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Definitions

1. 'BEV' - British Equestrian Vaulting Limited
2. 'BEF' - British Equestrian Federation
3. 'Club' - any vaulting group
4. 'Competitions' - competitions held under the auspices of BEV
5. 'Competitors' - vaulters and lungers
6. 'CVI' - International competition run under FEI rules
7. 'Events' - any events involving equestrian vaulting such as, but not limited to, competitions, demonstrations, training session and camps held under the auspices of BEV in GB
8. 'FEI' - Federation Equestre Internationale
9. 'GB' - England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
10. 'Ground Jury' - all Judges at an Event except where stated otherwise
11. 'Management Committee' - the management committee of BEV
12. 'Pas de Deux' - two vaulters competing on one horse
13. 'Region' - England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland
14. 'Rules' - rules set out by BEV in this document
15. 'Squad' - six vaulters competing on one horse
16. 'Team' - a group of competitors who are representing the same club or country
17. 'WEG' - World Equestrian Games

Introduction

BEV is a company limited by guarantee. Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and By Laws are available on application to the BEV Chairman or from Companies House.

These Rules are the 10th Edition, effective January 1st 2017. All previous editions are superseded and are null and void.

The Rules will be updated annually and it is the responsibility of BEV Members to be familiar with current Rules and updates.

The Rules govern all Events.

All international competitors must be familiar with the FEI Statutes, General Regulations and detailed Rules for FEI vaulting events. These must be read in conjunction with the FEI 'Guidelines for Judges' for Compulsory, Free Test and Technical Test exercises.

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 based on common sense and fair play thus reflecting as closely as possible the intention of the Rules and the rules of the FEI.

The Management Committee may, from time to time, amend the Rules and will notify Members in writing of any changes.

The Rules are intended to standardise the discipline (provide a fair playing field) and to draw attention to and accommodate the special conditions within GB.

The Rules do not exclusively relate to National Competitions and some Rules, particularly with regard to conduct and discipline, will be effective at all times and in any circumstances, with regard to members of BEV, where the sport could be brought into disrepute.

In all matters governing Events, these Rules will take precedence over the FEI rules.

Code of Conduct

In all equestrian sports the horse must be considered paramount. The well being of the horse shall be above the demands of breeders, trainers, riders, vaulters, owners, dealers, organisers, sponsors or officials.

All handling and veterinary treatment must ensure the health and welfare of the horse. The highest standards of nutrition, health, sanitation, and safety shall be encouraged and maintained at all times with adequate provision made for ventilation, feeding, watering and maintaining a healthy environment during transportation.

Emphasis should be placed on increasing education in training and equestrian practices and on promoting scientific studies in equine health. In the interests of the horse, the fitness and competence of the vaulter and the lunger shall be regarded as essential.

All riding and training methods must take account of the horse as a living entity and must not include any technique considered by the FEI to be abusive. Adequate controls shall be established to ensure that all persons under the jurisdiction of BEV shall respect the welfare of the horse.

The national and international rules and regulations in equestrian sport regarding the health and welfare of the horse must be adhered to at all national and international events and also during training.

Competition rules and regulations shall be continually reviewed to ensure such welfare.

CHAPTER I BRITISH VAULTING EVENTS

Article 1 Types of Events

- 1.1 British Vaulting Events can be divided into:
National Competitions
Regional Championships
Selection Trials
British Championships – See Chapter XI
Official exhibitions and demonstrations
Taster sessions
Training Days or Camps
- 1.2 At Competitions being held in GB the Competition Organiser can insist that competing Clubs provide stewards, helpers and officials on a pro rata basis. Clubs failing to comply may not be allowed to participate.

Article 2 National Competitions

- 2.1 Competition Organisers must pay the appropriate fee of £25 to BEV.
- 2.2 Every Competition must have a Technical Delegate. He or she must be approved by the Management Committee. The Technical Delegate must have no other role within the Competition at British Championships, Regional Championships and Selection Trials.
- 2.3 In the event of any dispute, an Appeals Panel will be convened consisting of any three of the following: a Judge; the Technical Delegate; the Competition Organiser; a Veterinarian; a member of the Management Committee. The Technical Delegate may appoint a replacement for any member of the Appeals Panel should the need arise. The Appeals Panel will decide what action, if any, is to be taken.
- 2.4 Competitions should contain all classes for Squads, Individuals, Pas de Deux and walk classes, however dispensation may be sought from the Management Committee to omit certain classes should circumstances prevail.

These are:

1. Senior Squad 3 *	10. Senior Individual 3*	17. Novice Individual
2. Senior Squad 2*	11. Senior Individual 2*	18. Pre-Novice Individual (canter/walk)
3. Senior Squad 1*	12. Senior Individual 1*	19. Pre-Novice Individual (walk/walk)
4. Junior Squad 2*	13. Junior Individual 2*	20. Walk Individual
5. Novice Squad	14. Junior Individual 1*	21. Walk Pairs
6. Pre-Novice Squad	15. Child Individual 2*	22. Walk Trio
7. Senior Pas de Deux	16. Child Individual 1*	23. Walk Squad
8. Junior Pas de Deux		
9. Novice Pas de Deux		

Para-vaulting

Para-vaulting sub sections may be offered in each class. Competitors eligible for para-vaulting classes are vaulters with a physical, sensory or intellectual disability.

2.5 Vaultler Eligibility - Age of vaulter is from 1st January in year of the Event.

Class	Age of Vaultler
All Senior Squads	No limit
Junior Squad	Until 18 years
Novice Squad	No limit
Pre-Novice Squad	No limit
All Senior Individuals	From 16 years
Junior Individual	14-18 years
Child Individual	Until 14 years
Pas de Deux Senior	From 16 years
Pas de deux Junior	14 to 18 years
Novice Pas de Deux	No limit
Pre-Novice Individual	No limit
Novice Individual	No limit
Walk Squad	No limit
Walk Pas de Deux	No limit
Walk Individuals (3 age groups)	Under 9, 9-12 years, and from 13 years
Walk Trio	No limit

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the Competitor to ensure that they fulfill ALL criteria for the Competition and Class they have entered.

Article 3 Schedules (see also Article 9)

- 3.1 Schedules must be sent to the BEV Competition Secretary not less than eight weeks (but preferably more than eight weeks) prior to the Competition. This is so that schedules can be checked, put on the website and sent to Clubs at least six weeks prior to an Event.
- 3.2 All schedules must state:
- Venue address and travel directions
 - Closing date for entries.
 - Cost of late entries.
 - Stabling availability and costs.
 - Availability and type of catering.
 - Music – in what format it should be. If required to be sent before the Competition, details of when and where it should be sent to.
 - Qualified First Aid cover to be approved by BEV.
 - Date and time for declarations.
 - Any pertinent information (eg dogs allowed?)

Article 4 Timetable and Programme

- 4.1 Participating groups must be given a timetable and their approximate starting times at the latest six days before the beginning of the competition.
- 4.2 It is recommended that a full programme be made available after the close of declarations.

Article 5 Medical Assistance

Competitions cannot start until the approved First Aid cover is in place. This cover must remain in place until the Competition finishes.

Article 6 Official Notice Board and Results

- 6.1 An Official Notice Board must be clearly located and should display:
- the definitive timetable
 - contact details of Veterinarian
 - name of the approved First Aid cover
 - information about the Organising Committee, Technical Delegate and Judges
- 6.2 Competitors' scores for all classes must be posted on the Official Notice Board during the Competition and final results posted as soon as possible before the prize giving. Posting of scores should be announced. The time of posting must be noted on the score sheet.
- 6.3 Score sheets must be available for collection by competitors after the competition prize giving.
- 6.3.1 Competitors will be responsible for their own original score sheets. BEV Competition Secretaries will keep electronic copies only.

Article 7 Appeals, Objections and Complaints

- 7.1 Only the owners, the trainers, the lungers or the Club nominated person (Chef d'Equip) of a horse taking part in a Competition may lodge an objection.
- 7.2 Objections must be made to the Event Secretary in writing and accompanied by a deposit of £100 not later than one hour after the happening that gave rise to the objection. In the case of an objection to the qualification of a horse or vaulter, the objection must be made before the start of the class.
- 7.3 The decision of the Appeals Panel is final.
- 7.4 Unless the objection is upheld the deposit is forfeit.
- 7.5 Appeals against scoring errors must be made within an hour of the score sheet being released.

Article 8 Accidents

- 8.1 As soon as the Competitors and the horse have entered the competition arena nobody else is allowed to enter the arena except in the case of accidents. Any outside help leads to disqualification. (Exceptions to this are in the Pre-Novice Squads, Novice Squads, Pre-Novice Individual, Novice Individual, all Walk Classes and all Para Classes where appropriate help is allowed.)
- 8.2 In special circumstances such as accident or high risk to vaulter or horse, the test may be interrupted and outside help may be allowed on the instruction of Judge A.
- 8.3 The Judge may terminate the test if the circumstances are deemed too dangerous for a vaulter and/or a horse. Termination should be recorded on the score sheet by Judge A.
- 8.4 An interruption in the test is recommenced on the instruction of Judge A. The duration of the interruption is recorded and a time allowance made.
- 8.5 Any vaulter involved in an accident will not be allowed to compete until declared fit by the approved First Aid Cover.

