



**Minutes of the Dressage NZ Planning Forum
held by Zoom
Commencing at 1.00pm | Sunday 10th May | 2020**

Present

Board:

Scott McKenna (Chair), Andra Mobberley, Sarah Hazlewood, Linda Warren-Davey, Sue Hobson, Michelle Zielazo

In Attendance:

Dana Kirkpatrick ESNZ CEO
Wendy Hamerton/Dressage Sport Manager
Judy Collin / Minute Secretary
Sue McKenna / Meeting Co-host for meeting administration purposes

Area Delegates:

Delegate	Area	Apology
Bernice Frost	Taihape	
Betty Brown	Auckland-Manukau	
Debra Cowen	Waikato	
Diane Wallace	Marlborough	
Genevieve Quin	Northern Hawke's Bay	
Heather Hilder	Waitemata	
Janine van der Horst	Bay of Plenty	
Jody Hartstone	NI Riders Rep	
Jude Nickolls	SI Riders Rep	
Kallista Field	Southern Hawke's Bay	
Laura Hayes	Otago	
Linda Huitson	Taranaki	
Lois Andrewes	Northland	
Lynley Stockdale	Sth Cant/Nth Otago	Marti Pow
Nicki Page	Canterbury	
Nicola Sim	Ashburton	
Rachel McCallum	Steward General	
Rebecca McKee	Southland	
Rosanne Rix	Wellington	
Sue Harris	Gisborne	
Susan Tomlin	Central Districts	
Suzanne Inglis	Nelson	
Wendy Jeffery	Wairarapa	Suzanne Halligan

Attendees

Amanda	Waddell	Ashburton	Area Chairperson
Andrea	Hammond	Bay of Plenty	Area Vice President
Andrea	Raves	Wellington	Observer
Anthea	Dixon	Canterbury	Para Representative
Avril	Semmens	Auckland	AJO
Carla	Harcourt	Bay of Plenty	Observer
Cathy	Vennell	Dressage NZ	North Island Young Rider Convenor
Celine	Filbee	Dressage NZ	Staff
Charmaine	Racke	Canterbury	Observer
Chris	Lovelady	Canterbury	Observer
Christine	Weal	Waikato	Observer
Diane	Rawlinson	Ashburton	Judge - observer
Gabrielle	Cornelius	Auckland/Manukau	Observer
Helen	Williamson	Canterbury	Observer
Helen	Hughes-Keen	Wellington	Judge
Jacqui	Thompson	Wellington	observer
Jodie	Thorne	Bay of Plenty	Observer
Jos	Gresham	Central Districts	National DNZ Series Coordinator
Judith	Cunningham	Waitemata	JSC
Judy	Alderdice	Auckland/Manukau	Official (observer)
Judy	Collin	Auckland/Manukau	Minute Secretary
Karen	Shields	Auckland/Manukau	President
Katie	Stadler	Marlborough	Observer
Kelly	Couper	Gisborne	President
Kristin	Cottam	Southland	Observer
Lesley	Jacobson	Wellington	Judge -Co-opted JSC
Linda	Brown	Bay of Plenty	Coach
Lynda	Clark	Canterbury	Rider
Mary	Craine	Southern Hawkes Bay	Judge
Nicky	Turnbull	Taranaki	Observer
Paula	Brown	Wellington	
Peri	Scrivenor	Ashburton	Area Committee member
Peter	Jenkins	Bay of Plenty	President
Philippa	Gibbons	Wellington	Observer
Rachael	Fouhy	Southern HB	Area President
Rachel	Hughes	Auckland	Observer
Sally	Linton	Waikato	Member
Sally	Goldsmith	Canterbury	Area Committee member
Sarita	Kennedy	Waikato	Observer
Sharon	Field	Southern Hawke's Bay	Area Committee member
Sonja	Swale	Southland	Observer
Stuart	Bishell	Scno	Observer/ AJO
Wendy	Butler	Otago	Observer, President Dressage Otago,

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Declaration of Conflicts/Interests re Agenda Items

1. Sport Manager declares conflict re GB Item 4 re Employee attendance at Rider Meetings and will leave the meeting room for this discussion
2. Jody Hartstone declared conflict re Remit 1 re Young Horse classes as a breeder/rider of young horses and the current President of the NZWB Society

Welcome from the Chair - Scott McKenna

Scott welcomed 63 participants to the first ever DNZ Planning meeting to be held via internet Zoom. 70 members registered compared to approximately 35 at last year's Planning Meeting. A request was made for questions to be asked via the chat system and for participants to mute themselves during the meeting, apart from times they were speaking. Poles were used for voting purposes which generate separate reports.

The Chair welcomed all participants to the meeting and advised that delegates votes will be recorded and added to the Minutes for transparency

AGENDA ITEM 1

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Draft Budget 2020/21 budget was presented at the meeting via a screenshot
The Dressage Finance Officer Sarah Hazlewood spoke to her report

Income:

- This draft Budget is a moving target due to Covid-19 rules
- Annual start levy estimated income has been reduced by 20% and T&D levy has been reduced by 30%.
- Admin expenses have been reduced where possible.

