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SECTION I INTRODUCTION AND DEFINITIONS

1. Preamble

The Equestrian Federation of Hong Kong, China (EFHKC) is the sole governing body for all equestrian sports in the Hong Kong SAR and has the responsibility to oversee that all competitions, results, awards and funding are conducted and awarded in a fair and transparent manner without favouritism and prejudice, and to eliminate any conflicts of interest, real or perceived, and to uphold the integrity of the sport. The purpose of these rules is to govern the organisation of all EFHKC Affiliated Events.

These Rules are established so that Athletes and teams of Athletes may compete against each other under fair and equal conditions with the Welfare of Horse as paramount. It is not possible to provide for every conceivable eventuality in these Rules. If there is no rule to deal specifically with a particular circumstance, or if the nearest interpretation of the pertinent rule would result in an obvious injustice, it is the duty of those responsible to make a decision based on common sense and fair play, using all technical assistance.

2. Rules

These Rules have been drawn up in the broadest possible spirit to allow Organising Committees of events as much freedom as possible in the preparation and management of their programmes.

3. Application of Rules

The Rules of the EFHKC shall apply to all events held under the auspices of the EFHKC, other than international events, which must be held under the Rules of the Federation Equestre International (FEI).

4. Financial Responsibility and Public Liability

The EFHKC accepts no financial responsibility or public liability for events held under its auspices or under its rules.

5. Definitions

Terms used in these Rules are defined as follows:

EFHKC	:	The Equestrian Federation of Hong Kong, China
Board	:	The Board of Directors of the Equestrian Federation of Hong Kong, China
Rules	:	The Rules of the Equestrian Federation of Hong Kong, China
Member	:	Any member of the Equestrian Federation of Hong Kong, China
Judge	:	A member of the Judges or Ground Jury appointed by the EFHKC

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President of the Gound Jury	:	A Judge, as President of Ground Jury, reports to the Secretary General of the EFHKC or an authorized member of the Rules Subcommittee and has the responsibility to ensure the technical running of National or International Competitions or Events according to the conditions of the approved Schedule in accordance with the EFHKC Rules and Regulations.
Ground Jury	:	The Judge or Judges responsible for the judging of an event or a competition within an event
Organising Committee	:	The Organising committee recognised by the EFHKC and responsible for organising any equestrian event under EFHKC or FEI rules
Official	:	A sufficiently qualified person appointed by EFHKC or by an Organising Committee to perform a specifically defined officiating duty at an EFHKC or FEI Event
Horse	:	This includes stallion, mare, gelding & pony
Event	:	The term "event" includes a complete meeting, show, Eventing or concourse under the control of the Organising Committee
Competition	:	The term "competition" refers to each individual class for which places and prizes are awarded
Discipline	:	The term "discipline" refers to the type of event or competition which includes Jumping, Dressage, Eventing, Para-Equestrian Dressage or any other which the Board may decide
“Show Season”	:	The EFHKC’s show season commences on 1st September and ends on the 31st August, next following
"Showground"	:	The area in which the competition arenas, collecting ring, exercise areas, transport parks and stabling are situated
"Yellow Card”	:	This is a notice issued to an Athlete under Rule 110
Hong Kong	:	Hong Kong SAR
Prohibited Substance	:	Any substance currently listed under the FEI Veterinary Regulation, FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Medication Control Rules, FEI Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) List of Prohibited Substances and Methods and the Anti-Doping Rules of the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong (SF&OC) as prohibited from being present in the blood or urine of Horses and Athletes entered or taking part in competition or at any time
FEI	:	Federation Equestre Internationale
Hors Concours	:	“Out of Competition”. An Athlete allowed to enter a class HC will not be placed nor will the result be recorded in any way
NF	:	National Federation. National Federation in Hong Kong refers to EFHKC.
Affiliated	:	EFHKC Affiliated Event are events which have been officially approved and sanctioned by the EFHKC (based on Art 137), the event(s) run under EFHKC/FEI or approved competition rules and the competition(s) are officiated by EFHKC/FEI or authorized person.

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Ranking Competition	:	EFHKC Ranking Competition are competitions in the Affiliated Event, and must consist of a series of points accumulating competitions for the purpose of EFHKC Horse of the Year Awards. Only results from Ranking Competition are recognized for EFHKC Horse of the Year Awards points accumulation.

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Code of Conduct

THE FEI CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE WELFARE OF THE HORSE

The EFHKC requires all those involved in national and international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the Horse must be paramount. Welfare of the Horse must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences. The following points must be particularly adhered to:

1. General Welfare:

a) Good Horse management.
Stabling and feeding must be compatible with the best Horse management practices. Clean and good quality forage, feed and water must always be available.

b) Training methods.
Horses must only undergo training that matches their physical capabilities and level of maturity for their respective disciplines. They must not be subjected to methods which are abusive or cause fear.

c) Farriery and tack.
Foot care and shoeing must be of a high standard. Tack must be designed and fitted to avoid the risk of pain or injury.

d) Transport.
During transportation, Horses must be fully protected against injuries and other health risks. Vehicles must be safe, well ventilated, maintained to a high standard, disinfected regularly and are driven by competent personnel. Competent handlers must always be available to manage the Horses.

e) Transit.
All journeys must be planned carefully, and Horses allowed regular rest periods with access to food and water in line with current FEI guidelines.

2. Fitness to compete:

a) Fitness and competence.
Participation in Competition must be restricted to fit Horses and Athletes of proven competence. Horses must be allowed suitable rest period between training and Competitions; additional rest periods should be allowed following travelling.

b) Health status.
No Horse deemed unfit to compete may compete or continue to compete, veterinary advice must be sought whenever there is any doubt.

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c) Doping and Medication.
Any action or intent of doping and illicit use of medication constitute a serious welfare issue and will not be tolerated. After any veterinary treatment, sufficient time must be allowed for full recovery before Competition.

d) Surgical procedures.
Any surgical procedures that threaten a competing Horse's welfare or the safety of other Horses and/or Athletes must not be allowed.

e) Pregnant/recently foaled mares.
Mares must not compete after their fourth month of pregnancy or with foal at foot.

f) Misuse of aids.
Abuse of a Horse using natural riding aids or artificial aids (e.g. whips, spurs, etc.) will not be tolerated.

3. Events must not prejudice Horse welfare:

a) Competition areas.
Horses must be trained and compete on suitable and safe surfaces. All obstacles and Competition conditions must be designed with the safety of the Horse in mind.

b) Ground surfaces.
All ground surfaces on which Horses walk, train or compete must be designed and maintained to reduce factors that could lead to injury.

c) Extreme weather.
Competitions must not take place in extreme weather conditions that may compromise welfare or safety of the Horse. Provision must be made for cooling conditions and equipment for Horses after competing.

d) Stabling at Events.
Stables must be safe, hygienic, comfortable, well ventilated and of sufficient size for the type and disposition of the Horse. Washing-down areas and water must always be available.

4. Humane treatment of Horses:

a) Veterinary treatment.
Veterinary expertise must always be available at an Event. If a Horse is injured or exhausted during a Competition, the Athlete must stop competing and a veterinary evaluation must be performed.

b) Referral centres.
Wherever necessary, Horses should be collected by ambulance and transported to the nearest relevant treatment centre for further assessment and therapy. Injured Horses must be given full supportive treatment before being transported.