CHAPTER II ENTRIES AND COMPETITORS

Article 9 Venues and Dates of Events

- 9.1 Venues and dates for Events must be approved by the BEV Competition Secretary.
- 9.2 Event application forms are available from the BEV Competition Secretary or from the BEV website and should be returned, completed, to the BEV Competition Secretary.
- 9.3 The fee for all Competitions is £25 and this must be sent with the completed application form.
- 9.4 Application forms for the British Championships and Selection Trials must be received by 30th November the previous year.
- 9.5 Application forms for National Championships must be received a minimum of twelve weeks before the Event.
- 9.6 Application forms for National Competitions must be received a minimum of eight weeks (longer if possible) before the Event.
- 9.7 Dispensation may be given for late requests.

Article 10 Entries

- 10.1 Entries must be made in writing by Club Secretaries to the Event Secretary.
- 10.2 The full entry costs must be paid by the close of entries. Failure to do so may entail elimination.
- 10.3 Entry Fees Will be fixed annually by the BEV Directors and are as follows:

Class	Entry Fee
Squads (Senior 1*, 2* & 3*, Junior 2*, Novice and Pre- Novice)	£95.00
Pas de Deux (Senior, Junior & Novice)	£35.00
Individuals (Senior, Junior, Child & Novice)	£30.00
Pre-Novice Individual	£20.00
Walk Squad	£30.00
Walk Pas de Deux	£15.00
Walk Trio	£20.00
Walk Individual	£10.00

Article 11 Declarations

- 11.1 An opening time and closing time for declarations will be advised in the schedule.
- 11.2 Vaulters and Squads must be declared by the time specified in the schedule. This should be done as stated by the Organiser in the schedule. Those who do not declare by the specified time may not be allowed to compete.
- 11.3 Clubs should nominate one responsible person to make all of their declarations.
- 11.4 Entries accepted by close of declarations must be deemed valid.
- 11.5 As a courtesy, withdrawals after declarations and before the start of the Event, should be notified to the Event Organiser.
- 11.6 Refund of entry fees, on production of a vet or a doctor certificate, is at the discretion of the Event Organiser.

Article 12 Vaulters

12.1 Vaulters of the appropriate ages may take part in all classes in a single Event and may accrue points to a maximum of five in any one Competition. See Clause 2.5

Points awarded to each participating vaulter are as follows:

Class	Points
Senior, Junior and Novice Squad	2
Pre- Novice Squad	1
Canter Individual	1
Canter Pas de deux	1
Pre-Novice Individual	0.5
Walk Classes	0.5

12.2 Individual vaulters may vault on more than one horse in a class except at the British Championships.

12.3 Squad vaulters may compete in a maximum of two squads. See Clause 28.7

12.4 All Competitors and Clubs must be full members of BEV. It is the responsibility of Competitors and their Club Secretary to ensure that all entered are current full members of BEV. Non BEV members are ineligible to compete at BEV Competitions and their Club will be fined £100.00. Associate members must upgrade to Full or Youth membership in order to compete.

12.5 Vaulters from other Nations must become full members of BEV to participate at Events. They also need a letter from their National Federation giving permission to compete at national level in GB.

12.6 To qualify for a title at a Championship, a vaulter must hold a British passport and reside in GB. In addition, to qualify for a Regional title a vaulter must be a member of a Club in that region.

Article 13 Vaulting Horse

13.1 Horse Eligibility

Class	Horse Age
Pre-Novice Squads, Walk Classes and All Individual Classes	5 years and over
All Other Classes	7 years and over
International Events	7 years and over

13.2 There are no restrictions on the height of horses. For the purposes of these Rules, ponies are included as horses.

13.3 All breeds and types of horses are accepted.

13.4 Horses should be of an appropriate height and type for the size and number of vaulters competing on them.

13.5 All competing horses must be registered with BEV in the same name as in their passport. Competing on an un-registered horse will result in elimination from the Event. Club Secretaries should ensure that all horses are registered with BEV or have applied for a day ticket for the Competition. Day tickets may only be applied for in the first competition year of the horse.

13.6 All horses must hold a passport and have it available for inspection at Competitions.

13.7 It is a requirement that all horses have valid Flu/Tetanus vaccinations.

13.8 The same horse must be used for the compulsory test, free test and technical test (if applicable) of all rounds.

- 13.9 The horse may not be used for more than one Squad canter class per Competition (does not include Pre-Novice).
- 13.10 Immediately upon exiting the arena, the side reins must be unfastened. Failure to do so will be deemed to be abuse of the Horse.
- 13.11 Canter side reins must not be in position for more than 10 minutes at any time during warm up at the Competition.
- 13.12 The horse may accrue a maximum of eight points per Competition.

Horse points system:

Class	Points
Canter Squad	4
Pre-Novice Squad	2
Walk Squad	1
Pas de Deux	1
Canter Individual	1
Pre-Novice Individual	0.5
Walk Trio	0.5
Walk Pas de Deux	0.5
Walk Individual	0.25

- 13.13 A horse which exhibits signs of lameness or distress, can be eliminated during a Competition at the discretion of Judge A in consultation with members of the Ground Jury or after a report from a Veterinary delegate.
- 13.14 Horses may only be warmed up by members of BEV and an approved hat must be worn when ridden.
- 13.15 Horses must be allocated a number by the Event organiser. This will be provided by the horse owner/lunger and should be attached to the bridle during the competition.
- 13.16 Horses competing at an International Event within the UK do not need an FEI passport for CVI 1* and 2* but must have an FEI passport for CVI 3* and above. All horses at a CVI must have an FEI licence.

Article 14 Lungers

- 14.1 Lungers taking part in Competitions must be full members of BEV and be over the age of 18.
- 14.2 For reasons other than illness or injury, certified by a medical doctor or the approved First Aid cover, the reserve lunger or the lunger of another entered horse may not be used once the competition has started.
- 14.3 Lungers wishing to participate overseas at any level must have a BEV lunging or a BEV Level 2 certificate or above lodged with BEV.
- 14.4 Lungers subject to a disciplinary action are not permitted to participate in international Events unless specific exemption has been granted to them by BEV.

See Clause 13.14 re who is permitted to warm up horses.

Article 15 Salute

- 15.1 In all tests each vaulter and lunger must salute the Judge at A as a matter of courtesy before, and after, the Competition.
- 15.2 Elimination for failure to salute is at the discretion of the Ground Jury.
- 15.3 The Judge at A, shall acknowledge the salutes.

Article 16 Dress

- 16.1 The dress of the vaulter must be suitable for the sport of equestrian vaulting. See FEI rules for Vaulting Events Article 713. Use of dress other than defined will incur a deduction from the composition score or possible elimination.
- 16.2 The dress of Squad Vaulters should give the obvious effect of uniformity. The dress of the lunger should harmonise with the Squad.
- 16.3 Each Squad vaulter must wear an easily visible number 10 to 12 cm in size on the right arm, right leg or on the back.
- 16.4 During the performance, the Individual Vaulter must wear a number provided by the Competition Organisers, easily visible on the right arm or right leg.

Article 17 Equipment for the Vaulting Horse

- 17.1 The equipment of the vaulting horse will be as follows:
- Snaffle bridle (bit guards permitted) (see Appendix B)
 - Lunge cavesson (optional)
 - Two side reins
 - Back pad
 - Vaulting surcingle with under pad and girth (see Appendix A)
 - Lunge rein
- 17.2 The Lunge whip should be capable of reaching the horse on the 15m. circle.
- 17.3 Ear muffs and plugs are allowed.
- 17.4 Auxiliary reins and aids are only permitted in warm up.
- 17.5 The lunge rein must be attached to the inner ring of the bit or at the lunge cavesson in the Competition arena.
- 17.6 A Gel Pad is permitted.
- 17.7 Bandages and boots are optional.
- 17.8 The back pad, which may be checked by the Steward and /or Judge, at any time, must be of the following dimensions:
- Maximum 80 cms from the back edge of the surcingle to the back;
 - Maximum 30 cms from the front edge of the surcingle to the neck;
 - Maximum 90 cms from side to side (if checked on the horse, the allowed tolerance must not exceed 3 cms, i.e. 93 cms);
 - Maximum 3 cms thick, including cover;
 - Maximum total length 1.10m.
- 17.9 The use of any other equipment and any other way of attachment of the equipment in the Competition arena , other than as described above, will entail elimination. No auxillary equipment is allowed in the Competiton arena.
- 17.10 The equipment may be changed for the Compulsory test, Free test, or Technical test, 1st and 2nd round.

Article 18 Arena

- 18.1 The Competition space in the arena must be at least 20m x 25m.
- 18.2 The arena surface must be of a suitable material.
- 18.3 When a Competition is held indoors, the height must be at least 5m.
- 18.4 The public must be at least 11m away from the centre of the lunging circle. (See Appendix C)
- 18.5 A practice area is compulsory and should be at least 20m x 20m. It is recommended that there should be three or more practice circles.
- 18.6 It is recommended that the judges are placed on a raised dais about 50-60cm above the arena.
- 18.7 The judges' tables should be at least 11m but preferably 14m away from the centre of the circle. The public should be an adequate distance from the judges.
- 18.8 The centre point of the competition circle should be marked.

