

# DRESSAGE NZ PLANNING FORUM 2018

## REMIT: AMENDMENT TO DRESSAGE RULES



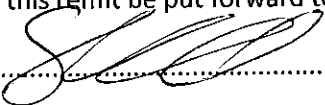
**DRESSAGE**

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Request that this remit be put forward to the 2018 Dressage NZ Planning forum:

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**CURRENT RULE/ARTICLE NUMBER : 454**

**NEW Y / N**

**Amend**

**REMIT:**

Article 454 – Lameness, Blood or Welfare Concerns

1. Any horse that shows lameness while competing will be eliminated. The Judge or Chief Judge will ring the bell to stop the test and explain the reason for the elimination to the rider. There is no appeal from this decision.
2. (as per existing clause 3)
3. The Chief Judge may stop a test at any point and eliminate the rider if for any reason the Judge believes it is contrary to the best interests of the horse and/or rider to continue the test.

**RATIONALE:** (Add separate pages or attachments if necessary)

The existing article 454 clause 1 does not actually confer a right to eliminate for lameness. It only states that the rider will be advised of the elimination. It allows elimination only for “marked lameness”. This adds an unnecessary objective test, particularly given there is no definition of “marked” in the rules.

The existing clause (2) allows the test to continue when the horse demonstrates lameness. This is not consistent with horse welfare being our highest priority.

The new clause 3 has been added to ensure that in circumstances other than lameness and blood, for example a horse that is underfed an emaciated or over fed and obese, that should not be competing it can be eliminated. It would also cover a situation where the horse is so unruly it becomes dangerous for the rider or other competitors.

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**CURRENT RULE/ARTICLE NUMBER : 453**

**NEW Y / N**

**Amend**

**REMIT:**

Amendment to Article 453

Amend to;

1. The use of the voice or clicking of the tongue is prohibited and will be penalised by the loss of two marks from those that would have been awarded for the movement in which this occurred.

Rationale

Current rule says "at least" two marks. In practice it is always 2 marks and there seems to be no reason for this discretion to deduct more. This creates uncertainty for riders.

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## AGENDA ITEM / PROPOSAL



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Request that this topic/proposal be added to the agenda of the 2018 Dressage NZ Planning forum:

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### **TOPIC: Error of Course/ Error of Test**

#### **Proposal and / or Rationale for Forum Discussion:**

(Add separate pages or attachments if necessary)

Article 451 uses the terms "error of the course" and error of the test", neither of these terms are defined, but examples are given. It is proposed that the committee agree on comprehensive definitions of each of these terms.

While those of us in the sport might understand what these are and the distinction between them, this is not helpful to a new person to the sport.

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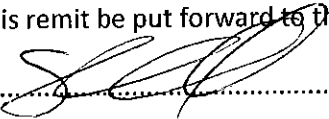


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**CURRENT RULE/ARTICLE NUMBER : 451(12)**

**NEW Y / N**

**Amend**

**REMIT:**

Clause 12 – Amend to

12. The rider has 45 seconds from the sounding of the bell to commence the test. The test commences from the point the horse proceeds on the centre line.

If the test is not commenced within 45 seconds of the sounding of the bell the rider will be penalised 2 points per judge.

If the test is not commenced within 60 seconds of the sounding of the bell the rider will be eliminated.

Rationale

Current clause is long and confusing. This covers situations where the test is commenced from within the arena and from outside the arena.

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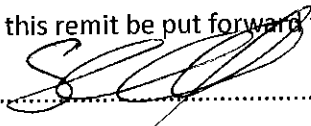


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**CURRENT RULE/ARTICLE NUMBER : 451(15)**

**NEW Y / N**

**Amend**

**REMIT:**

Clause 15 – Amend to

- 15 A horse leaving the arena with all 4 feet between the time of commencement of the test and the time of exit from the arena will be eliminated. The only exception to this rule is when a horse is required to recommence a test pursuant to article 451(4).

Rationale

At the moment article 451(15) and 451(7) contradict each other in that (7) allows a judge to send a horse out of the arena to restart the test and (15) provides no exception to the rule that you are eliminated for exiting the arena. The wording is also changed consistent with the amendment of article 451(12) proposed above.

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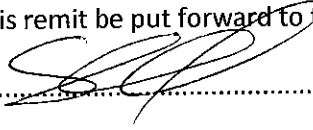


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**CURRENT RULE/ARTICLE NUMBER : 441(2)**

**NEW Y / N**

**Amend**

**REMIT:**

Amend Article 441 as follows;

(2) The Judge(s) should sit between 3 and 5 metres from the outside of the arena. If the dimensions of the competition area do not permit the Judge to sit at least 3 metres from the edge of the arena then the Judge should sit as far from the edge of the arena as possible.

Reasoning – the current wording imposes a mandatory requirement that the judge be at least 3 metres from the edge, then acknowledges it might have to be less. The wording is changed to allow the exception.

The previous exception applied only to indoor competitions so this could become a problem for example when there is a permanent outdoor competition arena with little space around the outside of it.