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c) Competition injuries.

The incidence of injuries sustained in Competition should be monitored. Ground surface conditions, frequency of Competitions and any other risk factors should be examined carefully to indicate ways to minimise injuries.

d) Euthanasia.

If injuries are sufficiently severe a Horse may need to be euthanized on humane grounds by a veterinarian as soon as possible, with the sole aim of minimising suffering.

e) Retirement.

Horses must be treated sympathetically and humanely when they retire from Competition.

5. Education:

The FEI urges all those involved in equestrian sport to attain the highest possible levels of education in areas of expertise relevant to the care and management of the Competition Horse. This Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse may be modified from time to time and the views of all are welcomed. Particular attention will be paid to new research findings and the FEI encourages further funding and support for welfare studies.

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SECTION II GENERAL RULES - APPLICABLE TO ALL DISCIPLINES

CHAPTER I MISCELLANEOUS

Article 100 – Board Powers

1. Notwithstanding anything stipulated or omitted in these Rules, the Board shall have full and complete power to omit amend and interpret these Rules in their absolute discretion and to give or to withhold any explanation of their decisions.
2. The Board shall in particular be empowered to direct the Organising Committee to refuse any entry with or without stating reasons; they shall be the sole judges of the qualification of any Horse or Athlete to compete in any particular class and may, in their discretion, transfer any entry of any such Horse or Athlete to any lower or higher ranking class.

Article 101 – Unforeseen Circumstances

1. Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these Rules. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the Ground Jury to make a decision in a sporting spirit and approaching as nearly as possible to the intention of these Rules. If the Ground Jury is in doubt it should favour the Athlete in question.

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CHAPTER II JUDGES AND OFFICIALS

Article 102 – Officials

1. The EFHKC maintains a list of Officials who fulfil the Education System requirements of the Discipline and have been endorsed by the Board. The list of Officials includes, but is not limited to, Judges, Stewards, Course Designers, Technical Delegates, Veterinarians and Classifiers.
2. The Board shall appoint a panel from amongst the members of the EFHKC to act as Officials for Jumping, Dressage, Eventing, Para Dressage and Endurance.
   2.1 Officials shall be appointed and promoted at the sole discretion of the Board upon the recommendation of the Rules subcommittee.
   2.2 The Board shall publish at least once at the beginning of each show season a list of current officials, and shall be empowered to re-appoint or remove any person on the list.
3. The appointment of officials for all graded/affiliated event(s) will be approved by the EFHKC Secretary General and/or an authorised representative of the EFHKC Rules Subcommittee.

Article 103 – Judges

1. The Senior Judge and/or Deputy Senior Judge in each discipline is responsible for:
   1.1 recommendation to the Rules subcommittee of suitable candidates for consideration as future judges;
   1.2 local training and assessment of candidate and qualified judges; and
   1.3 recommending a program of training and assessment in Hong Kong or overseas by external experts.
2. Appointment or promotion may only be recommended subsequent to any candidate achieving a suitable level of theoretical knowledge and practical experience and being recommended as suitable by the Senior and/or Deputy Senior Discipline Judge or by a visiting assessing Judge appointed by the Board.

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3. By accepting appointment judges become officials of the EFHKC and as such are required to follow a code of conduct:

   3.1 To uphold the fairness and integrity of the Rules.

   3.2 To ensure that competition is conducted and judged in a fair and objective manner in the best interests of the Horse, the Athletes, and the sport.

   3.3 To advise the Board of any membership or official status in any other equestrian federation.

   3.4 To advise the Board of all overseas invitations to participate in training or judging.

4. Jumping competitions will be judged by a Ground Jury of at least two Jumping Judges. Jumping test of Eventing will be judged by a Ground Jury of at least two Jumping or Eventing Judges. The Judges drawn from the EFHKC's panel of Judges which may include a visiting judge as approved by the Senior or Deputy Senior Judge or Chief Steward of that discipline.

   4.1 If a water jump is included in the course, an additional Judge who is a member of the ground jury must be appointed to be the water jump judge. The water jump judge must stand or sit in direct line with the landing edge of the water when judging this obstacle and signal an infringement by waving a red flag. He may not judge this obstacle from the Judges' box.

5. Dressage and Para-Equestrian Dressage competitions, will be judged by at least one Dressage Judge drawn from the EFHKC's panel of Judges which may include a visiting judge as approved by the Senior Judge or Deputy Senior Judge of that discipline. For Dressage test of Eventing will be judged by a Ground Jury of at least two Dressage or Eventing Judges. The appointed according to the level of Eventing Dressage Test (Art. 505.1)

Article 104 – Jumping Course Designers

1. A Course Designer reports to the Technical Delegate - if one is appointed - or to the President of the Ground Jury and is responsible for designing attractive and result oriented Competitions under the conditions of fair sport and welfare of Horses and Athletes in accordance with the EFHKC/FEI Rules and Regulations. An Assistant Course Designer/Course Designer Trainee, if one is appointed, assists the Course Designer at Events by taking over specific activities for planning and setting up of the courses.

2. Organising Committee may appoint only those persons on the approved list as Course Designers for their events or must use courses by recognized Course Designers registered with the EFHKC or the FEI.

3. No Athlete in a class may have sight of any course plan for that class before it is officially published.

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Article 105– Eventing Delegate

1. The Eventing Delegate reports to the EFHKC, and is responsible for the inspection of the arenas, courses (if applicable), and results management, the facilities, and the organisation and running of Competitions or Events, in accordance with the EFHKC/FEI Rules and Regulations. Once the President of the Ground Jury has assumed control, the Eventing Delegate supervises the technical aspect of the Event and reports to the President of the Ground Jury.
2. The Board may appoint an Eventing Delegate for an event to act as the representative of the EFHKC, whose powers, duties and responsibilities are as follows:
   2.1 To inspect the course, arena and practice area and satisfy himself that these areas meet the requirements of the Rules and that the course is fair to all Athletes;
   2.2 To continue to supervise the technical conduct of the event after he has indicated to the judge that he is satisfied with the arrangements;
   2.3 To instruct the Organising Committee or the course designer, as appropriate, to make any alterations to the course and any other matters which come under his jurisdiction, which he considers necessary to conform to the rules of the competition or in the interests of safety;
   2.4 If there is no Eventing Delegate, the Judges of the competition have the powers and duties listed in this Rule.

Article 106 – Stewards

1. A Chief Steward reports to the President of the Ground Jury and is responsible for the stewarding team, and is appointed to ensure a level playing field and Horse welfare at Competitions or Events in accordance with the EFHKC/FEI Rules and Regulations. The Steward helps stakeholders to prevent infractions and irregularities from taking place and intervenes when infractions or irregularities occur.
2. It is the responsibility of the Organising Committees to appoint a Chief Steward, from EFHKC's panel of Stewards, and an appropriate number of Stewards under the authority of the Chief Steward with complete freedom of access to all areas of the Showground.
3. During the whole Event in every part of the stables, in exercise and schooling areas, collecting rings and all other areas under control of the Organising Committee, the Chief Steward and the Stewards officiating with him at the Event shall:
   (i) assist the Athletes in conducting reasonable training;
   (ii) intervene in time in order to prevent any abuse of Horse by Athletes, grooms, owners or any other person;
   (iii) intervene in order to prevent any contravention of the Rules or of the common principles of behavior, fairness and accepted standards of sportsmanship;
   (iv) be familiar and assist with doping and medication control procedures.