CHAPTER III SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Article 19 Prize - Giving

See also Article 69

- 19.1 The prize-giving ceremony should be given importance and should be in the arena with maximum ceremony.
- 19.2 If horses are requested to be presented, they should wear vaulting tack with walk length side reins. Back pad is optional.
- 19.3 Horses should be kept separate from the vaulters in the interests of safety.
- 19.4 It is recommended that if horses are required to parade, Clubs should be notified prior to prize-giving.
- 19.5 All vaulters must receive a rosette.
- 19.6 Lungers should receive rosettes.
- 19.7 A prize for 'Best Horse' in any category is at the discretion of the Event Organiser, and should be based on the highest score attained.
- 19.8 Permission from the Event Organiser **must** be obtained if a Competitor needs to leave before prize-giving. Every effort should be made to attend prize-giving but if this is not possible then a representative should be nominated.

Article 20 Abuse of the Horse, Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication

See also Clauses 13.10 and 13.11

- 20.1 The General Regulations and Veterinary Regulations of the FEI apply. It is the responsibility of the horse owners, trainers and lungers to familiarise themselves with these rules.
- 20.2 Each person who becomes a Member of BEV agrees to be bound by the BEF Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Rules ("BEFAR"). Copies of BEFAR and copies of the Equine Prohibited Substances List are available at www.bef.co.uk. Accordingly, by becoming a member such person shall be deemed to have agreed:
 - (a) to be bound by, and to comply strictly with, BEFAR;
 - (b) to submit to the authority of the BEF and/or of BEV to apply, police and enforce BEFAR;
 - (c) to provide all requested assistance to the BEF and BEV (as applicable) in the application, policing and enforcement of BEFAR, including (without limitation) cooperating fully with any investigation, results management exercise, and/or proceedings being conducted pursuant to BEFAR in relation to any potential Anti-Doping or Controlled Medication Rule Violation(s), except where the FEI has jurisdiction over the potential Anti-Doping or Controlled Medication Violation.
 - (d) to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of any BEF first instance Hearing Body convened under BEFAR, to hear and determine charges and related issues arising under BEFAR;
 - (e) to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of any Sports Resolution UK Panel convened under BEFAR to hear and determine appeals made pursuant to BEFAR; and
 - (f) not to bring any proceedings in any court or other forum that are inconsistent with the foregoing submission to the jurisdiction of the BEF first instance tribunal, and Sports Resolution UK.

Article 21 Officials

21.1 Classification of Judges:

FEI 4* Judge

FEI 3* Judge

FEI 2* Judge

BEV N - British National Judge

or National Judge from another Country approved by BEV

BEV NC - British National Candidate Judge

21.2 Minimum requirements for Judges:

(Unless previously agreed by the Management Committee).

	National Competitions & National Championships	British Championships & Selection Trials
Walk Classes	1 BEV NC	1 BEV N + 1 BEV NC
Pre-Novice – Squad & Individual	1 BEV NC + 1 BEV NC	2 BEV N
Novice Squad	1 BEV NC + 1 BEV NC	2 BEV N
1* Classes	1 BEV NC + 1 BEV NC	1 FEI 3* + 1 FEI 2* + 2 BEV N (Two Judges must be from GB)
2* Classes	1 BEV NC + 1 BEV NC	1 FEI 3* + 1 FEI 2* + 2 BEV N (Two Judges must be from GB)
3* Classes	1 BEV NC + 1 BEV NC	1 FEI 3* + 1 FEI 2* + 2 BEV N (Two Judges must be from GB)

21.3 All British vaulting judges must be approved by the Management Committee and must be full members of BEV.

21.4 National Candidate judges are required to attend an accreditation procedure, as laid down by the Management Committee, in order to upgrade.

21.5 The president of the Ground Jury has the right to reject or amend the scores of a National Candidate Judge at a Competition. A National Candidate Judge should not form part of the Ground Jury at the British Championships or Selection Trials.

21.6 A correctly briefed writer must be provided for each Judge and a Time-Keeper must be provided for Judge A.

21.7 Writers and time-keepers must be over 16 years old.

21.8 Candidate & National Judges must attend FEI Seminars and / or relevant CPD at least every two years.

21.9 All Judges must submit a log of competitions judged and Seminars/CPD attended to the Management Committee by 31st December each year.

21.10 Technical Delegates and Chief Stewards must be approved by the Management Committee and must be full members of BEV.

21.11 The Management Committee can provide a list of approved Officials.

CHAPTER IV TIMING AND SCORING

Article 22 Timing

- 22.1 Within 30 seconds after the signal (bell) is given to enter the arena, the Squad, Individual or Pas de Deux must salute. Before beginning the performance, the horse must be trotted on the circle until Judge A rings the bell. 30 seconds after the bell following the trot, the first exercise must be commenced. Elimination for non-compliance is at the discretion of the Ground Jury.
- 22.2 The time allowed for the Test begins at the moment the first vaulter touches the surcingle, the pad or the horse and ends with the time limit. The judging ends when the last vaulter touches the ground after the final dismount. Only exercises already in progress when reaching the time limit may be finished and will be included in the evaluation for Technique and Artistic Scores.
- 22.3 For Individuals there is no time limit for the Compulsory Test. If more than one vaulter is starting on the same horse, the next vaulter begins his performance immediately after the Vault-Off of the previous vaulter without waiting for a signal. (See Clause 33.5)
- 22.4 A bell is used by the Judge at A to signal to the competitors. It is used on the following occasions:
- To give the signal for the Competitor(s) to enter the arena;
 - To give the signal to start the Test.
 - To interrupt the Test to solve any issue with the music (music not starting etc.);
 - To signal the end of the time allowed;
 - To signal that the time and music is stopped after a fall and the Vaulter is unable to continue immediately or to return to the line. The Test must be continued within 30 seconds after the signal to resume;
 - To give the signal to stop a Competitor or Performance when the horse shows any signs of irregularity or lameness, is out of control or dangerous to the Vaulters;
 - To give the signal to stop a Competitor or Performance in unforeseen circumstances which includes repair or adjustment of equipment or any other situation requiring immediate attention. The timing and the music is stopped. The Test must be continued within 30 seconds after the signal to resume;
 - After an interruption, the clock is started again when the vaulter touches the surcingle, the pad or the horse. In unclear situations the Judge at A, the lunger and/or the vaulter may communicate.
- 22.5 Maximum time limits for compulsories and freestyle are shown in the table below:

	Compulsories	Freestyle
Pre-Novice Squad	No limit	4 minutes
Novice Squad	No limit	4 minutes
Junior Squad	6 minutes	4 minutes
Senior Squad 1*, 2*, 3*	6 minutes	4 minutes
Pas de deux Junior	N/A	1.5 minutes
Pas de deux Senior	N/A	2 minutes
Pas de Deux Novice	No Limit	1.5 minutes
All Individuals	No Limit	1 minute
Walk Pas de Deux	N/A	1.5 minutes
Walk Trio	N/A	2 minutes
Walk Squad	N/A	4 minutes

Article 23 Scoring

23.1 The following marks are applicable for the different Compulsory Exercises, the Free Test and Technical Test:

10 excellent	4 insufficient
9 very good	3 fairly bad
8 good	2 bad
7 fairly good	1 very bad
6 satisfactory	0 not executed or 'as a result of deductions'
5 sufficient	

23.2 Compulsory Test

		Coefficients
A	Horse score	25%
B	Exercises	25%
C	Exercises	25%
D	Exercises	25%

23.3 Technical Test

		Coefficients
A	Horse score	25%
B	Exercises	25%
C	Artistic	25%
D	Exercises	25%

23.4 Freestyle Test

		Coefficients
A	Horse score	25%
B	Technique	25%
C	Artistic	25%
D	Technique	25%

23.5 Score of 0:

- For each Compulsory exercise omitted or part of an exercise not performed;
- For each Compulsory exercise shown by a vaulter in the wrong order and not corrected;
- For repeating a Compulsory exercise twice;
- For re-taking the grips twice;
- For each exercise or part of an exercise performed in trot;
- For turning the scissors in the wrong direction;
- For each Compulsory exercise started **after** the time limit;
- For coming off the horse during a Compulsory exercise without the prescribed dismount;
- For **all** compulsory exercises of a vaulter when he/she performs the vault-on with assistance in Junior & Senior squads.

Article 24 The Horse Score

- 24.1 Judging of the horse begins with entering the arena and ends with the final dismount.
- 24.2 If more than one Individual vaulter or Pas-de-Deux is on one horse, the general impression of the Entry, Salute and Trot Round will be taken into account for all vaulters on that horse.
- 24.3 For criteria for scoring the horse in canter classes, see FEI Guidelines for Judges Article 2.
- 24.4 See Appendix D for Horse Score in Walk.

