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SHOWJUMPING RULES INCLUDING **RANKING RULES**

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NATIONAL SPORTS RULES FOR SHOW JUMPING

1. COMPETITIONS

It is not the intention to standardize jumping competitions, as variety is an important element of interest for competitors and horses alike.

Events may be held in one of the following categories:

- i) Unranked - Junior/Adult height below 90cm
- Pony Riders heights below 70cm
- ii) Ranked as per ranking lists - 80cm, 90cm, 100cm
- iii) Development heights - partially Ranked - 85cm, 95cm, 105cm

2. UNRANKED EVENTS

Unranked events do not carry ranking points and are intended to assist in the training of horses and competitors under various conditions.

These events may be based on heights of obstacles, limited time in the arena, schooling rounds, etc.

Competitions for unranked events should be run over one round with approximately 8 fences, with a time allowed judged under Table A. Clear rounds should be awarded with a rosette or card. This type of competition is recommended for 60cm and below for Pony riders and 70cm and below for all other riders.

3. RANKED EVENTS

- a) Ranked events may include combined classes for Juniors and Adults, see Table 1.
- b) Ranking points and possibly prizes awarded.
- c) Event Organizers may allow a registered horse to compete.
- d) Any ranking points won at either level shall be accrued using the ranking tables.
- e) Should a horse/pony qualify for a championship class in two different heights, the competitor may only participate in one championship class and must advise the Organizing Committee as per the conditions outlined in the National General Regulation, clause 10, Declaration of starters.
- f) A horse / pony can compete at only two different heights and one championship throughout one event.

g) A horse/ pony competing at 2 heights can only be placed and win ranking points in the higher height if there is a substantial course change at the higher height.

h) A horse/pony may only compete in three classes per day at a two day Event, or two classes per day at a three or four day event.

i) Ranking points can be obtained in any height as defined in the Ranking Table

4. DEVELOPMENT HEIGHT EVENTS

a) Development Heights Events are based on the height of obstacles. The heights may conform to ranked heights as well as to intermediate heights, and may include combined classes for Juniors and Adults, see Table 1.

b) Ranking points will be awarded and possibly prizes, to placed horses.

c) Any ranking points won at a development height shall be accrued in the lower ranking point list of the horse (e.g. 95cm points will be accrued to 90cm on the Ranking)

d) Should a horse/pony qualify for a championship class equivalent to its own grade or higher the rider/owner may only participate in one championship class and must advise the Organizing Committee as per the conditions outlined in the General Regulations, clause 10, Declaration of starters.

e) A horse/pony competing either up or down a height, can only be placed and win ranking points, if applicable, where the courses are different, i.e. a horse/pony may not use the Welcome Stakes at a lower height as a warm up for the Welcome Stakes at a higher level over the same track. A clause to this effect must be included in every prize list where this facility is offered

f) Event Organizers, at their sole discretion, may allow a competitor to change their class entries during an Event. This change may only be a swap of classes, i.e. moving a 100cm horse from a class that it has entered, to a 90cm class which it has not entered. Competitors may not use this clause to make additional entries.

g) The OPEN class for Seniors will encompass all heights 1.30m and above, and be regarded as a single grade. Competitors can decide on whether they ride at 1.30m or 1.40m and be awarded ranking points in the same grade – “OPEN”.

TABLE 1

Heights – Junior and Adult

0.90m		
1.00m	combined	
1.05m	development	
1.10m	combined	
1.15m	development	
1.20m	combined	
1.25m	development	
1.30m	combined	} Classified as OPEN
1.35m	development	
1.40m	combined	

Heights – Children

0.70m
0.80m
0.90m
1.00m
1.10m

5. ORDER OF JUMPING

- a) The Organizing Committee shall decide the starting order of each competition by a draw (see clause g). The order of jumping will be available at the show secretary's office, Branch Office and, if published, the Event Programme or Catalogue.
- b) Should a competitor have two or more horses/ponies in a competition the starting order must be adjusted to ensure that these horses/ponies do not compete too close together. If possible, at least five horses must separate the competitor's horses, but these horses must compete in the order drawn.
- c) Competitors must compete in the order shown in the Catalogue or list, unless the Ground Jury directs otherwise, in order to comply with regulation 5b) or for other good reason.
- d) A competitor who has missed his/her turn for some good reason may, at the discretion of the judges, be allowed to compete, but should do so as soon as possible and not at the end of a competition. The competitor will revert to list order for any jump offs.
- e) The starting order of a competition which includes one or more jump-offs must strictly follow the initial order unless otherwise stated in the rules of that competition.
- g) In championship competitions for which competitors have qualified, unless otherwise stated in the prize list, competitors will jump in the order as follows: lowest qualifier first, highest qualifier last; varied in order to allow a competitor with two or more horses/ponies a reasonable space between them. It should be noted that competitors may only be placed higher in the starting order, and never lower.