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4. One Steward must be on duty in each warm-up arena whenever it is in use.
5. Any irregularities must be reported immediately by the Chief Steward to the President of the Ground Jury.
6. The Chief Steward must be a person experienced in equestrian sports, particularly in the Discipline of the Event where he is appointed to officiate. Chief Stewards shall be appointed and promoted at the sole discretion of the Board upon the recommendation of the Rules subcommittee
7. The Board shall publish at least once at the beginning of each year a list of current Stewards, and shall be empowered to re-appoint or remove any person on the list.

1. **Article 107 – Sports Volunteers**In support the operation of affiliated event(s), certain number of positions (e.g. Fence judges for Eventing Cross Country test, Writers for Dressage competition & Eventing Dressage test and etc.) must be appointed by the OC and all sport volunteers must complete the training provided by the OC before they are taking up the position in the competition.
2. In the Cross Country test of an Eventing competition, fence judges must be appointed by the organisers for all obstacles forming part of the course. One fence judge may take charge of more than one obstacle provided that each obstacle is clearly visible to him and he is in a position to maintain adequate control.

Article 108 – Removal or Downgrading of Officials

1. An EFHKC Official may be downgraded or removed from the EFHKC Officials List or from their appointment at any Event. This paragraph confers no power of removal on the OC of an Event.
2. Any proposal to remove an Official from an Event appointment is undertaken upon the recommendation of the Senior Official of the Event or Senior Judge and/or Deputy Senior Judge of respective discipline and reported to the EFHKC Rules subcommittee.
3. Any proposal to downgrade or remove an EFHKC Official from the EFHKC's Officials List is undertaken upon the recommendation of the Senior Judge and/or Deputy Senior Judge of the respective discipline and reported to the EFHKC Rules subcommittee.
4. The EFHKC Secretary General shall notify in writing any Official whom it is proposed to downgrade or remove and that Official will be given an opportunity to show cause as to why this should not occur.
5. Removal or downgrading of a EFHKC Official is upon approval of the Rules Subcommittee and endorsement of the Board.
6. Further, the EFHKC Secretary General may provisionally suspend any EFHKC Official and/or refuse the appointment of any Official in an Event where there is reasonable cause to believe that any Official has failed to observe the EFHKC or applicable FEI Rules and Regulations.

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Article 109 – Status and Liability of EFHKC Officials

1. All Officials acting at or in relation to National and International Event are acting on behalf of the EFHKC and therefore are not liable financially or otherwise for any acts, omissions or Decisions undertaken in good faith in connection with their duties.
2. All EFHKC Officials acknowledge and confirm that they will provide their contact details to the EFHKC and that such details may be shared with relevant third-parties, such as FEI stakeholders.
3. In the context of betting, Officials must not, by any manner whatsoever, infringe the principle of fair play, show non-sporting conduct, or attempt to influence the result of a Competition in a manner contrary to sporting ethics. Any violations of the above will be subject to the decision of the EFHKC Board of Directors.
4. Officials are bound by all EFHKC and FEI Rules while officiating and/or representing the EFHKC.

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CHAPTER III ATHLETES

Article 110 – Conduct

1. No Athlete at an event shall:

   1.1 Argue, use abusive or threatening language, or behave with incivility or contempt towards Judges, show officials, other Athletes or spectators;

   1.2 Conduct himself or herself in a manner which is offensive to the public or detrimental to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the EFHKC;

   1.3 Ill-treat a Horse in any way whether inside or outside the arena;

   1.4 Misuse or use excessively, in the Ground Jury's opinion, a whip or spur;

   1.5 Jump or attempt to jump any obstacle in the competition arena at a show except when actually taking part in a competition or with special permission from the Ground Jury;

   1.6 Allow a Horse to be rapped, or jump a pole or obstacle that is held by hand, in the collecting ring or anywhere on or in the vicinity of the show ground;

   1.7 Make, either orally or in writing, to an officer of the EFHKC, an official, or the organiser, a statement on any matter covered by the Rules that he knows to be untrue;

   1.8 Compete (except H.C.) in a competition for which the Horse or the Athlete are not fully eligible;

   1.9 Fail to start in a competition without having officially withdrawn or, having started in a competition, withdraw without the permission of the Judge, or wilfully incur elimination in the opinion of the Ground Jury;

   1.10 Use unseemly, abusive or offensive language;

   1.11 Unreasonably refuse to assist the Board at any enquiry.

3. An Athlete who commits a breach of any part of this rule shall be deemed to be guilty of unseemly conduct, and in respect of a breach of sub-paragraphs 1.1 to 1.10 may be eliminated from the competition or event, and/or issued with a Yellow Warning Card by the most Senior Judge officiating in dressage or the President of the Ground Jury in Jumping or the Judges in Eventing. An Athlete who accumulates 2 Warning Cards across all disciplines in any 12 calendar month period shall be subject to enquiry by the Board under Art 111.

Article 111 – Enquiry by Board

1. The Board shall have the power to consider the conduct of any Athlete (whether or not an objection has been lodged or report made to the Board) and where in the opinion of the Board an Athlete has been guilty of unseemly conduct may in its sole discretion direct any one or more of the following and subject to such conditions as they may see fit to impose:

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1.1 that any such Athlete who is a member shall be suspended from all or any of the rights and privileges of membership for a period or indefinitely; and that any Athlete who is not a member may not apply for membership for a period not exceeding three years;

1.2 that such Athlete shall be debarred for a period or indefinitely from competing, or in any way taking part or entering any Horse in a competition at an event;

1.3 that such Athlete shall be given a reprimand; or

1.4 that any Horse belonging to or being ridden by such Athlete at the time of the unseemly conduct shall be debarred from being entered, jumped, shown, or otherwise taking part in any competition at an event for a period or indefinitely.

2. Any member who is suspended pursuant to the Rules shall not, during the period of suspension, be eligible to serve as a member of the Board, or be appointed as a Judge for any competition.

3. No entry for a competition may be accepted by the Organising Committees in respect of any member or Athlete who has been suspended or any Horse which has been debarred for a specified period pursuant to these Rules, and any entry accepted in contravention of these Rules shall be void.

4. The powers provided under these Rules are in addition and without prejudice to the powers of expulsion from membership of the EFHKC conferred upon the Board by the EFHKC's Memorandum and Article of Association.

5. No member or Athlete shall be entitled to, but may with the leave of the Board, be represented when appearing before the Board.

Article 112 – Saluting

1. In all Competitions that take place in an arena under the jurisdiction of a Ground Jury, each Athlete must salute the President of the Ground Jury as a matter of courtesy, unless the President gives other instructions. The Organising Committee in agreement with the President of the Ground Jury may instruct the Athletes to salute special guests or sponsors.

2. The President or a member of the Jury shall acknowledge all salutes.

Article 113 – Dress

1. Athletes must be appropriately dressed according to the discipline when appearing before spectators (see Rules for Jumping, Dressage and Eventing). If Athletes are not properly dressed, in the opinion of the Ground Jury, they may refuse to allow them to compete.