Article 25 Exercise Score

- 25.1 In the Compulsory Test, all required exercises get a score.
- 25.2 In the Technical Test, the required technical exercises get a score. The performance of additional exercises will be scored separately. Judging of the Performance begins when the vaulter touches the surcingle, the pad or the horse and ends with touching the ground after the final dismount.
- 25.3 For criteria for scoring the exercises see FEI Guidelines for Judges. (Article 3 and 5)

Article 26 Technique Score

- 26.1 In the Technique Score the Difficulty (if demanded in the test) and the quality of the Free Style Exercises (the Performance) are scored.
- 26.2 Judging of the Degree of Difficulty begins with the moment the vaulter (first vaulter in Squad and Pas de Deux) touches the surcingle, the pad or the horse and ends with the time limit.
- 26.3 Judging of the Performance begins with the moment the first vaulter touches the surcingle, the pad or the horse and ends with touching the ground after the final dismount of the last vaulter.
- 26.4 For criteria for scoring the Technique see FEI Guidelines for Judges (Clause 4.5)

Article 27 The Artistic Score

- 27.1 In the Artistic Score the structure and the choreography of the test will be scored.
- 27.2 Judging the Artistic Score begins with the moment the first vaulter touches the surcingle, the pad or the horse and ends with the time limit.
- 27.3 For criteria for scoring the Artistic see FEI Guidelines for Judges (Clause 4.5.3)

CHAPTER V SQUAD VAULTING COMPETITION

Article 28 General

- 28.1 A Squad is composed of six vaulters accompanied by the lunger and horse.
- 28.2 The Compulsory Test and Free Test must be shown on the same horse in all rounds.
- 28.3 Senior Squad shall follow FEI rules for Squad vaulting Senior CVI 1*, 2*, or 3*;
Junior Squad shall follow FEI rules for Squad Vaulting Junior CVI 2*;
Pre-Novice Squad & Novice Squad shall follow BEV Rules.
- 28.4 Vaulters who have competed in Senior 1* 2* 3* or Junior 2* Squads may not downgrade to Pre Novice Squads.
- 28.5 Senior Individuals and Junior Individuals scoring over 5.8 twice in a calendar year may not compete in Pre-Novice Squad in the following and successive years.
- 28.6 Senior Individuals and Junior Individuals scoring over 6.2 twice in a calendar year may not compete in Novice Squads in the following and successive years.
- 28.7 Vaulters may vault in a maximum of two Squads at the same or different levels, but each Squad must have no more than two vaulters from another Squad.
- 28.8 The Squad Vaulting competition consists of two Tests, the Compulsory Test and the Free Test.
- 28.9 All six vaulters must perform all tests. If less than six vaulters perform in the Compulsory Test, all Exercises not shown will receive a zero. In the Free Test, for each vaulter not competing a deduction will be given.
- 28.10 The Compulsory Test and the Free test must be separated by an interval of at least one hour except for Pre-Novice squads where the Free Test may follow immediately on from the Compulsory Test.
- 28.11 The Management Committee reserves the right to judge additional rounds of vaulting for Squads at a one day Selection Trial.
- 28.12 Assisted mounts either in walk, trot or canter are allowed in Pre-Novice Squads, Novice Squads.
- 28.13 The mount in the Compulsory Test is not scored in Pre-Novice Squads, Novice Squads. Unassisted Mounts in the Free Test will be scored.
- 28.14 It is recommended that the Compulsory and the Free Test be performed to music.

Article 29 Rounds

	Round 1	Round 1	Round 2
Senior Squad 3*	Squad Comp Test 3	Squad Free Test 2	Squad Free Test 2
Senior Squad 2*	Squad Comp Test 2	Squad Free Test 1	Squad Free Test 1
Junior Squad 2*	Squad Comp Test 2	Squad Free Test 1	Squad Free Test 1
Senior Squad 1*	Squad Comp Test 1	Squad Free Test 1	Squad Free Test 1
Novice Squad	Squad Comp Test N	Squad Free Test N	Squad Free Test N
Pre-Novice Squad	Squad Comp Test PN	Squad Free Test PN	Squad Free Test PN
Walk Squad	No Comp. Test	Squad Free Test PN	Squad Free Test PN

Article 30 Squad Compulsory Tests

- 30.1 The compulsory exercises and the approach, the vault on and the dismount are described in FEI Guidelines for Judges Article 3.
- 30.2 The Vaulters with the number 1 begins, number 2 follows, etc.
- 30.3 Exercises to be shown in the **Squad compulsory tests** are listed below:

Squad Comp Test 1

1. Vault On
2. Basic Seat
3. Flag
4. Stand
5. Swing Forwards legs closed
6. Half Mill
7. Swing Backwards legs open, followed by dismount to inside

Squad Comp Test 2

1. Vault on
2. Basic Seat
3. Flag
4. Mill
5. Scissors Forwards
6. Scissors Backwards
7. Stand
8. Swing off from seat astride to the inside

Squad Comp Test 3

1. Vault on
2. Flag
3. Mill
4. Scissors Forwards
5. Scissors Backwards
6. Stand
7. First part of Flank (back to the seat astride)
8. Swing off to the outside from the seat astride

Squad Comp Test N (Rein of Your Choice)

1. Basic Seat
2. Flag Leg Only (no return to basic seat)
3. Free Kneel (Arms by Sides)
4. Mill with simple dismount to the inside

Squad Comp Test PN (Rein of Your Choice)

1. Basic Seat (Arms by Sides)
2. Bench
3. Leg Changes in rhythm of four canter strides (dismount is not scored)

Article 31 Squad Free Test

- 31.1 In the Free Test the vaulters have the opportunity to show their artistry. They may plan an original programme around their own capabilities, ideas and specialties in single, double and triple free-style exercises.
- 31.2 No more than three vaulters may be on the horse at one time. At least two vaulters must remain in contact with the horse, otherwise these exercises are not scored.
- 31.3 Each vaulter must perform at least one exercise.
- 31.4 A Free Test consists of static and dynamic exercises. In order to be counted in the degree of difficulty a static exercise must be held for at least three canter strides. (**NOTE:** This rule does not apply to walk classes). A dynamic exercise should only be counted in the degree of difficulty if, in its execution, the vaulter's centre of gravity is displaced other than in the direction of the effect of gravity.
- 31.5 The performance is to take place with the horse and therefore no exercises or dance moves on the ground are allowed. Elimination for non compliance is at the discretion of the Ground Jury.
- 31.6 Squad Free Tests are listed below:

Squad Free Test 1

A Squad Free Test 1 may include single, double and triple exercise, with a maximum of 6 static triple exercises.
20 free style exercises will be considered.

Squad Free Test 2

A Squad Free Test 2 includes single, double and triple exercise.
25 free style exercises will be considered.

Squad Free Test N

A Squad Free Test N includes single and double exercises. A Maximum of two vaulters are allowed on the horse at any one time.
There is No Degree of Difficulty.
There is no limit on the number of moves performed.

Squad Free Test PN

A Squad Free Test PN includes single, double and triple exercise.
There is No Degree of Difficulty.
There is no limit on the number of moves performed.
Performed in Walk.

Article 32 Scoring of the Squad Free Test

- 32.1 Junior 2*, Senior 3*, Senior 2* & Senior 1* Squads
(See FEI Rules and FEI Guidelines for Judges Article 4)
- 1 Judge for Horse
 - 2 Judges for Technique (70% Performance, 30% Difficulty)
 - 1 Judge for Artistic (50% Structure, 50% Choreography)

NOTE: No points awarded for repetition of exercises or those from the Compulsory Test.

32.2 Novice and Pre-Novice Squad

1 Judge for Horse

2 Judges for Technique (100% Performance, no Difficulty score)

1 Judge for Artistic (50% Structure, 50% Choreography)

NOTE: No points awarded for repetition of exercises and exercises from the Compulsory test (Compulsory exercises from other levels are permissible).

32.3 Scoring Degree of Difficulty:

32.3.1 The maximum score is 10.0 and decimals are allowed.

32.3.2 The exercises are divided, according to their difficulty into three levels.

32.3.3 For Senior 3* Squads only the 25 exercises with the highest degree of difficulty will be scored as follows:

Difficult	D	0.4 points
Medium	M	0.3 points
Easy	E	0.1 points

32.3.4 For Junior 2*, Senior 1* and Senior 2* Squads only the 20 most difficult exercises will be scored as follows:

Difficult	D	0.5 points
Medium	M	0.3 points
Easy	E	0.1 points

32.4 Scoring Performance:

32.4.1 The maximum score is 10.0 and decimals are allowed.

32.4.2 Falls: See FEI Guidelines for Judges

CHAPTER VI THE INDIVIDUAL VAULTING COMPETITION

Article 33 General

- 33.1 The individual vaulter is accompanied by the lunger and the vaulting horse. Outside assistance is not allowed except in Pre-Novice, Novice and Para Vaulting.
- 33.2 The Compulsory Test, Free Test and Technical Test must be shown on the same horse in all rounds.
- 33.3 All participants on the same horse must perform the Compulsory Test and the Free Test in the same running order.
- 33.4 The Compulsory Test and the Free Test must be separated by an interval of at least one hour unless dispensation is sought from the Management Committee. (Exception Pre-Novice Individual)
- 33.5 When more than one vaulter is starting on the same horse, the next Competitor may only enter the circle when the previous vaulter lands the vault-off. An earlier entry will incur elimination of the incoming vaulter.
- 33.6 It is recommended that the Compulsory and Free Test be performed with music.
- 33.7 It is *recommended* that Individuals move up from 1* to 2* level once they have achieved a final first round score of 6 twice in Competition, and move up from 2* to 3* level once they have achieved a final first round score of 7 twice in Competition. vaulters can however choose to move up a level at any time.
- 33.8 Vaulters may move between Levels (ie Pre-Novice, Novice, 1*, 2*,3*) as follows:
- may move **up** one or more Levels;
 - may move **down** one Level with permission from the Management Committee;
 - may move **down** more than one Level but **must** compete H.C.;
 - may compete H.C. at any Level.
- 33.9 Competing H.C. excludes the vaulter from being placed in results, receiving prizes, being awarded titles or gaining points for rankings. The Horse Score **will** count.
- 33.10 The Individual Vaulting Competition consists of the following tests:

Class	Round 1		
Senior 3*	Compulsory Test 3	Tech Test	Free Test 2
Senior 2*	Compulsory Test 2	Free Test 2	
Senior 1*	Compulsory Test 1	Free Test 1	
Junior 2*	Compulsory Test 2	Free Test 2	
Junior 1*	Compulsory Test 1	Free Test 1	
Child 2*	Compulsory Test 2	Free Test 2	
Child 1*	Compulsory Test 1	Free Test 1	
Novice	Compulsory Test N	Free Test N	
Pre-Novice	Compulsory Test PN	Free Test N	

Article 34 Individual Compulsory Test

- 34.1 The compulsory exercises and the approach, the vault on and the dismount are described in the FEI Guidelines for Judges.
- 34.2 All vaulters performing on the same horse enter the arena together. No one else, other than the lunger may enter the arena. All vaulters must follow one another immediately without waiting for the bell. See clause 33.5
- 34.3 No Time Limit in the Compulsory Test for Individuals
- 34.4 Exercises to be shown in the Individual Compulsory Test are listed below:

Individual Comp Test 1

- 1. Vault on
- 2. Basic Seat
- 3. Flag (no return to basic seat)
- 4. Stand
- 5. Swing Forwards (legs closed)
- 6. Half Mill
- 7. Swing Backwards (legs open) followed by dismount to inside

Individual Comp Test 2

- 1. Vault on
- 2. Basic Seat
- 3. Flag
- 4. Mill
- 5. Scissors Forwards
- 6. Scissors Backwards
- 7. Stand
- 8. Swing off from seat astride to the inside

Individual Comp Test 3

- 1. Vault on
- 2. Flag
- 3. Mill
- 4. Scissors Forwards
- 5. Scissors Backwards
- 6. Stand
- 7. Flank 1st part
- 8. Flank 2nd part

Individual Comp Test N (Rein of Your Choice)

- 1. Basic Seat
- 2. Flag Leg Only (no return to Basic Seat)
- 3. Free Kneel (Arms by Sides)
- 4. Mill with simple dismount to the inside

Individual Comp Test PN (Rein of Your Choice)

- 1. Basic Seat (Arms by Sides)
- 2. Bench
- 3. Leg Changes in rhythm of four canter strides (Dismount is not scored)

Article 35 The Technical Test: see FEI Rules Article 746

Article 36 Individual Free Test

- 36.1 A Free Test consists of static and dynamic exercises. A static exercise must be held for a minimum of three canter strides (or a minimum of three walk steps in walk classes).
- 36.2 The lunge, horse and all vaulters performing on the same horse enter the arena at the same time. No one else may enter the arena except in Walk, Pre-Novice, Novice and Para Classes.
- 36.3 Free Test 2
See FEI Rules and Guidelines for Judges Article 4 for Individual Free Test
- 36.4 Free Test 1
See FEI Rules and Guidelines for Judges Article 4 for Individual Free Test (No Degree of Difficulty)
- 36.5 Free Test N
1 minute Freestyle in canter, assisted mounts are permitted, but will not be scored. Unassisted mounts will be scored. The emphasis is on Performance and Artistic value. There will be no score for Difficulty.
- 36.6 Free Test PN
1 minute Freestyle in Walk, assisted mounts are permitted but will not be scored. The emphasis is on Performance and Artistic value. There will be no score for Difficulty.

Article 37 Scoring of the Individual Free Test

- 37.1 The maximum score is 10.00 and decimals are allowed.
- 37.2 **Free Test 2**
1 Judge for Horse
2 Judges for Technique (70% Performance, 30% Difficulty)
1 Judge for Artistic (50% Structure, 50% Choreography)
- 37.3 **Free Test 1, N & PN**
1 Judge for Horse
2 Judges for Technique (100% Performance, No Difficulty)
1 Judge for Artistic (50% Structure, 50% Choreography)
- 37.4 Technique Score (Difficulty & Performance)
- 37.4.1 Scoring Difficulty
- 37.4.2 The scoring of the exercises:

Risk	R	1.3 points
Difficult	D	0.9 points
Medium	M	0.4 points
Easy	E	0.0 points

(See FEI Guidelines for Judges & Code of Points)

- 37.4.3 No points are awarded for:
- Each static exercise held for less than three canter strides;
 - Each Free Test exercise started after the time limit;
 - Exercises from the compulsory programme;
 - Each exercise not performed in canter;
 - Repetitions of any exercise.
- 37.4.4 Only the 10 most difficult exercises will be considered.

Article 38 Total Marks

- 38.1 The total marks from the Compulsory and Free Test are added together and divided by two. The result will be rounded off to the third decimal point.
- 38.2.1 Judges scoring Technique must write down the degree of difficulty of all exercises and their performance deductions on the score sheet.

For Falls Please see FEI Guidelines

CHAPTER VII PAS DE DEUX VAULTING COMPETITIONS

Article 39 General

- 39.1 The Pas de Deux Competition is composed of two vaulters (any gender), the lunger and the horse.
- 39.2 No Compulsory Test is used for Senior and Junior Pas de Deux.
- 39.3 The Free Test is 2 minutes for Senior, 1½ minutes for Junior, Novice, and Walk.
- 39.4 For composition of the Free Test see FEI Rules Article 751 and 752
- 39.5 Junior Pas de Deux 14-18 Years
Senior Pas de Deux from 16 Years
Novice Pas de Deux No age Limit

Article 40 Scoring of the Compulsory Test

- 40.1 In the Novice Pas-de-Deux Competition there will be two rounds. First round Compulsories, second round Freestyle.
- 40.2 Both vaulters have to perform the Pas-de-Deux Comp Test N in round one.
- 40.3 Both vaulters enter the arena together. The second vaulter may enter the circle when the first vaulter has touched the floor after the final dismount and must perform the Compulsory Exercises immediately without waiting for the bell.
- 40.4 Pas de Deux Compulsory Test
Exercises to be shown:
1. Vault on
 2. Basic Seat
 2. Flag (no return to basic seat)
 3. Stand
 4. Swing Forwards (legs closed)
 5. Half Mill
 6. Swing Backwards (legs open) followed by dismount to inside

Article 41 Scoring of the Free Test

- 41.1 1 Judge for Horse
2 Judges for Technique (70% Performance, 30% Difficulty)
1 Judge for Artistic (50% Structure, 50% Choreography)

CHAPTER VIII CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

Article 42 Agreement

- 42.1 All participants, by their application for membership of BEV or an affiliated Club, agree to be bound by the BEV Memorandum and Articles of Association and all Rules, Regulations and By-Laws made there under and have agreed that the decisions of the Management Committee, Stewards and other competent authorities of BEV given in accordance therewith shall be binding upon them.
- 42.2 It is the responsibility of all participants to ensure that they are aware of and familiar with the Rules. All participants competing under these Rules shall be deemed to have knowledge of these Rules as amended from time to time.

Article 43 Conduct of Participants

- 43.1 No participant shall:
- 43.1.1 Contravene any rule set by the BEV or affiliated Club, the BEF, the FEI, Testing Authority, or UK Sport.
 - 43.1.2 Conduct themselves at an Event in a manner, which is offensive to other participants and the public.
 - 43.1.3 Argue at an Event with an Official, use abusive or threatening language or behave with incivility or contempt towards an Official.
 - 43.1.4 Ill-treat a horse, in any way, at an Event whether inside or outside the competition area.
 - 43.1.5 Deliberately use the action of the bit as a means of punishment and/or misuse any item of equipment in a manner likely to cause pain or discomfort to the horse.
 - 43.1.6 Allow a horse for which they are the person responsible, to compete in an Event under the influence of a forbidden substance. The person responsible shall be in breach of this Rule if the analysis of a sample taken from the said horse shows the presence in its body fluids of any substance, which is either a forbidden substance or one of its metabolites, or a substance, which cannot be traced to normal and ordinary feeding and which, by its nature, is likely to affect the performance of the horse.
 - 43.1.7 Unreasonably refuse to allow a horse which has competed or is about to compete at an Event to undergo any properly authorised test or examination if requested to do so by an Officer of the Testing Authorities, BEFAR or the Organising Committee. See Chapter III, Article 20
- 43.2 A participant shall be in breach of this Rule if:
- 43.2.1 The analysis of a sample taken from him or her, shows the presence in his or her body fluids any quantity of a substance which is a forbidden or one of its metabolites, or of a specified amount of an endogenous substance subject to quantitative analysis. Prohibited and restricted substances are listed on the BEF web site.
 - 43.2.2 He or she refuses to give a sample of his or her body fluids for the purpose of control of forbidden substances.