Expenses:

- ESNZ service fees are paid monthly
- USDF annual licence fee relates to the contract for using USDF tests.
- Board and committee travel and accommodation is based on one Board face to face meeting in comparison with five in the current year, plus the 2021 Planning Forum next year.
- Conference – unsure at this point what the 2020 conference/ awards dinner format will be and therefore what expenses may be incurred
- International tours – this budgeted figure to support possible NZL participation at Willinga Park 2021 re Olympic preparation .
- Marketing and Promotions codes have been merged, includes Bulletin and a few other marketing strategies
- National Champs – budget currently showing \$3100 return but this could change as many factors including entry numbers are difficult to estimate
- Product sales – this relates predominantly to test book sales
- Selectors – travel expenses to key events
- Volunteer recognition is for Volunteer of the month
- 2020 World Challenge – unknown if this event will be held at this time
- Training – recoded all four training modules into one for easier management .
- YR Champs – budgeted for deficit of \$2000.
- Year End May 2021 Budget projection is a deficit of \$4,970.
- Budget will be reviewed at each Board meeting.

Questions/discussion:

- Several requests made for comparison figures with last year's budget numbers and that of current year. Agreed that these figures would be sent out separately or with minutes.
- The Sport Manager advised draft budget figures are under constant review and more comprehensive figures and comparison with current year and year end will be available at the AGM
- The Sport Manager advised April registrations and annual starts are much lower than prior year
- The Chair advised there may be potential to use NZ resident judges for CDI prior to the end of 2020 owing to a FEI dispensation. Noted that Nationals is also a guesstimate as sponsorship may be more difficult to secure.

The Board Activity Information was noted and taken as read .

Re FEI Dressage World Challenge 2020

The Sport Manager advised DNZ is awaiting a ruling on whether it may be possible to use national judges and recommended we defer decision until 30 May. Groups with suitable venues to contact Wendy if possibility of holding this event.

Dressage NZ AGM & Awards Dinner

No decision re date, venue, or format at this time. This is under constant review in consultation with ESNZ. Travel & gatherings may be possible in Govt Alert Level 2 but this is not confirmed.

Area AGMs

Noted that there is no issue to push back Areas AGM if necessitated by Covid restrictions
That the addition to the By-law applied to the Discipline AGM, not Area AGM. There is no resulting conflict for Area Group timelines

Tokyo Olympics

ESNZ HP is consulting with NZOC re the impact of cancelled events on OG qualification for Dressage athletes

Willinga Park 4* Events Feb 2020

The Chair attended the FEI Regional Forum representing Dressage NZ. He advised it had been a valuable opportunity to meet with the FEI Dressage Director to discuss rules. The FEI intention is to update/simplify their rules but this is on hold owing to Covid. The NZL Chair is willing to be involved with these updates at Fei level. May then be possible to also simplify national rules

GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

1. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The draft concept schedule and the reasons for the proposal as noted in the agenda were discussed. The underlying principle was that not all horses are required on site at the same time although there may be some overlap for riders with horses across the levels. This is proposed to be trialled to assist alleviate stabling shortages, and less time away for some riders

Discussion:

- Andrea Hammond agreed the schedule would be more efficient but queried why Para and Young rider championships have 3 rounds when others have only 2, particularly with school exams likely to affect entries.
- The SM advised that the Stable manager Jos was satisfied that stabling would be eased with this scheduling and there were many factors considered in formatting this schedule.
- Pete Jenkins has identified 20 offsite stables and covered yards.
- Debra Cowen asked what the proposed qualification period would be. The SM advised this could possibly be a 15-month period starting 1 August 2019. That 2020 qualifiers can be considered when calendar is confirmed as to events available. The Chair suggested that it may be simpler to have no qualification requirements for the 2020 event.
- The SM confirmed financial assistance would again be available to riders from the South Island to attend Nationals, which could amount to \$500 per rider, depending on the number of riders. Areas were thanked for supporting the raffle for the Bates Saddle which raised approximately \$7,000.

- Rebecca McKee noted that SI riders would need to make two trips to attend Nationals and HOY. The SM noted that based on this year entries, only a small number of rider entered both events even when they were 10 days apart.
- The Chair advised Nationals being held in November is temporary at this stage but may be confirmed as a suitable time to hold this event in the future. There is still the possibility that we are unable to run this event under present Covid Level 2 rules and Board was seeking clarification.
- The Chair advised that there was insufficient time, because State of Emergency, to consult areas on postponing the Nationals until the November date. This date would allow some refunds of deposits paid and credits for accommodation and flights.

After discussion, the proposed scheduling of classes for Nationals was agreed to and no objections were received.

