



Minor Jumping Rule Book Amendments 2025
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Article 210 - Spread Obstacle – remove (effective 1 August 2025)

1. A spread obstacle is an obstacle which is built in such a manner that it requires an effort both in spread and in height. For all competitions, 18mm ~~(effective 1 August 2025)~~ safety cups must be used as support for the back poles of spread obstacles and in the case of a triple-bar to support the center and back poles of the obstacle. Safety cups must be used when poles are placed over a water jump (Article 211.10) and must also be used in the exercise area.

Article 225.3 – Remove “or they retrieve”.

3. Any help given to a mounted competitor to adjust their saddlery or bridle or to hand them a whip while mounted during the round will incur elimination. To hand a mounted competitor their headgear and/or spectacles during the round is not considered to be unauthorised assistance (Article 241.3.3.20). To hand a mounted competitor, ~~or they retrieve~~, their headgear and/or spectacles during the round is not considered to be unauthorised assistance and no penalty will be applied but the clock will not be stopped.

Art 241 4.4 – typo correction – change “information” to Informing.

“Schooling a Horse in speed Competitions under table A or C, without ~~information~~ **informing** the OC in advance.”

Art. 243 - Abuse of Horses - 2.2 (iii) amendment

2.2 Excessive use of the whip

- i. The whip may not be used to vent an Athlete’s temper. Such use is always excessive
- ii. The use of a whip on a Horse’s head is always excessive use
- iii. A Horse should never be hit more than three times ~~in a row~~ **in total, in the competition arena. A horse should never be hit more than three times in total, in the practice arena.**
If a Horse’s skin is broken, it is always considered excessive use of the whip
- iv. The whip is not to be used after Elimination; An Athlete identified as misusing or excessively using the whip will be disqualified and may be fined at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

Art. 257 – Saddlery – 1.3 addition to noseband tightness

1.3 There are no restrictions on bits or nosebands. However, the Ground Jury has the right, based on veterinary advice, to forbid the use of a bit or noseband that may cause injury to the horse. **FEI Vet Regs Art 1044.8 will be adopted from 1 August 2025.**

**(FEI Vet Regs Art 1044.8 :**

8. The following provisions apply regarding the Noseband Tightness:

The noseband must be adjusted with sufficient laxity, as determined by an FEI approved Measuring Device. The rule applies to all types of nosebands and to both the upper and lower noseband.

The detailed protocol for measuring the tightness of noseband(s) is provided for in the (Discipline specific) Noseband Tightness Measuring Protocol(s).

Excessively tightened noseband(s), as determined by an FEI approved Measuring Device, shall incur the following consequences:

Pre-Competition: The Horse and the Athlete combination is not allowed to start unless the noseband is re-adjusted to allow enough laxity.

During the Competition: The Horse and Athlete combination is eliminated from the Competition in question and the Athlete is issued with a Yellow Warning Card.)

Reins must be attached to the bit(s) with a headpiece or directly to the bridle. A maximum of two pairs of reins may be used. If two pairs of reins are used, one pair must be attached to the bit or directly to the bridle. Gags and Hackamores are allowed.

Art. 257 – Saddlery – 1.5 amendment to use of draw reins

1.5 Draw reins (running reins, including market harboroughs) ~~are forbidden in the competition arena except during prize giving ceremonies and march past parades.~~ **cannot be used for jumping on the competition or practice arena at anytime / anywhere on the showgrounds. Draw reins can only be used on the flat and in presentations.**

Art 259 – Officials – amendment any National Jumping Series show requires 2 stewards.

6.1. A Chief Steward must always be appointed for NZ and Island Championships, Premier events, Young Horse Jumping Championships and the HOY show from the list of National FEI Stewards. Any show running National Jumping Series classes must have a National Level 3 or above Steward **plus at least one assistant steward.**

Annex 8 Article 9 - Eligibility of Horses amendment to align with new Breeding Summer Series Conditions**Article 9 - Eligibility of Horses**

1. Where applicable horses may compete on a Casual Levy in non title classes at National and Island Champs, all horses competing at HOY and in National and Island Championship and title classes are required to be currently registered with ESNZ with its identification page correctly filled in (GR's Article 128) and validated by ESNZ.

~~2. The breeding page of the identification papers should have at least the sire, dam and sire of the dam entered. The breeding age group championships will specify extra information needed for those competitions.~~

Annex 11 Requirements will apply to all Breeding Summer Series Conditions.



Annex 8 Art 14 1- minor correction

The President of the Ground Jury and at least one other member must be official ~~national judges~~ national Level 3 judges or F.E.I. listed Judges.

Annex 8 E (Horse of the Year Show)

Article 74

5. Lady Rider of the Year clarification of number of horses allowed

ADD:

5.5 Only one horse per rider.

7. Jumping Horse of the Year clarification of number of horses allowed

7.3.2 Competitors may ride ~~no more than two~~ **one** horses. ~~The Organising Committee may restrict the number of horses to one.~~

Annex 9 – Tongue Ties – Refer 257.1.5 – incorrect reference – **change to 257 2.7**

Annex 9 - Hind boots remove “2020 /21 onwards”

Annex 11 Five-Year-Old Breeding Series Art 4.4

Remove:

~~4.4. Prior to Jan 1, a “liverpool” that preferably holds water is to be included as an optional jump to be jumped after the first or second round of the course (maximum of three attempts only). After Jan 1, where possible, the liverpool with a small vertical must be included within the course.~~

Rationale:

(A considerable amount of shows now include Liverpools from a very low level and more often than not, we are taking out the Liverpool from a previous class that might have only been 90cm. The 5 yr olds most likely have had opportunities to jump them multiple times. We think the rule has run it's course.)

Annex 12 - Pathway for Jumping Stewards (page 168) – typo “lease” change to least

ESNZ Jumping Stewards Maintenance Courses will be held annually over one day for all levels. The course will cover rule updates, various stewarding revision, any upgrade exams and other criteria.

A Maintenance Course must be attended at ~~least~~ **least** once every three years or if not needed an online seminar yearly.

Annex 13 Job Specifications

Page 185 – update to Stewards Job Descriptions

ADD: NATIONAL LEVEL 1 STEWARD.

1. National level 1 Steward will act as an assistant only - under the direction of National Level 2 or above Steward, and work with some supervision. This enables them to fully understand the role Stewards have at ESNZ sanctioned events. Once they have gained experience, decide this is a role they wish to pursue and fulfilled all the requirements, they progress to National Level 2.

Amend:

~~Assistant~~ **National Level 2** Stewards

1. ~~National Level 1 Stewards (or above) on the ESNZ list can act as Assistant Steward at all National events.~~
 - **Able to work alone and be Chief Steward at low-level shows that do not include ESNZ Series Classes or FEI classes.**
 - **Able to work as a member of Stewarding Team at all events with exception of FEI classes.**
2. Under the authority of the Chief Steward and must report any irregularities to the Chief Steward as they happen.
3. Be well informed of their duties along with relevant rules and regulations.
4. Be a team player and have good communication skills.