6. NUMBER OF HORSES PERMITTED

- a) Unless it is expressly stated to the contrary in the rules of any competition, no rider may ride more than three horses in any competition.
- b) The number of horses/ponies taken for a championship will be two thirds of the largest number of starters in any of the qualifying rounds up to a maximum of 24. Event Organisers may use their discretion as to the minimum number allowed. (All fractions will be rounded up to the nearest whole number). Notwithstanding the foregoing, a horse/pony must have finished in at least one of the qualifying competitions to be eligible for the championship class.
- c) It is not permissible to restrict entries other than by the use of a standard.

7. CLASSIFICATION; TABLE A

- a) In all Table A competitions the conditions of the competition should state which form of FEI scoring rules will apply.
- b) If this is not done and an announcement advising the form of scoring is not made before the commencement of the competition, then subject to Clause 7(b) of the National General Regulations, the competition will be decided as a 'Mixed competition' with one jump-off (two in the case of championships), i.e. those tying for first place will take part in the jump-off and remaining competitors will be classified by penalties and time in the preceding round.

8. ONE RIDER TYING

If in any competition there remains only one competitor with two or more horses and a result has not yet been obtained, the judge may, on the application of that competitor, permit the competition to end, and the prize money to be divided between such horses, such horses being placed equal first place.

9. FALL OF HORSE OR RIDER

- a) During a competition a competitor is considered to have fallen when, either voluntarily or involuntarily, he/she is separated from his/her horse/pony which has not fallen, in such a way that he/she touches the ground or finds it necessary to get back into the saddle by using some form of support or outside assistance.

If it is not clear that a competitor has used some form of support or outside assistance to prevent his/her fall, the benefit of the doubt must be given to the competitor.

- b) A horse/pony is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and the quarters have touched the ground or the obstacle and the ground.
- c) At all Events, whether run under the ZEF or FEI rules, a competitor will be eliminated after one fall.

d) A competitor who has a fall anywhere at the venue during the course of an Event, must have medical clearance from a suitably qualified person before being allowed to continue in competition.

10. 'OPEN COMPETITIONS'

a) Competitions advertised as 'Open' should normally be the most prestigious competitions in the Event.

b) The course for an Open competition must never be less than the minimum standard laid down or recommended for the highest grade taking part.

c) Horses registered in classes 130cm and above will be eligible for Open Classes.

d) Competitors shall be placed according to the results of the competition, irrespective of grades.

11. COMBINED COMPETITIONS

a) Event Organisers may hold combined competitions open to Children grades, Junior grades, Junior and Adult grades, and Adult grades.

b) Combined competitions shall be limited to two consecutive grades in Children, Junior and Adult classes, i.e. 0.70m and 0.80m.

c) In Combined Junior and Adult competitions two equivalent grades from both age groups are eligible, i.e. see Table 1.

d) Event Organisers may include competitors from the next grade higher should there only be three entries or less. The course shall be raised for these competitors.

e) Competitors shall be placed according to the results of the competition, irrespective of grades.

12. COURSES

a) The following regulations are laid down for the first round of all **ranked** or partially **ranked** competitions, other than puissance and power competitions where the obstacles are at progressive heights and special competitions. In addition it is recommended that there should be at least one combination in each course, unless the rules of the competition prevent it. These dimensions are the maximum heights/spreads (a tolerance of +5cm is permitted to allow for equipment difficulties) permissible in the first round of all competitions apart from those mentioned above. The maximum height/spread in the final round of any championship must not exceed the maximum height/spread dimensions for the first round of the next **height** up.

b) A competition may be recommended for 'non' **ranking** if less than 60% of the obstacles are built to the recommended maximum dimensions.