APPROVED

2. PREMIER LEAGUE SCHEDULES

Principle of the Discussion/Proposal:

Simplify Championships at RE / PL schedules to give riders / horses more flexibility

Discussion:

- It was felt that if a championship was decided on one class only, or possibly two classes, this would give riders an opportunity to enter different levels.
- This may create difficulties for OC's with the draw and a possible decrease in revenue.
- Riders would like consistency throughout the season for planning purposes.
- Schedules need to be clear which classes are included in the championship.
- The SM reminded areas that the prize money rules have eased for the coming year owing to the possible effects of Covid. That Prize Money is not compulsory for the 20/21 season
- Sonja Swale considered a consistent policy at PL events would benefit riders
- Nicola Sim and Susan Tomlin supported that Areas make their own decision but that each schedule must clearly state the conditions for determining the Championship

Poll:

Support of the one championship class concept

Yes - 47%

No – 40%

Maybe - 13%

Some “maybe” voters may support a 2-test championship.

Dressage Waitemata offered to take this to their Committee to possibly trial this at their 2 day show.

Outcome:

No clear mandate for change to a one championship class at PL events

2a YOUNG HORSE CLASSES

The Board had reviewed ages of horses competing at a selection of Premier League events and noted the relatively small numbers of 4,5,6 yr olds competing as follows (based on starts):
The following statistics are based on the number of starts

	Prelim	Novice	Elem	Med	Adv Med
4yrs	4.7%	0.56%	0	0	0
5yrs	9.3%	8.1%	2.1%	0	0
6yrs	9.1%	9.5%	8.3%	4.3%	0.47%
7yrs	4.6%	6.7%	9.3%	10.6%	11.8%

The Sport Manager spoke to the report

Linda Warren-Davey noted that the feedback from riders was that these classes are considered an extra class for a young horse after they have already competed in level classes during the show.

Suggested a sub-committee could be formed to look at show format.

These classes are still in conceptual stage but could have one Young Horse Class round at each area with two different tests.

3. DOWNGRADING

Results of a member survey and the numbers and subsequent summary of performance of downgraded horses and ponies were noted.

Since Oct 2018, a total of 22 horses and 7 ponies has been downgraded

A poll was held to support further work on the downgrade rules

Yes – 58%

No – 42%

That the downgrading rules be reviewed with any proposals/remits to come forward to the 2021 Planning Forum. That a sub-committee be formed

MOVED: - Scott McKenna SECONDED: Jody Hartstone

CARRIED

Jody Hartstone volunteered to be on the sub-committee

4. DRAFT CALENDAR 20/21

The Sport Manager requested that Areas send any changes to Jos Gresham google form please so the google calendar can be kept current.

Calendar conflicts are being resolved.

5. COVID 19 UPDATE

The Sport Manager provided a Covid update re running competitions. DNZ has already received some cancellations which now show on the calendar. Noted it was not going to be easy year with the changes and some areas have venue restrictions.

ESNZ will announce advice on future competitions after 24 June.

REMIT & AGENDA ITEMS

Remit 1

Re: Proof of Age & Breeding for Young Horse Classes

Submitted by: Jody Hartstone / Dressage NZ Committee member- North Island Riders Representative

Seconded by: Kiernyn Walton / member

NEW RULE

AMENDMENT SUBMITTED 9/5 (Accepted)

All horses entered for NZ Young Dressage Horse Classes including National Finals / HOY Finals must show proof of age and breeding via Breed Society Papers / Passport that is independent of Equestrian Sport NZ.

For those horses where there is no breed registry available, the Person Responsible must collate all available information in terms of proof of breeding which may include service certificates / dna / dated evidence and / or affidavits to satisfy Dressage NZ that the horse is indeed correct in age and parentage. This may be outsourced to a reputable breed association to check the evidence as per Industry Standard Protocols.

It is not acceptable to base a horse's age for the purpose of Age Group or Breeder classes on a Vet Certificate alone.

Discussion:

Jody spoke to her remit. That the wording is to be amended prior to going to AGM if passed at this meeting

The meeting was in favour that proof of age needs to be verifiable. That documentation requirements need to be defined as to what does constitutes proof of age.

Jody Hartstone moved the remit based on amended wording

Poll:

Yes – 84%

No – 16%

PASSED

The Sport Manager to follow up with Equestrian Entries if proof can be recorded with them as a one off.

Poll results

In Favour		Against
AMDG	SI Riders Rep	Ashburton
Bay of Plenty	Steward General	Board 2
Board 1	Taihape	Board 4
Board 3	Taranaki	Southland
Central Districts	Waikato	
Gisborne	Wairarapa	
Marlborough	Waitemata	
Nelson	Wellington	
Northern Hawkes Bay		
Northland		
Otago		

Remit 2

2.1 Re Jackets

Submitted by: Jody Hartstone / Dressage NZ Committee member- North Island Riders Representative

Seconded by: No seconder

CURRENT RULE/ARTICLE NUMBER : 479 – DRESS

REMIT:

A long sleeve, short sleeve or sleeveless shirt and an appropriately pinned down stock, tie or choker shirt/ collar must be worn. A jacket is not compulsory however is recommended.

Discussion

It was considered Sleeveless shirts offered no protection. Alteration to remit:
Jody Hartstone agreed the remit be amended to remove the word “sleeveless” remit.

