



**FEI Para-Equestrian Rules
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Reasons for Change:

The FEI PE Technical Committee is mindful of the increasing costs to Organisers and recognise that changes can be made in respect of competition format which will reduce costs whilst maintaining the existing level of sporting competition

Article 8420 Categories of Dressage Events

1. In conformity with the General Regulations, the Para-Equestrian Dressage Events are divided into:

1.1. National Events

CPEDN (Dressage National) where non-nationals may be invited. It is usual for easy tests to be used.

CPEPDE (Promotional Dressage Event) Organized by countries outside Western Europe and North America (see below). These events may also be held on horses that are all borrowed (former draw horses).

1.2. International Category B Events

CPEDIM (Dressage International Minor) where there are a minimum of three (3) nations invited; no minimum number of competitors. It is not normal to use Championship Tests at these Events.

CPEDI 1* International event, where there are a minimum of four (4) nations invited. It is normal to use easy to mid level tests for all Grades.

CPEDI 2* Where there are a minimum of four (4) nations invited

1.3. International Category A Events

CPEDI 3* Where there are a minimum of six (6) nations invited, plus a team competition.

Two levels of test may be used for all the above events. See Article 8421.6

CPEDI 4* All major Championships such as World Championships, World Games, Continental and Regional Championships Regional Games, and Qualifying Competitions for the Paralympic Games and some other Championships/Games.

Article 8437 Ground Jury

1. All competitions above CPEDI3* level must have a Jury of 5 judges for every 40 riders (or part of 40).

Classes at and below this level may have 3 judges, seated as in Article 8429.6. National competitions, when international competitors are invited and present, (CPEDN), should if possible have at least three judges.

2. The marks of all five (respectively three) Judges are taken into consideration for the classification. Not 'classification', but 'calculation of the marks', to avoid confusion with our Classification for Grading.

3. Each Judge must be assisted by a secretary who speaks and writes the same official language.

4. The Judge at C may decide if he wishes to be assisted, in addition to the secretary, by a special assistant, whose task is to follow the progress of the test, to inform the President of any "error of the course" and/or "error of the test".

5. For Major Championships and for the Paralympic Games, the Jury must show international representation and the President and the other members of the Jury

must be chosen from the FEI lists of Para Equestrian Official International or International Judges appointed by the Para-Equestrian Committee and approved by the Bureau of the FEI; (*Rationale for using International as well as O: for Championships and the Paralympic Games large numbers of judges may be used*).

6. For CPEDI3*, the President and the other members of the Jury must:

- be chosen from the FEI lists of these Para Equestrian Judges: - Official and/or International;
- be appointed by the NF and the Organising Committee, in agreement with the FEI;
- be an International Jury.
- If 5 Judges are used, 3 or more must be FEI International or FEI Official International PE status, can have 1 or 2 FEI PE Candidate Status
- If 3 Judges are used, 2 or more must be FEI International or FEI Official International status, 1 can be FEI Candidate Status

7. For CPEDI1*/2*, the President and the other members of the Jury must be:

- chosen from the FEI lists of Para-Equestrian Judges (Official and/or International and/or International Candidate Judges). If a Candidate judge is not being used one judge may be chosen from that country's list of Para-Equestrian National Judges, provided he or she has attended an IPEC or Para-Equestrian judges' course within the last five years and been accredited as a National Judge;
- be appointed by the NF and the Organising Committee, in agreement with the FEI;
- be an International Jury.
- Of the minimum 3 Judges, 2 or more must be FEI International or FEI Official International PE status, 1 can be FEI PE Candidate Status

8. For CPEDIM the Jury does not have to be International, the President and the other members of the Jury must be: -

- chosen from the FEI lists of these Para-Equestrian Judges (Official and/or International and/or International Candidate). If a Candidate Judge is not being used one judge may be chosen from that country's list of Para-Equestrian National Judges, provided he or she has attended an IPEC or Para-Equestrian judges' course during the last five years, and been accredited as a National judge;
- be appointed by the NF and the Organizing Committee, in agreement with the FEI.

9. For CPEDN the Jury does not have to be International. The President and the other members of the Jury must be made up of:

- at least one Judge from the FEI list of Official, International or International Candidate Judges; the others may be FEI Para-Equestrian National Judges who have attended an IPEC or Para-Equestrian judges' course during the last five years, and been accredited as a National judge.