- 43.2.3 He or she conducts himself or herself in such a manner that he or she has or may have committed or has or may have been party or privy to any breach of any provisions of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of BEV or of any Rule, Regulation or By-Law of a BEV affiliated Club or BEF, FEI or UK Sport, or any of the Testing Authorities. A participant shall be in breach of this Rule in the event that any person who assists, represents or acts on behalf of or in the employment of such participant during the course of an Event conducts themselves in such a manner that, were they a member of BEV, they would themselves be in breach of any of the provisions of these rules.
- 43.2.4 He or she conducts himself or herself in a manner that is prejudicial to the interests of BEV.
- 43.2.5 He or she unreasonably fails or refuses to assist the Chief Steward, Stewards or their Officers, Officials of the Testing Authorities or the Management Committee in their investigations of complaints of misconduct by Members.
- 43.2.6 He or she makes, either orally or in writing, to an Officer of BEV, Testing Authorities or Officials of an Event, a statement on any matter covered by the Rules, which he or she does not or could not reasonably believe to be true.
- 43.2.7 He or she competes and/or transports horses to an Event without a valid passport.
- 43.2.8 He or she competes at an Event for which the horse, lunger and/or vaulter are not fully qualified or eligible.
- 43.2.9 Having indicated his or her availability for selection for an official British national team, unreasonably fails or refuses to compete in such team if selected.
- 43.2.10 He or she exercises any of the rights or privileges of BEV membership while suspended from BEV, or assists, represents, or acts on behalf of any other Member of BEV at an event held under the rules of the FEI or any Foreign National Federation while suspended from all rights and privileges of participation.

Article 44 Complaints of Misconduct

- 44.1 Any person wishing to make a complaint of misconduct by a participant in an Event must do so in writing to the Chairman or, where appointed, to the Technical Delegate. If after preliminary investigation the Chairman or Technical Delegate considers that a prima facie case of misconduct exists he or she will refer it to the Management Committee, subject to the FEI or other Authority electing not to take disciplinary action.
- 44.2 The Management Committee may, at its discretion, form a Disciplinary Panel to investigate the complaint and report to and make recommendations to the Management Committee on a course of action. When the Chairman or Technical Delegate receives a complaint of an alleged breach of conduct concerning forbidden substances, as described under clause 43.2.1, they may refer the complaint to an independent review body, to confirm or otherwise that the testing procedures used are fair and reasonable.

Article 45 Notice of Complaint

- 45.1 When a case is referred, notice of the time and place of the Disciplinary Panel meeting will be sent to the participant against whom a complaint has been made at least 21 days before the date of such meeting, together with details of the nature of the complaint and the names of any witnesses.
- 45.2 Where three weeks notice has not been possible the Disciplinary Panel may abridge the time period in appropriate circumstances.

Article 46 Rights of Participants at Disciplinary Panel Meetings

- 46.1 A participant whose conduct is referred to the Disciplinary Panel may appear in person to answer the complaint against him or her at the Disciplinary Panel meeting and may call and examine witnesses.
- 46.2 In the alternative, at the discretion of the Disciplinary Panel, a participant may submit written evidence and statements for consideration in his or her absence.
- 46.3 If a participant fails or elects not to appear before the Disciplinary Panel the Disciplinary Panel may reach a decision and impose a penalty in his or her absence.
- 46.4 A participant shall, if they so desire, be represented by a third party before the Disciplinary Panel. A participant under the age of 18 must always be accompanied by a parent, guardian or other responsible adult.
- 46.5 Whether or not a participant is legally represented, BEV may be legally represented.

Article 47 Powers of the Management Committee to Impose Penalties

- 47.1 If after considering all the evidence, the Disciplinary Panel decides that the complaint of misconduct is upheld it may recommend to the Management Committee any one or more of the penalties shown below:
- 47.1.1 That such participant be reprimanded and cautioned as to his or her future conduct.
- 47.1.2 That such participant be suspended from all or any of the rights and privileges of participation for a period not exceeding two years.
- 47.1.3 That any horse belonging to and/or being ridden, lunged or vaulted on by such participant at the time of the misconduct be debarred from competing in any Event affiliated to BEV or any other National Federation or to the FEI for a period not exceeding 12 months.
- 47.1.4 That such participant pay a fine and/or costs of bringing the case. This will be decided by the Management Committee, giving due consideration to the gravity of the misconduct.
- 47.1.5 That such participant refund any Sports Council, Lottery or Exchequer funding, up to a maximum of one year's gross payments made directly to him or her, and/or be disqualified for a period of up to one year from further payments.
- 47.2 The Management Committee shall give reasons for its decision to the participant in writing.

Article 48 Immediate Suspension

- 48.1 A participant may be summarily suspended from all rights and privileges of participation at Events following conviction in a British Court of Law of any equestrian related offence, pending a full investigation by the Management Committee at an enquiry under Article 44.
- 48.2 Such suspension shall be approved by three members of the Management Committee, in writing, and may take effect from the date of conviction, or such date as the Management Committee shall decide and shall remain in force at the Management Committee's absolute discretion until a full hearing under Article 46, and shall notify the participant forthwith.

Article 49 Notice of Findings, Penalties and Appeals

- 49.1 The Chairman will, within seven days of the Management Committee's decision, notify the complainant and the participant in writing of the findings of the Disciplinary Panel and of any penalties imposed.
- 49.2 Any participant whose conduct has been referred to the Disciplinary Panel under Article 44 who is dissatisfied with the Management Committee's final decision may, within 28 days of the decision, appeal to BEF and failing that to the Sports Dispute Resolution Panel (SDRP). Terms of reference for the SDRP can be obtained from the offices of BEF upon request.
- 49.3 Notice of the findings of the Management Committee will not be published until the expiry of the 28-day Appeal period, and then only at the discretion of the Chairman.

Article 50 Summary Powers of the Chairman

- 50.1 The Chairman may, where he/she considers that a participant is in breach of these Rules but that the breach is of a minor nature:
- 50.1.1 Issue a first warning which shall be in writing, citing the Rule being contravened and including an outline of the circumstances of the case and the reason for the warning.
- 50.1.2 Call the participant for interview, at a mutually convenient location. In such cases any involved Member shall have been informed of the request. A record of the circumstances of the case and an outline of the interview will be kept on file. A copy of the record will be sent to the participant within seven days of the interview. If appropriate, having heard the participant's explanation the Chairman may issue a formal warning of the participant's future conduct which shall include an outline of the circumstances of the case and the reason for the warning.
- 50.2 A second written warning for contravention of the same Rule within three years of the first warning, will result in suspension of the Member (s).
- 50.3 Written warnings may be referred to the Management Committee when considering the penalty to be imposed for a further breach of the Rules.
- 50.4 Where any participant objects in writing to the complaint being dealt with under this Rule the Chairman shall refer the matter to the Disciplinary Panel for the matter to be dealt with by way of a hearing. Article 46

Article 51 Summary Powers of a Team Manager/Chef d'Equip

- 51.1 The Chef d' Equipe or his/her deputy, whilst accompanying participants on a course of training, a tour or team visit (within GB or abroad) shall have the power to regulate, control and/or adjudicate upon the conduct of participants. He/she shall have the power to direct that a participant be suspended from taking part in the course of training or in any competition taking place on the tour or team visit when the participant's conduct amounts to a breach under Article 43. A formal complaint shall be made by the Chef d'Equipe to the Chairman pursuant to Article 44 about the participant's conduct.

Article 52 Indebtedness

- 52.1 Any participant who fails to discharge any indebtedness to BEV or affiliated Clubs may receive notification from the Chairman that such or any part of such indebtedness must be paid within 30 days.
- 52.2 If the debt remains unpaid the participant's membership may be revoked by the Management Committee. A participant will be deemed responsible for any debts incurred by or on his behalf as a participant. In the event of a dispute as to the debt notified to the Chairman in writing the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee before any suspension is imposed.
- 52.3 An Event organiser and/or their committee shall be fully liable for any fines incurred prior, during or after said Event. BEV will not accept responsibility/liability for such fines and if approached to do so may take legal action against the Event organiser.

Article 53 Indebtedness at an Event

- 53.1 If an organiser or organising committee makes a written complaint under Article 44 of the failure of a participant to make payment for goods or services provided for or at an Event, the Chairman may, on investigating the circumstances, suspend the participant's membership until payment is made.
- 53.2 On receipt of a complaint the Chairman shall notify the said participant of his or her indebtedness in writing. Should the participant concerned dispute the facts of his or her indebtedness and the Chairman fails to resolve the matter to the satisfaction of those concerned, the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee.

Article 54 Suspensions

- 54.1 In the event a participant's membership is suspended by BEV or any Testing Authority, he or she will automatically be suspended from any rights and privileges of affiliated member bodies of BEV.

CHAPTER IX RULES FOR SELECTION AND DE-SELECTION

Article 55 Preamble

- 60.1 UK Sport is responsible for the corporate governance of sport in the UK and its principles underlying sport are endorsed by BEF.
- 60.2 The Rules for selection and de-selection are produced by BEV in accordance with such principles.
- 60.3 A Selection Criteria will be published annually by the Management Committee.
- 60.4 Should any conflict arise between the Selection Criteria and these Rules, the Selection Criteria shall apply and be paramount.
- 60.5 Any changes to the Selection Criteria will be communicated to Members in good time.