MOVED: Jody Hartstone **SECONDED:** Rosanne Rix

PASSED

Poll: Rider Discretion to Wear Jacket

Yes – 65%

No – 35%

In Favour		Against
AMDG	Northern Hawkes Bay	Board 3
Ashburton	SI Riders Rep	Board 5
Bay of Plenty	Southern Hawkes Bay	Marlborough
Board 1	Taihape	Nelson
Board 4	Waikato	Northland
Canterbury	Wairarapa	Otago
Central Districts	Waitemata	Southland
Gisborne	Wellington	Steward General
NI Rider Rep		Taranaki

2.2 Re Jackets

Submitted by: Betty Brown: AMDG Delegate

Seconded by: Karen Shields :President AMDG

Levels 5-9 delete colour restrictions on jackets/coat or tailcoat to concur with levels 1-4

Rationale:

No real reason for lighter colours not to be worn at upper levels especially during the warmer months. If a rider has 2 horses and they then can use a light grey jacket on level 1-4 horse but would currently need another jacket for a level 5 horse this makes no sense. FEI events would need to adhere to FEI dress code. There is no health or safety reason to not amend the rule.

Many of our sponsors are retailers of equestrian clothing and this makes it easier to sell to them without restrictions.

Poll – Jacket/Tailcoat Colour

Yes – 100%

No – 0%

Moved: Betty Brown

PASSED

In Favour		Against
AMDG	NI Rider Rep	None
Ashburton	Northern Hawkes Bay	
Bay of Plenty	Northland	
Board 1	Otago	
Board 2	SI Riders Rep	
Board 3	Southern Hawkes Bay	
Board 4	Southland	
Board 5	Steward General	
Canterbury	Taihape	
Central Districts	Taranaki	
Gisborne	Waikato	
Marlborough	Waitemata	
Nelson	Wellington	

Remit 3

Re: Grading Points

Submitted by: Nicki Page: Canterbury Area Delegate

Seconded by: Karen Daniel / Member

CURRENT RULE/ARTICLE NUMBER: Article 460 - Grading of Horses & Ponies

Amend

REMIT:

That grading points be amended to the following:

75% +: 10 pts | 74.99% -70 %: 7pts | 69.99% -67%: 5 pts | 63 – 66.99%: 3 pts | 60 – 62.99%: 1 pt

Debra Cowen expressed concern that points are to be removed for scores 57% - 59.99%

Moved:- Debra Cowen **Seconded:** Linda Warren

that the following **amendment to the remit** be made

60 - 62.99% - 2 points

57 – 59.99% – 1 point

Moved: Nikki Page: That the amendment become the remit

Poll

Support change to grading points allocation

Yes: 85%

No – 15%

PASSED

In Favour		Against
AMDG	Northern Hawkes Bay	Board 4
Ashburton	Northland	Board 5
Bay of Plenty	Otago	Marlborough
Board 1	SI Riders Rep	Steward General
Board 2	Southern Hawkes Bay	
Board 3	Southland	
Canterbury	Taihape	
Central Districts	Taranaki	
Gisborne	Waikato	
Nelson	Wairarapa	
NI Rider Rep	Wellington	

The Sport Manager to determine the cost to change the database and advise prior to the AGM

Remit 4

Re: Dressage Area Delegates

Submitted by: Nicki Page: Canterbury Area Delegate

Seconded by: Linda Warren-Davey / Member

CURRENT RULE/ARTICLE NUMBER: RULES FOR ADMINISTRATION ESNZ BY-LAW No 17

13. DRESSAGE AREA DELEGATES.

REMIT:

That Area delegates are elected on a 3 yr rotational system.

Moved: Nicki Page

FAILED

POLL:

Yes - 24 %

No – 76%

In Favour	Against	
Ashburton	AMDG	Otago
Board 5	Bay of Plenty	SI Riders Rep
Canterbury	Board 1	Southern Hawkes
Marlborough	Board 3	Bay
NI Rider Rep	Board 4	Taihape
	Central Districts	Waikato
	Nelson	Wairarapa
	Northern Hawkes Bay	Wellington
	Northland	

Remit 5

Re: Hoof Boots (1)

Submitted by: Peter Jenkins: Dressage Bay of Plenty Chair

Seconded by: Janine van der Horst Dressage Bay of Plenty Delegate

CURRENT RULE/ARTICLE NUMBER: Article 4.77 Saddlery

REMIT:

Plain black, low profile hoof boots with gaiters* are permitted to be worn. They MUST be easily removed for inspection by vets | stewards | technical delegates as required.

Hoof Boots (2)

Submitted by: Susan Tomlin: Dressage Central Districts Delegate

Seconded by: Jos Gresham FEI & National Steward

CURRENT RULE/ARTICLE NUMBER: Article 477 Saddlery, 4 Bits, Bridles, Martingales, lunging equipment

REMIT:

Amended rule

4.11 Martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running or balancing reins etc.), any kind of boots or bandages, any form of blinkers, shadow blinds, masks, hoods or bonnets, and ear plugs (exception prizegivings & horse inspections), are, under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden. (Breastplates and **hoof boots** are permitted. **Hoof boots** should be discrete and black or dark brown)

Moved:

Remit 1 – Peter Jenkins / Remit 2 – Susan Tomlin

The Sport Manager advised she had consulted the NZ FEI Vet Delegate (Dr Tony Parsons) who supported the wearing of hoof boots as long they are low profile and did not cover the heel. They would then not be classified as boots under the common definition

It as noted the NI Riders meeting supported the rationale for the use of hoof boots.