2. For more details about the Protective headgear requirements, please refer to the link as below:
https://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/FEI_ATSPH_Effective1Jan2026_17Dec2025.pdf
~~While riding anywhere on the show grounds, the use of a properly fastened Protective Headgear is mandatory. The applicable Sports Rules may provide for an exception to this rule by permitting Athletes to remove their Protective Headgear while accepting prizes, during the playing of the National Anthem and any other ceremonial protocol. Failure to~~

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~~wear such Protective Headgear where and when required shall result in a Yellow Warning Card, being issued to the Athlete or Participating Support Personnel (as applicable) unless exceptional circumstances apply.~~

~~Protective headgear must comply with any of the FEI Standard below:~~

~~**FEI Standard**~~

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FÉDÉRATION ÉQUESTRE INTERNATIONALE

List of the applicable international testing standards for Protective Headgear

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"Protective headgear" as defined in the FEI General Regulations must comply with at least one of the international testing standards listed below. In addition, the product must have passed quality testing (quality testing monitors the ongoing quality of the product according to the original standard).
Products complying with the above are marked and labelled accordingly.

- **Accepted international testing standards:**
  - British standard PAS 015 (1998 and any subsequent updates).
  - Protective headgear carrying a CE mark, **including** products referencing the VG1 performance specification but **excluding** products referring exclusively to the EN1384:2012 unless it is shown in conjunction with another accepted standard from the present list.
  - Australian standard AS/NZ 3838 (2006 and any subsequent updates).
  - Australian standard ARB HS 2012.
  - American ASTM F1163: 2004a and any subsequent updates.
  - American Snell E2001 and E20016 (Please note: Snell combines a standard with subsequent quality testing, therefore no additional quality testing mark is required).

- **Quality testing labels include, but are not limited to:**

PAS 015: 2011 KITEMARK™ bsi. Equestrian Helmets PAS 015:2011 KITEMARK™ INSPEC CERTIFIED STANDARD No SAI GLOBAL SEI A Subsidiary of ASTM INTERNATIONAL SNELL MEMORIAL FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED 1957

Important:

- Although protective headgear can help to keep a rider/driver as safe as possible, no headgear can prevent serious injury under certain circumstances.
- Perfect fit and the correct adjustment of the retention harness are essential to the performance of protective headgear. Please always try on the product and ideally have it fitted by someone that is qualified to do so. Avoid buying online, even if you bought the same model before, as individual differences may exist.

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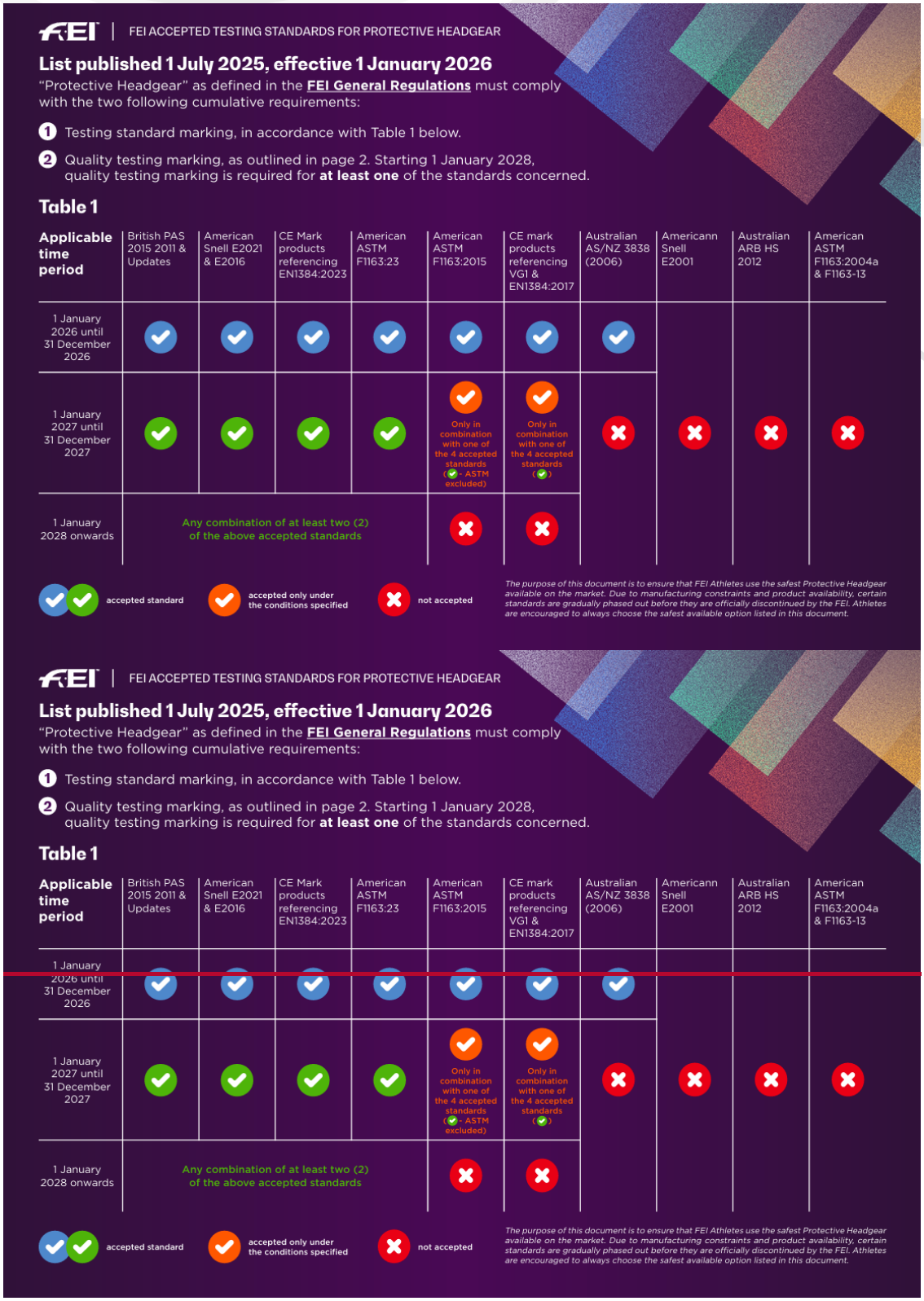

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3. When show Organising Committees issue Athletes bridle numbers the correct numbers

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must be worn at a place that is clearly visible when taking part in competitions.

4. Athletes are required to parade mounted and properly dressed to receive their awards unless otherwise agreed by the Ground Jury. Failure to do so may incur disqualification.
5. Athletes or their Horses carrying or wearing any form of advertising material while in the arena must conform to Art 138 of this General Rules.