- c) If a competition is advertised as being for two heights combined other than Open Competitions, the first round must be built to the normal dimensions of the lower height.
- d) Novelty competitions should not qualify for championships, but there should be at least two standard type competitions which do count.
- e) Height of 1.30m will become the national standard to be used at prestige shows especially when visiting riders on their own horses are taking part.
- f) In all competitions the poles should be of light weight, approx. 3.6m long and between 75mm and 100mm in diameter.

g) Dimensions:

<u>Height</u>	<u>Spread</u>	<u>Speed m/min</u>	<u>No of Obstacles</u>
0.70m	0.90m	300	8
0.80m	1.00m	325	8
0.90m	1.10m	325	8
1.00m	1.20m	350	8
1.10m	1.30m	350	8
1.20m	1.40m	350	10
1.30m	1.50m	350	10
1.40m	1.60m	350	10
International –			
1.40m	1.60m	375	10

- h) The published prize list of all shows shall contain statements of the approximate heights above which the obstacles will not be built in the first round of each competition.

RANKING REGULATIONS SHOW JUMPING (New regulations 2019)

1. APPLICATION

These Regulations should be read in conjunction with the ZEF National General Regulations Clauses 6, 7, and 9 in particular, but not exclusively.

The **ranking** regulation shall apply to **ranked** show jumping competitions held at:

- a) ZEF and affiliated Zimbabwean Events.
- b) Foreign Events recognized for **ranking** purposes by the Central Committee.

2. RANKING RECORDS

- a) The Branches will keep records of the performance of all registered horses in all forms of **ranked** individual show jumping competitions (whether or not they are combined or are specified for more than one **height**) at the Events described in Clause 1 above, and these results must be sent to the Branch Grading Secretary by the Organizers within 7 days of the end of each Event.
- b) For the purposes of these **ranking** regulations all places or **ranking** points gained throughout the show will be taken to have been won on the first day of the Event at which the competitions took place.

3. ADULT, JUNIOR, CHILDREN'S and COMBINED COMPETITIONS

Show jumping competitions shall be either for Adults or for Juniors or for Children, (Children and Junior grades may never be combined), or for Adults and Juniors together, or for Adults and Young Riders together.

4. RANKING PERIOD

The ranking period is from the 1st January until 31st December for each calendar year.

5. RANKING LISTS

Every **registered** horse will remain upon the **ranking** list on which it is found on each 31st December, For the purposes of this rule an annual 'Height Certificate' shall be deemed to expire on 31st December **(for ponies)**.

6. HORSE – RIDER COMBINATION

Ranking lists will be based on a Horse or Pony list. This allows a horse to be ridden by a Junior and /or an Adult on a Junior and a Senior/ Adult list, with different riders. A pony may not appear on a Pony Rider and a Junior / Adult list. **Ranking** points accrue to the horse.

7. RANKING POINTS

Only horses that complete the competition will be awarded points.

Points for ranking will be awarded as follows:-

a) Adult/Junior Ranking Points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5 th	6th	7th	8th	8th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th
90cm	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
95cm	17	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	2	2
100cm	20	18	16	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
105cm	22	20	18	16	15	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
110cm	25	22	20	18	16	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
115cm	27	24	22	20	18	16	15	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6
120cm	30	27	24	22	20	18	17	15	13	12	11	10	9	8	7
125cm	32	29	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
Open	35	31	28	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	13	12	11	10	9

Pony Rider Ranking Points

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5 th	6th	7th	8th	8th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th
70cm	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
75cm	17	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	2	2
80cm	20	18	16	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
85cm	22	20	18	16	15	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
90cm	25	22	20	18	16	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
95cm	27	24	22	20	18	16	15	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6
100cm	30	27	24	22	20	18	17	15	13	12	11	10	9	8	7
105cm	32	29	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
Open	35	31	28	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	13	12	11	10	9

b) No points will be awarded in the following cases:

- (i) When entries have been restricted on any basis other than height or past or current performance.
- (ii) Novice competitions or similar
- (iii) Consolation events.

c) In the event of a tie for any place the number of points awarded shall be averaged among the competitors tying, and fractions will be made up to the next full point.

d) In adult classes than include young riders each prize winner in the competition shall receive points on the above mentioned scales, irrespective of the list upon which it- is registered.

8. MOST POINTS/VICTOR LUDORUM

At the end of each year the highest ranked horse at each height will win the Victor Ludorum

9. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A Horse/Rider combination will only be allowed to compete at one height at National Championships.