It was suggested that the wording “Must be easily removed by vets” be added to the rule.

Debra Cowen suggested a subcommittee be set up to provide a list that is acceptable and put through to AGM with diagrams, photos, etc. Volunteers – Janine, Susan

The Chair advised that if these remits are passed in principle, the wording of the rule needs to be clear

Poll:

In principle that hoof boots should be permitted

That they should be low profile only (to be defined as not covering the heels or coronet band)

That they should allow for easy removal for any steward/ vet inspection

Yes- 87%

No - 13%

PASSED

In Favour			Against
AMDG	Nelson	Southland	Board 2
Ashburton	NI Rider Rep	Taihape	Board 3
Bay of Plenty	Northland	Waikato	Marlborough
Board 1	Nth Hawkes Bay	Wairarapa	
Board 4	Otago	Waitemata	
Canterbury	SI Rider Rep	Wellington	
Central Districts	Southern Hawkes Bay		

Remit 6

Re: Penalties

Submitted by: Betty Brown: AMDG Delegate

Seconded by: Karen Shields :President AMDG

REMIT:

To bring DNZ rules in line with Dressage Australia for competition rules and penalties where pertinent.

The proposer Betty Brown requested this remit be removed as the principle and details are covered in Remit 7

Remit 7

Re: Art 477 SADDLERY

Submitted by: Dressage Board / Technical

Rationale / Principles:

- i. That Art 477 be reformatted to ensure all information referencing bits and bridles etc. is in the same para (Refer currently 477.3. and 477 3.4 BUT that the wording and/or intent is not amended / altered unless specifically proposed below
- ii. Clarify, modernize and align with FEI where appropriate

477.3 STIRRUPS:

Current rule

Stirrup leathers and irons are compulsory and must be attached to the saddle and used in the conventional way. Unless official ESNZ Dressage dispensation is approved (Art 483) the rider's boots must not be fixed to the stirrup iron by mechanical means and if used as such without dispensation will result in elimination.

Proposed New Rule

1.3 Amend to align with current FEI rules

Stirrup leathers and English style stirrups or safety stirrups are compulsory and must be attached to the saddle and used in the conventional way.

Stirrups must have closed branches, and no attachments. Safety stirrups may have an opening on **the outside branch.**

Unless official ESNZ Dressage dispensation is approved (Art 483) the rider's boots must not be fixed to the stirrup iron by **any means** (e.g. magnets) and if used as such without dispensation will result in elimination.

Poll: – **Support align Art 477.3 with FEI rules**

Yes – 100% (21 votes)

No – 0

PASSED

Note: To be checked prior to final wording of remit of any safety stirrups have open INSIDE branches in which case the remit should read

Safety stirrups may have an opening on **one of the branches**

Art 477.3 & .4 BRIDLES:

Current rule

3.4 Bridles must be predominantly black, brown, grey or navy and may not be decorated with tassels or any additions to the normal configuration. Discreet padding of the bridle at the poll or noseband is permitted. Padding of the cheek pieces is not allowed and will result in elimination.

Proposed New Rule

Deleted highlighted text in 3.4 and add the following to align with FEI Rules

A plain snaffle bridle is required to be used with a regular cavesson noseband, a dropped noseband, a flash noseband, a crossed noseband, a combined noseband or a Micklem or similar design of bridle. The Micklem or similar bridle must be used with a permitted bit and without bit clips

Except for the buckles and padding, the headstall and noseband must be made entirely of leather or leather-like material. Padding is allowed on bridles. Nylon or other non-metal material may be used to reinforce leather in the headstall but must not be in direct contact with the horse. Elastic inserts are permitted in the crownpiece and cheek pieces only and must not be in direct contact with the horse or the bit.

A browband is required, and except for the parts that attach to the crownpiece or headstall, is not required to be made of leather or leather-like material.

The crownpiece of the bridle must lie immediately behind the poll and may extend forward onto the poll but must not be fitted to lie behind the skull.

A throatlatch is required except when the combined noseband or Micklem bridle are used.

A rein is a continuous, uninterrupted strap or line from the bridle bit to the hand. Rein additions or attachments are not permitted. Each bit must be attached to a separate rein and reins may only be attached to the bit. Reins must not be made of rope or rope-like material.

Note: Retain the current NZ rule re tightness of nosebands

Poll:.

Support align 477.3 bridle rules with FEI rules. Proposed new rule does not have word discreet.