Article 114 – Forms of Dress

1. Dressage: Dark coloured headgear conforming to Art 113.2, hunting or hacking jacket, cream, beige or white jodhpurs, stock or tie, white shirt, gloves and, long boots or boots with matching chaps are compulsory except where otherwise specified in the show schedule. If the weather conditions are such that the President of the Ground Jury permits the absence of jackets, the Athletes must be tidily presented with short- or long-sleeved white shirt and white stock or tie.
2. Jumping: Headgear conforming to Art 113.2; cream, beige, or white breeches; stock or tie; shirt with white collar and long boots or boots with matching chaps are compulsory except where otherwise specified in the show schedule. Where the show schedule specifies that a hunting or hacking jacket is required this must be worn with a stock or tie and a collared shirt. The show schedule may specify that a solid colour polo shirt with collar and sleeves be worn for the competition.
3. Eventing: Headgear conforming to Art 113.2 and 411.1.1. In the Cross Country test, a body-protector and long boots or boots with matching chaps are compulsory. A long-sleeved rugby shirt may be worn

Article 115 – Whips

1. For more details, please refer to the FEI TackApp. See also Jumping – FEI Jumping Rules Annex VIII, Eventing – FEI Eventing Tack and Equipment Requirements and Dressage – EFHKC Dressage Rules Art. 329.4.~~No Athlete may use, or is permitted to use, on or in the vicinity of the showground, a whip that is weighted at the end.~~

~~2. Whips must have a form of protection to prevent the end of the whip from injuring the Horse.~~

~~3. No substitute for a whip may be carried on or in the vicinity of the showground.~~

~~4. In Dressage competitions whips may be carried in competitions subject to the relevant Dressage Rules.~~

~~5. In jumping competitions, and in the jumping or Cross Country test of Eventing, including in the warm-up and collecting rings, no whip exceeding 75 cm in length overall may be carried, except when the Horse is being exercised on the flat (see also Rules for Jumping Article 257).~~

Article 116 – Spurs

~~1.~~ For more details, please refer to the FEI TackApp. See also Jumping – FEI Jumping Rules Annex VIII, Eventing – FEI Eventing Tack and Equipment Requirements and Dressage –

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EFHKC Dressage Rules Art. 330.6.~~Spurs are permitted in all competitions subject to the Rules of the relevant discipline.~~

~~- For Show Jumping, please kindly refer to the latest FEI Show Jumping Rules at https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/jumping/rules~~

~~- For Dressage, please refer to the EFHKC Dressage Rules Art 330.4~~

~~- For Eventing, please refer to the EFHKC Eventing Rules Art 521.3~~

Article 117 – Saddlery and Equipment

~~1. Saddlery and equipment must conform to these General Rules and to the Rules of the relevant discipline.~~

~~2. Blinkers are prohibited in all competitions.~~

~~3. The use of wire, string, twine or cord in or around a Horse's mouth is forbidden.~~

~~4. No item of saddlery or equipment may be used in such a manner as to abuse the Horse in the opinion of the Ground Jury.~~

~~5. Stirrup leathers and irons are compulsory (unless there is a special dispensation) and must be attached to the saddle and used in the conventional way. The Athlete's boot must not be fixed to the stirrup iron by mechanical means and if used without dispensation will result in elimination.~~

16. Saddle cloths bearing the Hong Kong SAR logo/flag may only be worn by an Athlete who is officially representing Hong Kong SAR at an Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Asian Games, Asian Championship, World Equestrian Games, FEI approved International competitions and or competition approved by the EFHKC

Article 118 – Participation in International Events

1. No Athlete may represent Hong Kong SAR in an official international event (CIOs) unless entered by the EFHKC.
2. Authorization to participate in an international event does not indicate that the Athlete is representing Hong Kong.

Article 119 – Chef d'EQUIPE

1. The Chef d'EQUUPE or Team Manager, or his duly authorised Deputy, in charge of a team participating in an international event, training course, team visit or tour (whether taking place in Hong Kong or in another country) shall be entitled in his discretion to regulate, control, take cognisance of and adjudicate upon the conduct of team members and may suspend a team member from competing or taking part in any competition or other activity taking place during such international event, training course, team visit or tour.

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CHAPTER IV ABUSE

Article 120 – Abuse

1. Abuse of Horses is forbidden and is regarded by the EFHKC with the utmost seriousness.
2. Abuse can be defined as intentionally causing pain or unnecessary discomfort to a Horse. An act of cruelty includes but is not limited to the following:
   - 2.1 To whip or beat a Horse excessively
   - 2.2 To subject a Horse to any kind of electric shock device
   - 2.3 To use spurs, or to jab the Horse in the mouth with the bit, excessively or persistently
   - 2.4 To remount or attempt to remount, an obviously exhausted, lame or injured Horse
   - 2.5 To "rap" a Horse anywhere in or outside the grounds of the event
   - 2.6 To hypersensitise any part of a Horse
   - 2.7 To leave a Horse without adequate food, drink or exercise.
   - 2.8 To use any device or equipment which causes excessive pain to the Horse upon knocking down an obstacle
3. Any such incident and any other case of abuse must be reported immediately to the Ground Jury (if the incident occurs during the period of jurisdiction of the Ground Jury) or the Chief Steward (if the incident occurs at any other time during the event).
4. Officials or any other person, reporting a case of abuse should, if possible, secure one or more witnesses that have seen the incident, or any other form of evidence, and either bring them to the Board to which the report is addressed, or obtain written statements from them, duly signed, together with their names and addresses.
5. Cases of abuse reported after the end of an event should be addressed to the EFHKC Secretary General for the attention of the Board of Directors.
6. Any Athlete found guilty of committing a definite act of abuse at the sole decision of the Board will be liable to severe penalties including expulsion from the EFHKC and disqualification for life from participation in equestrian competitions.

Article 121 – Doping

1. Athletes are forbidden to take any Prohibited Substances that has the effect of prejudicing or improving their performance. Infringement of this Rule may incur a maximum penalty of disqualification for life and expulsion from the EFHKC.
2. It is prohibited under penalty of disqualification for a Horse to compete having been administered with any Prohibited Substances. Any member who competes on a Horse which is prohibited from competition under this rule, and any person (other than a qualified veterinary surgeon) who has supplied or administered a prohibited substance knowing or having reason to believe that the Horse is to be competed in contravention of this rule, shall be subject to disciplinary action under Rule 111 – Enquiry by Board.

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3. A Ground Jury may require the sampling by a veterinary surgeon of any Horse entered in a competition or within one hour of the end of the competition. If the result of the analysis of the sample indicates the presence of a prohibited substance the matter shall be referred to the Board.
4. FEI General Regulations Art 143 and the FEI Veterinary Regulations are applicable.

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CHAPTER V OBJECTIONS

Article 122 – Submission of Objections

1. An objection must be addressed to the Ground Jury and be accompanied by a deposit of $500. Such deposit will be refunded if the objection is upheld, otherwise it will be payable to the EFHKC.
2. An objection does not include a representation or request made to the Ground Jury or other officials of the event, before the commencement of a competition, regarding the clarification of the rules of the competition or the course to be followed.
3. An objection may only be made by:
   - 3.1 An adult Athlete who is taking part in the competition.
   - 3.2 The Chef d'Equipe or authorised representative of the Riding Establishment concerned on behalf of a junior Athlete taking part in the competition.
   - 3.3 An official of the event or a Board Member of the EFHKC.