Article 56 Events for which Selection may be required

- A Training Event.
- A National Award Scheme.
- A Demonstration of National importance, eg "All the Queens Horses".
- National Squad places / National Team places.
- Inclusion in Lottery or similar Funding Programmes.
- National level Competition (outside GB), CVI*, CVI**, CVI***
- Championships - European Vaulting Championships and World Vaulting Championships.
- World Equestrian Games.

Article 57 Objectives

- 57.1 These Rules set out the minimum standards for everyone involved in the selection and de-selection process and should be read in conjunction with the current Selection Criteria. See clause 59.1
- 57.2 To establish a fair, transparent and robust framework to cover all aspects of the governance and management of selection and de-selection for any Event. Within this process of selection it is incumbent on the Management Committee and Selection Panel to make sound and justifiable decisions that are open to scrutiny. All decisions should be based on clear, objective, sport-specific criteria, and communicated in an open and timely manner.
- 57.3 The Management Committee intends to be fair to all its Members and comply with its legal requirements. Having Rules based on the principles of human rights, protects the interests of all parties involved. This policy should build trust between all parties.
- 57.4 Implementation of these Rules should allow vaulters, lungers and coaches to prepare for major Events without the distraction caused by disputes.
- 57.5 The clear objective of the selection process is to select the best Squads, Individuals and Pas des Deux for any Event, in an impartial and non-discriminatory manner.

Article 58 The Selection Panel

- 58.1 The Management Committee will appoint the Selection Panel.
- 58.2 It will consist of a minimum of three members.
- 58.3 It will be chosen from appropriate and suitably qualified candidates.
- 58.4 The names of its members and their specific roles shall be announced to all Members.

- 58.5 Every effort will be made to ensure that the composition of the Selection Panel is representative of the Members.
- 58.6 The Selection Panel must be free from conflict of interest or bias.
- 58.7 The Chairman of the Management Committee (or his/her representative) will brief the Selection Panel of their roles and responsibilities.
- 58.8 Decisions, notes and minutes of the Selection Panel will be recorded and must include explanation justifying any decisions reached. These records must be accessible to members of the Management Committee.
- 58.9 All decisions of the Selection Panel will be ratified by the Management Committee.
- 58.10 Objections by Members to any person elected to the Selection Panel should be put in writing to the Chairman.
- 58.11 The Selection Panel may in its discretion de-select any Competitor who fails to comply with any of these Rules. Such Competitor shall first be given reasonable opportunity to rectify his or her failure.

Article 59 Appeals Panel

- 59.1 An appeals process will be in place to deal with all issues relating to selection and de-selection.
- 59.2 Upon appeal an Appeals Panel will be formed with a minimum of three Members different to those on the Selection Panel. They will review the appeal.
- 59.3 Appeals that cannot be resolved by the Appeals Panel will be submitted to BEF for their determination.
- 59.4 The Chairman of BEV, must be notified of any documentation relating to an appeal that is submitted by the Appeals Panel to BEF.
- 59.5 The Appeals Panel will be fully appraised of the appeal.
- 59.6 An appeal can only be made on grounds that selection or de-selection was not made according to these Rules and the Selection Criteria.
- 59.7 Costs will follow the guidelines recommended by the FEI
- 59.8 Full, written justification must be provided for any decision made as follows:
 - 59.8.1 To uphold the appeal, which may result in the re-instatement of the Competitor
 - 59.8.2 To reject the appeal.

Article 60 Responsibilities of the Management Committee, Selection Panel and the Competitor

- 60.1 All Events to which this selection process is applied must have a clearly written Selection Criteria.
- 60.2 Every Competitor shall sign an agreement with the Management Committee which sets out their respective roles and responsibilities including, in particular, the Competitor's responsibility to familiarise himself/herself with the Rules and the FEI rules relating to prohibited substances.
- 60.3 Every owner, trainer and lungeur shall sign an agreement with the Management Committee requiring them to comply with all current rules relating to the welfare of horses and prohibited substances. The agreement will include requirement to notify the Selection Panel/ Management Committee immediately of any change in the competitive availability, health or soundness of any horse put up for, or accepted for, selection that will affect the horse's selection status
- 60.4 Vaulters shall make available to the Selection Panel performance records if required.

- 60.5 The Management Committee will declare in a timely, effective and transparent manner those selection events/training programmes specifically listed within the Selection Criteria. If an Event is declared for selection purposes all nominated candidates shall have an equal opportunity to attend. Consideration should be given to personal circumstances - school/university/work commitments or family events outwith the Competitor's control. These should be reasonably taken into account. If a selection event is an International Event, where limits are placed on the number of entries per Nation, then all vaulters put forward for selection must have equal opportunity to attend the Event.
- 60.6 Horses selected for WEG must undertake a mandatory vet check with an agreed Vet, the result of which will be presented to the Selection Panel and Management Committee for ratification of selection.

CHAPTER X QUALIFICATIONS FOR CVI's

All British Competitors must be full members of BEV. All Competitors must hold an FEI Competitor's Licence (valid for one year) which can be obtained from the BEV nominated person.

Article 61 Qualification for Individual and Pas de Deux CVI*, CVIJ*, CVI CH* and all Squads

Check FEI score criteria but no minimum score required for 2017

Article 62 Qualification for CVI, CVIJ**, CVI CH2*, CVI*****

All Competitors must fulfil the FEI score criteria.

Article 63 Qualification for Horses

- 63.1 Must be 7 years or older
- 63.2 Must be sound and fit
- 63.3 Must have a valid FEI Passport (valid for four years). See Clause 13.16
- 63.4 Must have up to date vaccinations (within the last 6 months)
- 63.5 Individual horses must have achieved a score of 5.00, this being the average Horse Score for Compulsories & Freestyle in one BEV Competition with an Individual Senior, Junior or Child Vaulters.
- 63.6 Squad horses must have achieved a score of 5.00, this being the average Horse Score of Compulsories and Freestyle in one BEV Competition at any level above Pre-Novice Squad.
- 63.7 Pas de Deux horses must have achieved a score of 5.00 with either a Squad or an Individual as above, or in Pas de Deux.

CHAPTER XI BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

see also vaulter qualification Article 12

Article 64 Organising Committee for British Championships

64.1 The British Championships shall be organised by the Management Committee.

64.2 A Sub-Committee of at least four Members will be responsible for the organisation and will include the Technical Delegate and Secretary for the Event.

Article 65 Officials at British Championships

65.1 The following officials must be appointed and this must be their only role:

- Technical Delegate see Clause 2.2
- Secretary
- Chief Scorer
- Chief Steward

65.2 Other Officials Required:

- Time keeper
- Writers - one for each Judge
- Music Technician
- Announcer
- Stewards
- 3 Assistant Scorers

65.3 The Judges should be of the minimum level as follows:

3* Individual, 3* Pas de Deux 3* Squad	2* Individual, 2* Pas de Deux 2* Squad	1* Individual 1* Squad Novice Pas de Deux	Novice Individual, Novice Squad	Pre-Novice Squad & Individual, Para
1 FEI 3* + 1 FEI 2* + 2 BEV N (Two Judges must be from GB)	1 FEI 3* + 1 FEI 2* + 2 BEV N (Two Judges must be from GB)	1 FEI 3* + 1 FEI 2* + 2 BEV N (Two Judges must be from GB)	2 BEV N	2 BEV N

65.4 Distribution of Judges

	Judges table A	Judges Table B	Judges Table C	Judges Table D
Test 1	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Judge 4
	Horse	Exercises	Exercises	Exercises
Test 2	Judge 2	Judge 3	Judge 4	Judge 1
	Horse	Technique	Artistic	Technique
Test 3	Judge 3	Judge 4	Judge 1	Judge 2
	Horse	Technique	Artistic	Technique
Test 4	Judge 4	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3
	Horse	Technique	Artistic	Technique

Article 66 Classes

66.1 The following classes must be offered. No other classes are to be included in the British Championships. Each class is run over two rounds.