Yes – 100% (22 votes)

No – 0%

In Favour			PASSED
			Against
AMDG	Marlborough	Southland	Nil
Ashburton	Nelson	Taihape	
Bay of Plenty	NI Rider Rep	Waikato	
Board 1	Northern Hawkes Bay	Wairarapa	
Board 2	Northland	Waitemata	
Board 3	Otago	Wellington	
Canterbury	SI Riders Rep		
Central Districts	Southern Hawkes Bay		

Art 477.4 BITS

RATIONALE:

To add clarity and more detailed information re the diagrams of permitted bits and align with current FEI Rules where they currently do not directly contradict current NZ rules (e.g. wrapping of bits

Proposed Rule:

BITS:

Snaffle, Bridoon and curb bits must have a smooth surface. Twisted and wire bits are prohibited. Bits must be made of metal, rigid plastic, or durable synthetic material. ~~and may be covered with rubber/latex.~~ Bits must not place mechanical restraint upon the tongue. Wrapping of bits with any kind of material is not permitted

E.g. A Dr Bristol Bit i.e., where the link plate is long, flat and set at an angle to the horse's tongue; is not classed as an ordinary double-jointed snaffle.

The diameter of the mouthpiece of the bridoon/snaffle and/or curb must be such so as not to hurt the Horse.

Add minimum diameter of 12mm for horse/snaffle

Minimum diameter of mouthpiece to be twelve millimetres (12 mm) for curb bit, and ten millimetres (10 mm) for bridoon bit. Snaffles must have a minimum diameter of twelve millimetres (12 mm) for horses and ten millimetres (10mm) for Ponies. The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece.

SNAFFLE BITS

3.1 Snaffle Bits –Snaffle bits are permitted when the use of a double bridle is not required. (Refer 3.2)

3.1.1 Snaffle bits may be used with loose ring, D-Ring, Eggbutt and hanging cheeks. Single or double-jointed snaffles may also be used with upper or lower cheeks, full cheeks or Fulmer cheeks.

Loose rings may have a sleeve fitted around part of the ring.

3.1.2 Flexible rubber or synthetic mouthpieces are permitted.

3.1.3 A snaffle may have up to two joints. A barrel or ball joint is permitted as the centre link in a double-jointed snaffle, however, the surface of the centre piece must be solid with no moveable parts other than a roller. The centre link may be tilted in a different orientation from the mouthpiece but must have rounded edges and may not have the effect of a tongue plate.

3.1.4 A double jointed snaffle or snaffle with rotating mouthpiece may be shaped to allow tongue relief. The maximum height of the deviation is 30mm from the lower part of tongue side to the highest part of the deviation. The widest part of the deviation must be where the mouthpiece contacts the tongue and must have a minimum width of 30mm. The mouthpiece of a jointed or unjointed snaffle may be shaped in a curve within the dimensions specified above.

3.2 Bridoon bits – a bridoon bit is defined as a snaffle bit that is used together with a curb bit to form a double bridle.

3.2.1 Bridoons may be used with loose ring and eggbutt cheeks.

3.2.2 Bridoons must have one or two joints. A barrel or ball joint is permitted as the centre link in a double jointed bridoon, however, the surface of the centre piece must be solid with no moveable parts other than a roller. The centre link may not have the effect of a tongue plate.

3.2.3 Bridoons where the centre link(s) of the bit can lock and have the effect of a mullen mouth snaffle are not permitted.

3.2.4 Flexible rubber/synthetic bridoons are not permitted.

CURB BITS

3.3 FEI Curb Bits –better definition than NZ current 4.4.3 Page 60

3.3.1 The length of the lever arm below the mouthpiece of the curb bit is limited to ten centimetres (10 cm). The upper cheek must not be longer than the lower cheek. If the curb has a sliding

mouthpiece, the lever arm of the curb bit below the mouthpiece should not measure more than ten centimetres (10 cm) when the mouthpiece is at the uppermost position.

3.3.2 Curbs may have straight or S-shaped cheeks. They may have rotating lever arms.

3.3.3 The mouthpiece may be straight or shaped to allow tongue relief. The maximum height of the deviation is 30mm from the lower part of tongue side to the highest part of the deviation. The widest part of the deviation must be where the mouthpiece contacts the tongue and must have a minimum width of 30mm.

3.3.4 Curb chain can be made of metal or leather or a combination. Cover for curb chain can be made of leather, rubber or sheep skin. Curb chain hooks can be fixed or not fixed.

Add as per FEI a curb chain may ever be as tightly fixed so as to harm the Horse

Poll Bits page 25 – Align with FEI rules. Support aligning DNZ rules for bits with FEI rules where applicable as per the remit to add clarity to the generic diagrams

Yes – 100% (23 votes)

No- 0%

PASSED

In Favour			Against
AMDG	Canterbury	SI Riders Rep	Nil
Ashburton	Marlborough	Southern Hawkes Bay	
Bay of Plenty	Nelson	Southland	
Board 1	NI Rider Rep	Taihape	
Board 2	Northern Hawkes Bay	Waikato	
Board 3	Northland	Wairarapa	
Board 4	Otago	Waitemata	

It was suggested a separate detailed reference document be produced

Art 418.3 POSITION & SEAT OF THE RIDER

Clarify Maintaining Contact with the Reins

Current Rule:

Riding with both hands is obligatory at Dressage Events.