Article 123 – Time Limit

1. An objection must be lodged within the following time limits:
   - 1.1 Concerning the eligibility of any Athlete or Horse - not less than 10 minutes before the commencement of the competition.
   - 1.2 Concerning the course, obstacles, plan or anything related to the manner in which the competition is to be conducted - not less than 10 minutes before the commencement of the competition.
   - 1.3 Concerning any incident or decision arising during the competition - not later than 20 minutes after the announcement of the results, and, in the case of dressage, not later than 20 minutes after the signed judges' sheets are made available to Athletes.

Article 124 – Appeal

1. The Organising Committees of an Event shall nominate a Judge from the approved list of Judges for that discipline to act as President of an Appeals Committee. If an appeal is lodged, the President of the Appeals Committee will call upon another two Judges to form an Appeals Committee. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final. In coming to a decision, the Appeals Committee and/or Ground Jury may use all technical assistance available including official video-recordings (an official video recording is considered to be a recording made by a TV network or a video company hired by the organising committee) thus reflecting as closely as possible the intention of these Rules.

Article 125 – Referral to Board

1. The foregoing shall not prevent any matter being drawn to the attention of the Board of the EFHKC for any action the Board may deem appropriate.

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CHAPTER VI HORSES

Article 126 – Registration

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Article 127 – Types of Competition

1. Ranking Classes – Open to all EFHKC members only, unless restricted by the published schedule.
2. Non-ranking Classes – Open to all Athletes.

Article 128 – Grading - General

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Article 129 – Grading of Horses for Dressage

1. With the grading system, each Athlete and Horse combination are allocated to their eligible test level.
2. Athlete/Horse combination may compete at levels higher than their graded level, however that combination may only compete at levels lower than their graded level by competing "HC" (out of competition).
3. Each Athlete can check with his or her eligible test level & accumulated grading points from last show season on EFHKC website.

   https://www.hkef.org/eng/competitions/rules-n-regulations/rules-regulations.html

Article 130 – Grading of Horses for Jumping

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Article 131 – Grading for Eventing

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CHAPTER VII GENERAL RULES FOR COMPETITIONS
(to be read in conjunction with the Rules for each discipline)

Article 132 – Recognition

1. No competition shall be recognised by the EFHKC unless judged under EFHKC Rules, or in the case of International competitions, under the Rules of the FEI. Such competitions are termed Affiliated Events.
2. For all Affiliated Events, a draft schedule must be submitted by the Organising Committee to the EFHKC for approval no later than 4 weeks before the first competition day of the Event.

Article 133 – Entries

1. Organising Committees will make appropriate arrangements to invite entries for each competition included in the schedule of the Competition. The individual Athlete must ensure that both he and his Horse are eligible for each competition entered. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committees, in the case of late entries submitted less than 1 hour before the competition, in consultation with the Ground Jury. Late entries will start first.
2. A complete list of Athletes and Horses, including late entries and any changes in the published programme, must be supplied to the Ground Jury ten minutes before the start of the competition.
3. Organising Committees may in their discretion permit an Athlete or Horse eligible for the competition to be substituted for an Athlete or Horse already entered in the competition. However no Horse that is already entered in a competition may be substituted for another Horse in the same competition. It is the responsibility of the Organising Committees to make sure that the Judge has been notified of the substitution.

   Except when the rules of the competition provide otherwise, no Athlete may ride more than three Horses in the same competition.

Article 134 – Veterinary Examination

1. Horses entered for competitions may be required by the Ground Jury or Organising Committees to undergo a veterinary examination by the attending veterinarian before being allowed to compete.

Article 135 – Rosettes

1. In all competitions, rosettes will be awarded to at least 25% of the number of starters.
2. Participation in the Prize-giving Ceremony of placed Athlete/Horse combinations is compulsory. Failure to do so without seeking prior permission from the Ground Jury may entail the Athlete losing the trophy/prize and prize money. [Refer to jumping rule 248].

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Article 136 – Hors Concours (Out of Competition)

1. The Organising Committees of Events have full discretion in the application of Hors Concours in all Competitions (except Horse of the Year Show and competition under FEI rules). This means that Horses can be entered as H.C. for any reason acceptable to the Organising Committees subject to the guide lines below:

   1.1 The Athlete must be a member of the EFHKC and otherwise eligible to ride in the competition.

   1.2 During an Event the Horse/Athlete combination must be entered H.C. in any further competitions over the whole event in which it is entered subsequent to the first one in which it competes H.C.

   1.3 A Horse may not be ridden competitively in a class if it has entered under H.C. by another rider in the same event.

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   2.1 If Dressage and jumping are held as separate competitions within an Event a Horse may be entered in one discipline as H.C. and the other in full competition regardless of which discipline comes first.

   2.2 No Horse/Athlete may take part in a competition under H.C. for which either is under qualified.

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   3.1 Horses must be nominated as H.C. on the ENTRY FORM. Under no circumstances may an Athlete declare a Horse to be H.C. after the event commences.

   3.2 The acceptance of H.C. entries is totally at the discretion of the Organising Committees and which is meet the requirements of EFHKC rules.

   3.3 H.C. entries have a lower priority that all other entries and may be declined if there is a high level of full entries.

   3.4 Horses accepted for H.C. will usually go first in the running order but after any Late Entries except where an Athlete has two Horses in the same class in which case the Horse in competition will always go before the Horse which is H.C.

   3.5 Entry under Hors Concours must be clearly marked “H.C.” on the programme and on all the records.

   3.6 Horse/Athlete are bound by the same rules (in jumping, combination under H.C. may start once in the first round (included 2nd phase of two phase competition) only and they cannot participate in jump off, winner round, 2nd round and etc.) as other combinations in the class and they will pay the regular entry fee, but not entitled to any prize, prize money and or grading points. The scores will not be shown on the scoreboard and official results.

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Article 137 – Organising Committees

1. Competition Calendar

1.1 EFHKC Affiliated Events are national/ local International events which have been officially approved and sanctioned by the EFHKC, and must consist of a series of points accumulating competitions for the purpose of EFHKC Horse of the Year Awards. Only results from Ranking Competitions are recognized for EFHKC Horse of the Year Awards points accumulation, national team selections as well as any financial subventions and sponsorships under the auspices of the EFHKC.

1.2 For an Affiliated Events to be sanctioned by the EFHKC, it must be widely accessible to all Athletes and Riding Clubs/Schools so that the results are representative of the Athletes' effort and achievement against their peers. For this purpose, it is necessary to establish an annual events calendar to be published before the commencement of each competition season to give Athletes a fair chance to plan their training and competition schedules ahead of time.

1.3 Fairness and integrity are the cornerstones for all competitive sporting events and we must strive to create a level playing field as much as humanly practicable. For this reason, all EFHKC Affiliated Events and Ranking Competitions must be run continuously at a single venue in the same arena so that all Athletes and Horses are competing under the same conditions.

1.4 Organising Committees intending to hold EFHKC sanctioned National or International (FEI) Events must submit the Competition Application Form (CAF) on or before [15 July] of the preceding Competition Season, accompanied by a Calendar Fee Hong Kong Dollar Three Thousand (HK$3,000) as stipulated by the Board of Directors from time to time.

