulfilling the eligibility requirement for Horses taking part in the Grand Prix:
  - Art. 261 “Normal Competitions”
  - Art. 262.4 “Masters Competitions”
  - Art. 263 Hunting Competition or Speed and Handiness Competition
  - Art. 264 Nations Cup Competition
  - Art. 265 Sponsor Team and other Team Competitions
  - Art. 267 Hit and Hurry Competition
  - Art. 269 Accumulator Competition
  - Art. 270 Top Score Competition
  - Art. 271 Take Your Own Line Competition

# Art. 261 NORMAL COMPETITIONS AND GRAND PRIX C.

- FEI Competitions that may count for fulfilling the eligibility requirement for Horses taking part in the Grand Prix:
  - Art. 273 Competition over Two Rounds
  - Art. 274.5.1 Normal Two-Phase Competitions (it is sufficient to complete the first phase)
  - Art. 274.5.2 Special Two-Phase Competitions (both phases must be completed to fulfil the Horse eligibility requirement)
  - Art. 275 Competition in Groups with Winning Round
  - Art. 276 Competition with Winning Round
  - Art. 277 Derby
  - Art. 278 Competition over Combinations

# Art. 261 NORMAL COMPETITIONS AND GRAND PRIX C.

- For the avoidance of doubt, the eligibility requirement for Horses taking part in the Grand Prix may not be filled in any of the following Competitions:
  - Art. 262.2 Puissance,
  - Art 262.3 Six Bar,
  - Art. 266 Fault-and-Out,
  - Art. 268 Relay,
  - Art. 272 Knock-Out,
  - and completing only the first phase of Art. 274.5.2 Special Two-Phase.

**Thank you very much  
for your attention!**