When leaving the arena at a walk on long rein, after having finished the test the Athlete may, at his own discretion, ride with only one (1) hand.

Directives for assessing the degree of difficulty in a Freestyle test available at www.fei.org.

Proposed Rule from FEI :

Riding with both hands is obligatory at Dressage Events.

When leaving the arena at a walk on long rein, after having finished the test the Athlete may, at his own discretion, ride with only one (1) hand.

Apart from the halt and salute, where the athlete must take the reins in one hand, **riding with the reins in both hands is obligatory**, but a discreet 'pat on the neck' for a well performed exercise, or for reassurance, is perfectly acceptable (as is the situation of an athlete needing to wipe a fly from their eye, or other situations such as adjusting clothing, saddle pads etc).

However, if the rider intentionally takes the reins into one hand in order to use either the reins or the other hand to produce more impulsion from the horse, or to promote applause from the spectators during the test, it will be considered a fault and will be reflected in the mark for both the movement and the collective mark.

Freestyles

Riding with one hand is permitted in Freestyles

Reference Document:

<https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/dressage/useful-docs>

Directives for assessing the degree of difficulty in Freestyles Tests

Performing movements or transitions with the reins in one hand but without exaggeration.

The gender language to be corrected in the final remit

Poll:

Support align this rule with FEI for clarity and safety

Yes – 100% (22 votes)

No – 0%

PASSED

In Favour			Against
AMDG	Marlborough	Southern Hawkes Bay	Nil
Ashburton	Nelson	Southland	
Board 1	NI Rider Rep	Taihape	
Board 2	Northern Hawkes Bay	Waikato	
Board 3	Northland	Wairarapa	
Board 4	Otago	Waitemata	
Canterbury	SI Riders Rep	Wellington	
Central Districts			

Art 402: HALT & SALUTE

To align with AUS and remove potential for penalty

Current Rule:

At the halt and salute, Athletes **must take the reins (and whip if carried)** in the same hand. The head should be bowed while the other arm is held straight down to the side. In the case of two or more judges officiating on the competition, the salute is taken by the Chief Judge only

Note: Under the current rules if the reins & whip are not taken in one hand, this is penalised as for an error of test/course. Refer to DR Rules penalties page 45

PROPOSED RULE: *(Align with DR AUS – no requirement for reins and whip to be in the same hand and therefore no penalty)*

At the salute, Athletes must take the reins in one hand. The head should be bowed while the other arm is held straight down to the side. In the case of two or more judges officiating on the competition, the salute is taken by the Chief Judge only. A whip may be held in either hand at the salute

Align with FEI - (No poll available for this remit)

No objections

PASSED

ARTICLE 451.18 UNAUTHORISED / OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

Current Rule:

Any outside help by voice, signs, (earphone and/or electronic communication devices included) is considered as illegal or unauthorized assistance to an Athlete or to his Horse. An Athlete or Horse receiving unauthorised assistance must be eliminated.

Proposed Rule:

Rationale: Clarify and align with AUS

Any **intentional** outside intervention is considered assistance to a rider or horse and is penalised by elimination. This includes but is not limited to: Assistance by voice, signs, earphone and/or electronic communication devices

Remit 7

Support add para to DNZ rules re Mounted riders being led to align with AUS rules

Yes – 21

No - 1

ARTICLE 451.18 UNAUTHORISED / OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

New Para : Re Mounted riders being led

Rationale: Clarify when mounted riders may be led and align with AUS

- i. Mounted riders may have their horse attached to a lead line when at walk when proceeding to or from the warmup area. Riders may not be led when mounted in the warmup area
 - ii. Horses can be led into and out of the warmup arena but once in the warmup arena the groom is to take the horse off the lead
 - iii. Mounted riders may have their horse attached to a lead when proceeding to and from the competition area but not in or around the competition arena. This will be considered outside assistance and will entail elimination.
 - iv. Any assistance to get the horse into the dressage arena or the area directly around the arena including being led by another horse around the arena is considered outside assistance
 - v. Not applicable for riders with exemption cards.
- The wording to be adapted to exclude lead rein classes .
 - Wording for warm up arena and alley way/walkway between arenas to be clarified .

Poll – Support add para to DNZ rules re Mounted riders being led to align with AUS rules

Yes – 100% (21 votes)

No – 0%

	In Favour		Against
AMDG	Nelson	Taihape	Nil
Ashburton	NI Rider Rep	Waikato	
Bay of Plenty	Northern Hawkes Bay	Wairarapa	
Board 2	Northland	Waitemata	
Board 3	Otago	Wellington	
Canterbury	SI Riders Rep		
Central Districts	Southern Hawkes Bay		
Marlborough	Southland		

ARTICLE 451.18 UNAUTHORISED ASSISTANCE re COMMANDED TESTS

Current Rule

If, in the opinion of the Judge/s, the Commander makes any variation from the text of the test or does anything to assist the rider by signal, remarks or inflexion of the voice, a penalty may be recorded equal to that of the error of the course that would have occurred had the assistance not been given.