1.5 In principle, EFHKC will only sanction ONE (1) EFHKC Affiliated Event for each calendar week (Monday to Sunday), but an Organising Committee can request to be put on the waiting list; only ONE (1) OC will be put on the waiting list for each calendar week. This request must be submitted before [15 July] preceding the start of the competition season following the same procedure applying for an EFHKC Affiliated Event, a Calendar Fee will be levied. This Calendar Fee is, however, refundable if the Organising Committee has not been awarded an EFHKC Affiliated Event THIRTY (30) days before the calendar week in question (see below for substitution procedure for an Organising Committee on the waiting list).

1.6 For the benefit of the Athletes to better manage their competition plans and for the promotion of the equestrian sports, only one Event per Discipline will be sanctioned on any given calendar week (Monday to Sunday) to avoid clashes. Events of different Disciplines are considered separate Events and can be held over the same calendar week.

1.7 Should there be more than one Organising Committee applying to host an Event on the same week, the dates will be awarded on a first-come-first-serve basis.

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In any event, an Organising Committee who had hosted an event on the same week in the preceding Competition Season shall have priority over other applicants and have the right of first refusal to host an Event on that same week.

1.8 Should a sanctioned EFHKC Affiliated Event or any of the Competitions therein fail to meet the standard of competitions as prescribed in the Event Schedule, or in exceptional circumstances where an outbreak of disease or any other unforeseen circumstances have the effect of limiting movement of Athletes or Horses in a way that compromises the participation of an event, the EFHKC Secretary General, in consultation with the EFHKC Rules subcommittee, will revoke any affected EFHKC Affiliated Events and invalidate any results as it is unfair to award any EFHKC Horse of the Year Award points or sanction any results at events where the majority of Athletes and Horses cannot participate.

1.9 The EFHKC shall notify all applicants on or before [1 August] in writing whether the applied dates are available. If the applied dates are not available, alternative dates will be suggested to ensure the maximum number of events are accommodated in the Competition Season.

1.10 If the applied dates cannot be granted to an Organising Committee and no mutually agreeable alternative dates can be found, the Calendar Fee will be refunded in full.

1.11 If an Organising Committee cannot organise an awarded EFHKC Affiliated Event on the week in question for whatever reason, it must notify the EFHKC no later than THIRTY (30) days before the event. In this case, the Calendar Fee will be forfeited and calendar week in question will be awarded to the Organising Committee on the waiting list.

1.12 The EFHKC shall publish the first draft of the Events Calendar for the upcoming Competition Season no later than the [15 August].

1.13 Should an Organising Committee wish to change the dates of an Event after the annual Event Calendar is published, the original approved date will be treated as a cancellation with the Calendar Fee forfeited. The forfeited Calendar Fee, however, can be credited towards the application of a new Event in the same calendar year. A new CAF will have to be submitted following the Late Applications Procedure below.

1.14 Once the CAF is submitted, the Calendar Fee is non-refundable (except as described in 1.5 above) unless the Event is cancelled due to a Force Majeure and special approval is granted by the Board of Directors.

1.15 Only currently listed EFHKC Technical Officials qualified for the level of the Competitions (or FEI Technical Officials where the discipline rules allow) can be named to any EFHKC Affiliated Events. All Technical Officials named to an EFHKC Affiliated Event must be present at the venue when Competitions are underway.

1.16 In any EFHKC Affiliated Events, Ground Jury, represented by its President, represents the EFHKC and is tasked with the interpretation and enforcement of all applicable EFHKC Rules and Regulations.

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2. Event Schedule

2.1 All EFHKC sanctioned Affiliated Events must be open to EFHKC Members and offer Ranking Competitions where EFHKC Horse of the Year Award Points are awarded. The minimum number of Ranking Competitions offered in an Event varies according to Disciplines, and shall be stipulated by the Board of Directors from time to time according to the Rules of EFHKC Horse of the Year Awards.

2.2 Organising Committees whose Events are approved and listed on the EFHKC Event Calendar must submit a Draft Event Schedule for approval ahead of time. Draft Event Schedules not received by the deadline will be considered as a cancellation of the Event with the Calendar Fee forfeited.

2.3 The deadlines for submitting the draft Event Schedule for different level of Events are as follows:

2.3.1 4 weeks for National Events including Ranking Competitions where EFHKC Horse of the Year Award Points will be awarded.

2.3.2 6 weeks for FEI 1*, 2* international events and World Challenge Competitions

2.3.3 12 weeks for FEI 3* international events & above, Regional Championships and FEI Finals.

2.3.4 Templates of Event Schedule for National Events can be obtained from the EFHKC office or downloaded from the EFHKC website.

2.3.5 Templates of Event Schedule for International Events can be obtained from the EFHKC office or downloaded from the FEI website.

2.3.6 All Event Schedules must give the dates and location of the Event and the dates by which entries must be received in accordance with the following check list:

a) The Rules and Regulations governing the Events

b) The Discipline(s) in which Competitions will be held

c) The daily timetable of Competitions

d) Whether the Competitions will be indoors or outdoors

e) The type and dimensions of the schooling areas and the Competition arenas

f) The Ranking Competitions where EFHKC Horse of the Year Award Points will be awarded

g) The value of the prizes and their distribution

h) The list of Technical Officials

2.3.7 The draft Event Schedule submitted for approval must be jointly undersigned by the Event Director and the EFHKC Secretary General.

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2.4 The submission of draft Event Schedule for International Event must be accompanied by a Calendar Fee as stipulated by the Board of Directors from time to time for International Events, and/or according to the FEI Fee Schedule for FEI events if applicable.

2.5 Once the draft Event Schedule is submitted for approval, the Calendar Fee is non-refundable unless the Event is cancelled due to a Force Majeure and special approval is granted by the Board of Directors.

2.6 The EFHKC Secretary General shall have the authority to approve EFHKC Affiliated Events according to the applicable EFHKC Rules and Regulations.

2.7 The EFHKC Secretary General shall have the authority to revoke any Affiliated Events and invalidate all awarded EFHKC Horse of the Year Awards Points should an Event fail to meet the standards and requirements laid down in the Approved Event Schedule or violate any applicable Rules and Regulations.

3. Late Application Procedures

3.1 Any Event applications submitted later than [15 July] of the preceding Competition Season shall be considered as late applications.

3.2 All late applications must be submitted at least 12 weeks before the start of the Event.

3.3 The EFHKC will not approve a new Event that is held on the same week of another approved Event.

3.4 For any late applications to be considered, the applying Organising Committee must secure the support of at least three other riding clubs in writing, stating their wish to send Athletes and Horses to participate in the Event. These support letters must be submitted together with the CAF accompanied by the Calendar Fee and a 100% late surcharge.

3.5 All late applications follow the same Event Schedule approval procedures.

4. The Organising Committees of Affiliated Events must supply to the Secretary General of the EFHKC within 2 calendar days of completion of the event, for each competition the following:

4.1 A list of all starters

4.2 A list of all placings on the EFHKC's standard report form and signed by the Judges of the competition.

4.3 Official List

4.4 “Complete results of the competition(s)”

Article 138 – Advertising on Athletes and Horses and Promotion

1. Athletes participating in an Event agree to be filmed, televised, photographed, identified, interviewed and otherwise recorded during the Event for the purposes of the media coverage of the Event (by means of all and any media throughout the world in perpetuity) and the promotion of the sport.