66.2 Individuals (see Article 34 for Compulsories)

Class	Round 1		Round 2
Senior 3*	Comp Test 3	Tech Test	Free Test
Senior 2*	Comp Test 2	Free Test	Free Test
Senior 1*	Comp Test 1	Free Test	Free Test
Junior 2*	Comp Test 2	Free Test	Free Test
Junior 1*	Comp Test 1	Free Test	Free Test
Child 2*	Comp Test 2	Free Test	Free Test
Child 1*	Comp Test 1	Free Test	Free Test
Novice	Comp Test N	Free Test N	Free Test N
Pre-Novice	Comp Test PN	Free Test PN	Free Test PN
Para	N/A	Free Test PN	Free Test PN

66.3 Squads (See Article 30 for Compulsories)

Class	Round 1		Round 2
Senior 3*	Comp 3*	Free test 2	Free test 2
Senior 2*	Comp 2*	Free Test 1	Free Test 1
Senior 1*	Comp 1*	Free Test 1	Free Test 1
Junior 2*	Comp 2*	Free Test 1	Free Test 1
Novice	Comp N	Free Test N	Free Test N
Pre-Novice	Comp PN	Free Test PN	Free Test PN
Para	N/A	Free Test PN	Free Test PN

66.4 Pas De Deux

Class		Round 1		Round 2
Senior		N/A	PD Free Test	PD Free Test
Junior		N/A	PD Free Test	PD Free Test
Novice		PdD Comp Test	PD Free Test	PD Free Test
Para		N/A	PD Free Test	PD Free Test

66.5 The number of Individuals, Squads and Pas des Deux qualifying for Round 2 is at the discretion of the Organiser.

Article 67 Prize Giving and Awards

- 67.1 Trophies must be returned to the Competition Secretary before the start of the first class.
- 67.2 Prize Giving will be as soon after the end of the final class as possible.
- 67.3 All Competitors should attend prize giving; dispensation can be given by the competition secretary in exceptional circumstances.
- 67.4 All Vaulters will receive a rosette.
- 67.5 To qualify to compete for a title (at any Championships) a Vaulters, Pas de Deux or Squad must have competed at a minimum of two National Competitions.
- 67.6 Trophies will be awarded to the first placed British Vaulters in each class.
- 67.7 The prize for the Best Squad Horse, Best Individual Horse and Best non International Horse at the British Championships shall be the horse with the highest horse score at the Event. In the event of a tie, the first round free test score shall be the decider.

Article 68 Chef d'equipe

- 68.1 Each Club will appoint a chef d'equipe
- 68.2 The chef d'equipe is responsible for entries, declarations, collection of individual arm numbers, collection of score sheets, submitting music, collecting running orders, alterations/ changes on the day etc.
- 68.3 Only chef d'equipes will be permitted to enter the show office.

Article 69 Volunteers

Each Club must provide volunteers when requested by the British Championships Organising Committee.

CHAPTER XII SAFEGUARDING POLICY

BEV adopts and adheres to the Safeguarding Policy published by BEF. This can be found on both websites.

This Policy is regularly updated by BEF.

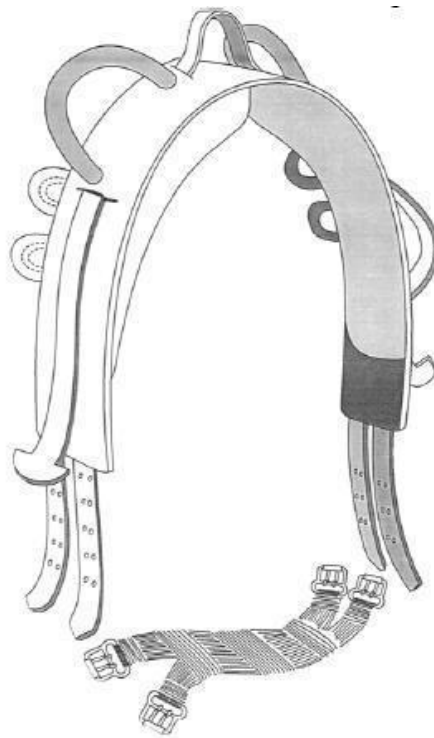
Appendix A Roller/Surcingle

Description

Rollers have many different handle shapes and sizes. These are continually being developed and redesigned. All are acceptable in BEV Competitions. The handles must be fixed (not flexible). They should be of an appropriate size and shape for the age and size of vaulters using them.

Girths come with two systems of attachments to the roller and both are acceptable.

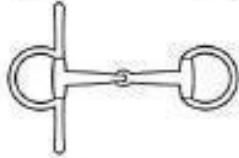
Girths are available in different shapes and made of different materials. Care must be taken that the safety and strength of the equipment is not compromised and that the comfort of the horse be paramount. Girth covers are acceptable.



Appendix B Permitted Bits



Unjointed rubber snaffle



Eggbutt snaffle
a) with cheeks
b) without cheeks



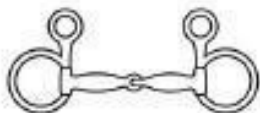
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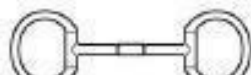
Snaffle with jointed mouthpiece



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Snaffles with double-jointed mouthpiece



Hanging cheek snaffle



Snaffle with rotating mouthpiece

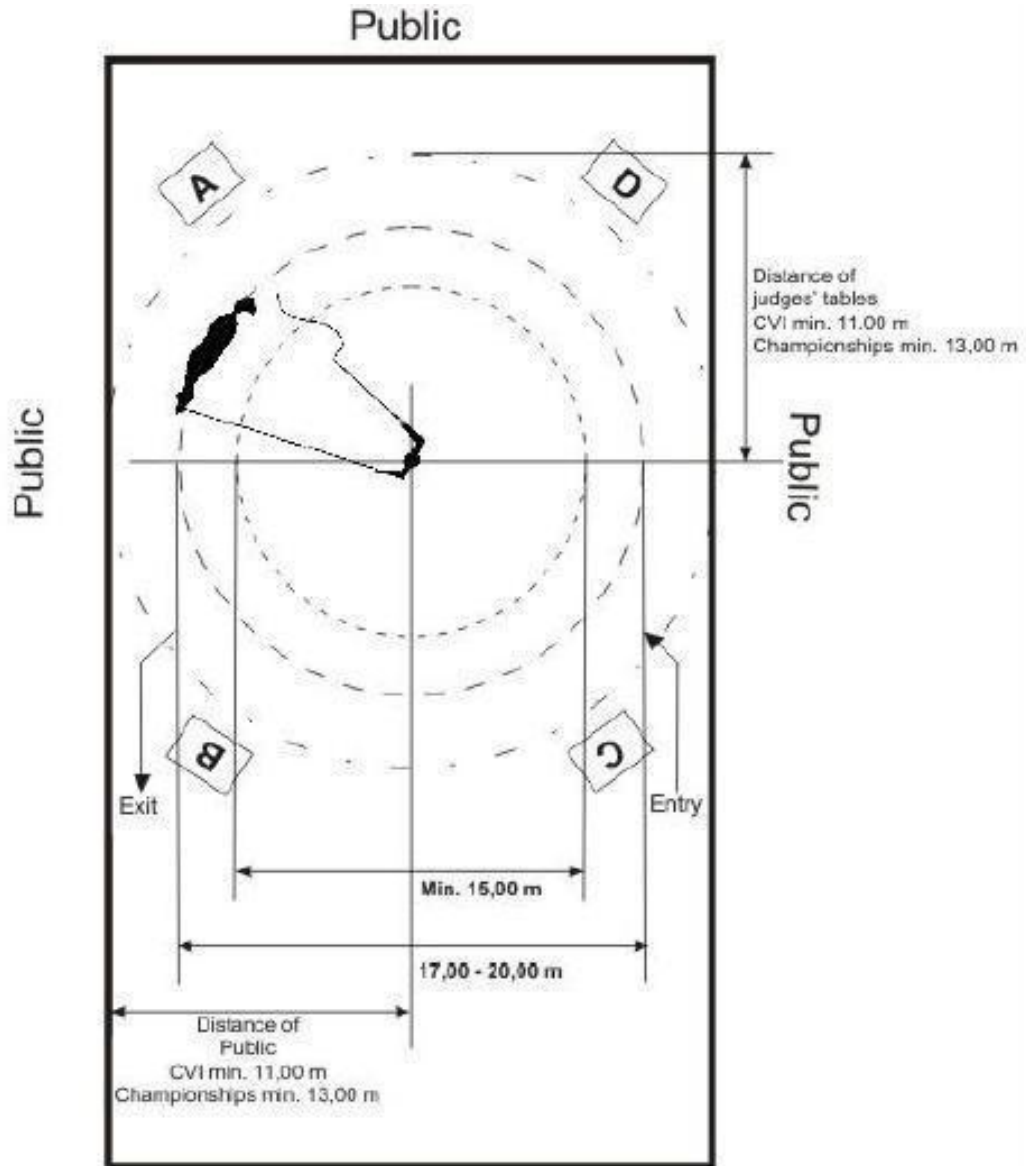


Snaffle with rotating middle piece



All bits must be of a smooth material.

Appendix C Arena for Competitions



Appendix D Guidelines for Horse score in Walk

Quality of the Walk	Pace	Rhythm	Regularity of strides	A1	25%
		Suppleness	Elasticity throughout the body. Swinging back free from tension		
		Contact	Light and Steady, line of nose in front of the vertical Self – carriage with poll at highest point		
	Impulsion	Impulsion	Forward energy generated Energetic and active strides	A2	25%
		Straightness	Correctly bent on the circle line Forehand of the horse is in line with its hindquarters		
		Collection	Posture, self-carriage, lightness of the forehand		
Vault-ability of the Horse	Submission	Submissiveness	Attention and confidence, Acceptance of the bridle Harmony and lightness No tongue problems No sign of stress or anxiety	A3	25%
		Circling	Perfect Circle Not moving in/out of the circle		
	Lunging		Correct aids Appropriate use of the whip Lunge Line is straight demonstrating contact Stationary Lunger Good Posture of lunger	A4	20%
General	Entry, Salute and trot round		Entry: Correct Leading of the horse Salute: Horse demonstrates good behaviour Correct Trot round Presentation and Equipment	A5	5%