Proposed Amendment (Align with AUS)

Where commanders are permitted, it is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that only the printed text, or extracts thereof, is read out and that no other form of assistance is given. E.g. signal, remarks or inflexion of the voice. The caller may read each movement **once or twice only**.

Failure to observe this rule **may entail elimination**

Yes – 100% (23 votes)

No – 0%

PASSED

DISCUSSION TOPIC 1

1.1 Re: Funding for CDI @ Dressage National Championships

Submitted by: Peter Jenkins: Dressage Bay of Plenty Chair

Each Area Group will undertake fundraising to go towards the cost of running the CDI event run at the DressageNational Championships each year. Those Area Groups with riders who are likely to compete in the CDI classes are required to make this a priority, with suggestions such as running "Masterclass" events taught by these riders etc.

Not supported

1.2 Re: Funding for CDI @ Dressage National Championships

Submitted by: Peter Jenkins: Dressage Bay of Plenty Chair

We propose that an additional levy of \$0.50 to \$1.00 be added to each entry fee to a dressage class (similar to the T&D levy), and that this levy be collected to help with funding the CDI event held as part of the Dressage National Championships each year.

This would potentially result in around \$10,000 - \$20,000 per year being collected, which would considerably ease the financial cost of hosting the CDI.

Not supported to increase levies in present Covid climate .

DISCUSSION TOPIC 2

Re: Amateur Riders

Submitted by: Susan Tomlin: Dressage Central Districts Delegate

Seconded by: Jos Gresham / Member

TOPIC: Downgrading of Riders for Amateur status

There are riders who are currently excluded from riding as amateurs as they have ridden at higher levels many years ago. They want to be able to compete amongst riders of similar abilities as themselves and think that they are not in the same league as current day high level riders. These people do still have more than 15 points at that higher level but state that it was easier years ago to obtain points at those higher levels.

We suggest that riders can apply to be downgraded to amateur status in the same sort of way as horses can be downgraded. Downgrading would only be possible for riders who had earned those grading points at higher levels more than 8 years ago.

That a small working party of amateur riders and others to look at different means of classifying amateur riders

Moved: Scott McKenna / Seconded Jody Hartstone

CARRIED

DISCUSSION TOPIC 3

Re: Para-Equestrian Athletes

Clarification re eligibility to compete in AB classes

Submitted by: Andrea Hammond: Dressage Bay of Plenty Vice President

This query was addressed by the Chair who advised that the current Para Rules are based around classified functionality to represent a level playing field for Para athletes. That these rules are not based around what is considered "safe" but what is appropriate for each level of functionality

Para Athlete Jodie Thorne endorsed this principle

NOTED: That Dressage NZ is undergoing a consultation process re this topic with ESNZ Para Equestrian.

ACTION: The Board to instigate a meeting with Para officials to come up with better framework around all rules for events which run both Para & Open classes.

The Sport Manager suggested an annex in rule books for both codes to clarify aspects where rules might cross over. Noted that Able bodied riders are allowed to compete in Para classes up to a certain level.

DISCUSSION TOPIC 4

The Sport Manager had declared a conflict and left the Meeting at 6.15pm prior to this discussion and returned at 6.25pm

Submitted by: Jody Hartstone / Dressage NZ Committee member- North Island Riders Representative

Who can attend Riders Meetings?

The NI Riders meeting in February passed a motion that a member of the board and any paid employee of DNZ can only attend the Riders meeting on invitation, this excludes the Riders Rep who must attend

There needs to be clarification as to who has speaking rights and this information needs to be passed to riders.

The Chair noted with the meeting that the existing rule is the Riders Rep can limit the meeting to full financial members or parents and guardians for riders under 18.

Area Delegates to pass ideas to the Chair Scott for constitutional review.

DISCUSSION TOPIC 5

Re: Prestige Equestrian Futures Prize

Submitted by: Jody Hartstone / Dressage NZ Committee member- North Island Riders Representative

TOPIC:

That the Prestige Futures Prize not be restricted by a rider's grading points

The Sport Manager explained that the philosophy behind this restriction had been discussed with the sponsor at HOY and they continued to support it.

Possible change of name and or wording to better define the intention of the award for the future .

DISCUSSION TOPIC 6

Re: Dressage Officials Development Programme

Submitted by: Karen Shields / Dressage NZ Committee member & AMDG President.

Full Financial Member ESNZ (National Steward and F level Judge

On behalf of: AMDG

TOPIC:

AMDG would like to commence a discussion on the following issues related to availability and access to officials in Dressage

The Sport Manager to convene a Zoom meeting for the Judges Sub-committee and Karen Shields to format a strategy for attracting new officials. The Object is to avoid burnout of existing officials so that the situation doesn't get worse.

There were numerous votes of thanks from participants for great meeting and special thanks to the Chair & Sport Manager for hosting such a long meeting.

The Chair declared the Meeting closed at 6.45pm