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Athletes therefore assign with full title guarantee in perpetuity to the EFHKC all rights of any nature in any such recordings. Athletes agree that their name and image and any photographs and moving images taken of them at an Event may be used by the EFHKC and/or OC for the purposes of publicising the Event and promoting the sport.

2. At all Events, except Regional and Olympic Games under the patronage of the IOC, Athletes may wear clothing and use equipment (including, but not limited to, riding equipment and vaulting back pads) and vehicles which identify the manufacturer, the Athlete's sponsor(s), the Athlete's team sponsor(s), the NF's sponsor(s), the Athlete's nation, and/or the Athlete himself, but only under the specific conditions set forth below:

2.1 Identification of a Non-Sponsor Manufacturer

2.1.1 While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies names or logos identifying a non-sponsoring manufacturer of the clothing, equipment and/or vehicles (including but not limited to carriages) may appear only once per item of clothing, equipment and/or vehicle and solely on a surface area not exceeding:

(i) three square centimeters (3 cm^2) for clothing and equipment

2.2 Identification of Sponsors

2.2.1 While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies the name and/or logo of the Athlete's sponsor(s), his team sponsor(s) and/or his NF's sponsor(s) may appear on a surface area not exceeding:

(i) two hundred square centimeters (200 cm^2) on each side of saddle cloth;

(ii) eighty square centimeters (80 cm^2) on each of the two sides of jackets or top garment at the height of breast pockets for Jumping Events, Dressage Events and for Jumping and Dressage tests of Eventing;

(iii) eighty square centimeters (80 cm^2) (maximum twenty centimeters -20 cm- long, maximum four centimeters -4 cm- wide) only once lengthwise on the left leg of the riding breeches during the Jumping Events and the Cross Country and Jumping tests of Eventing. In any case, the surface area on the riding breeches should be dedicated to the visibility of the following only: the Athlete's name, identification of the Athlete's nationality, the name and/or logo of the Athlete's sponsor(s), his team sponsor(s) and/or his NF's sponsor(s);

(iv) sixteen square centimeters (16 cm^2) on both sides of the shirt collar and of the hunting stock or centrally in the middle part of the collar on the ladies' blouses;

(v) Either two hundred square centimeters (200 cm^2) on one arm of jackets or top garment or one hundred square centimeters (100 cm^2) on each arm of jackets or top garment for the Cross Country tests of Eventing;

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(vi) one hundred and twenty five square centimeters (125 cm^2) (maximum twenty five centimeters - 25 cm- long, maximum five centimeters -5 cm- wide) vertically in the middle part of the Protective Headgear for the Jumping Events and for the Jumping and Cross Country tests of Eventing;

(vii) seventy five square centimeters (75 cm^2) for the logo on ear hoods in Jumping Events, Dressage Events and Eventing Events.

2.2.1.1 Unless stated otherwise in the Sport Rules, Athletes shall wear the official clothing of their NF throughout all stages of competition (team and individual) during the FEI Championships and/or CIOs.

2.2.1.2 Should a NF not have an official clothing, the Athlete(s) of such NF shall be entitled to wear their own clothing, subject to the relevant Discipline Rules and requirements of this Article.

2.2.2 The OC may display the name and/or logo of a Competition and/or Event sponsor(s) on members of the OC crew present in the competition area and on numbers present on front and back of the bibs worn by Athletes during the Cross Country tests of Eventing, as well as on stable rugs when they are in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies at all EFHKC and FEI Events. The size of name and/or logo on Athlete's number shall not exceed 100 cm^2.

2.3 Athlete's National identification

2.3.1 While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies the name or logo of the Athlete's nation, its national symbol and/or its national flag, and/or the Athlete's NF logo or name may appear on a surface area not exceeding:

(i) a reasonable size on each of the two (2) sides of jackets or top garment, at the height of breast pockets and on the collar for Jumping Events, Dressage Events and for Jumping and Dressage tests of Eventing.

(ii) two hundred square centimeters (200 cm^2) on each side of saddle cloth; Either two hundred square centimeters (200 cm^2) on one arm of jackets or top garment or one hundred square centimeters (100 cm^2) on each arm of jackets or top garment for Events in all Disciplines;

(iii) vertically in the middle part of the Protective Headgear for the Jumping Events;

(iv) vertically in the middle part of the protective head gear of Dressage;

(v) vertically in the middle part of the protective head gear of Eventing Events. In both cases, national colors may appear on the entire surface of such protective headgear;

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(vi) eighty square centimeters (80 cm^2) (maximum twenty centimeters -20 cm- long, maximum four centimeters -4 cm- wide) only once lengthwise on the left leg of the riding breeches during the Jumping Events, and the Cross Country and Jumping tests of Eventing Events;

(vii) seventy five square centimeters (75 cm^2) for the logo on ear hoods in Jumping Events, Dressage Events and Eventing Events.

(viii) in any case, the Athlete's national identification can be combined in the same surface area with the name and/or logo of the Athlete's sponsor(s), his team sponsor(s) and/or the NF's sponsor(s) as long as their presence and visibility are in compliance with the surface areas mentioned in paragraph. 2.2.1. and 2.3.1 above.

(ix) in addition, each Discipline may specify in its relevant Sport Rules that the name or logo of the Athlete's nation, its national symbol and/or its national flag, and/or the Athlete's NF logo or name may appear on another part of the clothing, equipment and/or vehicles.

2.4 Athlete's Name

2.4.1 While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies the Athlete's name may appear on a surface area not exceeding:

(i) eighty square centimeters (80 cm^2) (maximum twenty centimeters -20 cm- long, maximum four centimeters -4 cm- wide) only once lengthwise on the left leg of the riding breeches during the Jumping Events and the Jumping and Cross Country tests of Eventing.

3. Unless otherwise specified in this Article, no advertisement or publicity is permitted on any Athlete, Official, Horse, vehicle, vaulting back pads or riding equipment while present in any Competition area or during the performance. However, Athletes inspecting the course may wear the logo of their sponsor, their team sponsor(s), and/or of their NF's sponsor(s) and/or their nationality within a frame not exceeding four hundred square centimeters (400 cm^2) on the front and back of their top garments and within a frame not exceeding fifty square centimeters (50 cm^2) on head gear.
4. The EFHKC shall be entitled to require that an armband be worn by Athletes ranked #1 on an Official International Ranking List at Events.
5. Failure to wear such armband where and when required after being notified to do so by an Official and/or the EFHKC, shall result in a Yellow Warning Card, being issued to the Athlete unless exceptional circumstances apply.
6. Unless otherwise provided in the Sport Rules, advertising may appear on obstacles and on the sides of the arena provided any applicable broadcast, internet, or similar law or agreement permits such advertising. For example, specifications for sponsored obstacles/fences are covered in Sport Rules.

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7. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the EFHKC, for the purpose of this Article, the Competition area shall include all areas where the Athlete is being judged or his Horse is undergoing a Horse Inspection. It shall not include collecting rings/practice arenas, the "start & finish box" in Eventing.
8. The Chief Steward is responsible for ensuring that the above provisions are respected by Athletes before entering the arena. Athletes not complying with the above will not be permitted to enter the arena during competition. An official clothing approved by a NF not complying with the requirements of this Article will not be authorised by the EFHKC.

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