The Jury must be appointed by the NF and the Organizing Committee, in agreement with the FEI.

10. A President or a member of a Jury is considered to be a Foreign Judge if he is of different nationality and is domiciled in a different country from that in which the international event is taking place.

11. A Jury is considered to be international if there is at least one Foreign Judge in a Jury of three members, and there are at least three Foreign Judges in a Jury of five members.
12. Not more than two International Candidate Judges may be appointed members of the same Ground Jury. If the Ground Jury consists of three Judges, only one Candidate Judge is allowed.
13. At least one Reserve Judge must be appointed for Championships and Games, in case one of the Judges is unable to attend. The Reserve Judge should be present at the event and may judge classes as required.
14. The President or the FEI nominated Foreign Judge must arrive in time for the Horse Inspection.
15. All Judges of a Jury must speak at least one of the official languages and if possible understand the other.
16. At any event a Judge may not be called upon to judge more than 40 competitors a day.
17. For the division of the Judges into different categories, as well as for the necessary qualifications for each category, see Annex III.

Article 8438 Technical Delegate

1.1. A Technical Delegate must be appointed for all competitions. In Category B events the Organizing Committee will appoint the Technical Delegate, who must be approved by the Para-Equestrian Committee. Para-Equestrian will appoint the Technical Delegate(s) for all other Competitions, including the Major Championships.

1.2. A list of Technical Delegates qualified to officiate at all levels of events will be maintained by the FEI Secretariat. The qualifications for such Para-Equestrian Technical Delegates are as follows: to be a past or present FEI Para-Equestrian/IPEC Dressage Judge or being appointed by the PE Committee on the grounds of their extensive knowledge of PE and the specific requirements.

At CPEDI1* and CPEDI2* competitions, the Technical Delegate may also act as the FEI Steward.

At CPEDI3* and CPEDI4* competitions, the Technical Delegate may also act as a Judge providing he/she meets the minimum criteria defined under Art.8437.

Article 8440 Appeal Committee

The General Regulations refer to the Appeal Committee (Articles 154, 164). International Candidate Judges, International Judges, Official International Judges and retired judges of any of these categories of Para-Equestrian Dressage judge, as well as other suitably qualified persons approved by the Para-Equestrian Committee, can be a member of Appeal Committee.

At CPEDI 1* and 2* events no Appeal Committee is required.

At CPEDI3* events, (including Para-Equestrian World Cup Qualifiers, if any) there need only be an Appeal President, who must be an active or retired FEI Para-Equestrian Official or International Dressage Judge, or been appointed by the Para-Equestrian Committee on the grounds of their extensive knowledge of Para-Equestrian and the specific requirements.

Article 8443 Stewards

The General Regulations refer to the Stewards. The Chief Steward is responsible for all the Stewards and for the timing required during training. The Chief Steward will report to the Para-Equestrian Technical Delegate and for Category B Events should arrive at least the day before the trot up. For Category A Events he will be required in advance of this.

At CPEDI 1* and 2* events the FEI Steward may also act as FEI Technical Delegate provided he/she meets the criteria defined under Art. 8438.

Annex V

Competition Category	Minimum number of nations invited	Minimum number of competitors	Special requirements	Ground Jury				TD appointed by	Appeal Jury		Chief Steward Appointed by
				Appointed by	Numbers required	Qualifications required	International Jury		Number required	Appointed by	
CPE-DN National Competitions	-	-	Non-nationals may be invited	NF and OC PEC to approve	3	PEN plus at least one PEIC	Not required	NF or OC	0 or 1	NF or OC	NF or OC
CPE D-IM Minor International	3	-	May have Team Competitions		5 or 3	PEO PEI PEIC PEN - one only		NF and OC PEC to approve	1	NF and OC PEC to approve	NF and OC PEC to approve
CPE - DI*	4	10									
CPEDI2*	4	20									
CPEDI3*	6	25	Must have team Competitions	PEC	5 per 40 riders	PEO PEI PEIC	Required (one Foreign judge out of 3, or three out of 5)	PEC	3	PEC	PEC
CPEDI4* Major Championships, Paralympic Qualifiers											
Paralympic Games											
See Article	8420	8420	8420.3	8437	8437	8437	8437	8446.2			