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DISCIPLINE COMPETITION CHART

| | BRONZE | SILVER | GOLD | PLATINUM |
|---|--|--|--|---------------------|
| VAULTING Effective Jan 1/2014 | Up to and including Division Canter B | Division Canter A | Division Canter AA | FEI |
| Vaulter and Lunger Requirements | | | | |
| Provincial Memberships: PTSO & PTVO (including insurance) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Sport License * | Bronze (Not required for FUNdamentals) | Silver or Upgrade from Bronze or Temporary | Gold or upgrade from Bronze or Silver or Temporary | Platinum |
| Horse Requirements | | | | |
| Passport / Horse ID Horse License | No (Must provide proof of vaccinations) | EC | | FEI |
| Age requirements | 5+ years for Walk & Trot, 7+ years for Canter | 7+ years of age | | FEI |
| Competition | | | | |
| Insurance Required | Mandatory | | | |
| Prize Money allowed | Yes – amount may affect the cost of event permit | | | |
| Event license fee | Yes – as per EC Schedule of Fees * | | | |
| Event application | As per CAP guidelines | | | |
| Prize List (invite) Approval | Vault Canada | | | FEI |
| Rules | EC Sections A and L | | | FEI |
| On Site Medical/Safety Plan | Mandatory | | | |
| Drug Fees collected | EC Schedule of Fees | | | FEI fee |
| Drug testing | Requested or by random selection of any horse entered in the competition | | | |
| Officials | | | | |
| Ground Jury | Provincial or National or FEI | National judges or FEI | | FEI |
| Stewards | Recommended | | | |
| Veterinarian | Horse inspection and on call | | | |
| Awards | | | | |
| Championships | Zone and Provincial | Western / Central / Eastern Canadian | Canadian | Continental / World |

* As per EC Schedule of Fees – see www.equinecanada.ca

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VaultCanada events may be multi-level sanctioned meaning that Bronze, Silver and Gold classes may be held in conjunction with each other over multiple days.

EQUINE CANADA

Equine Canada is the national governing body for equestrian sport in Canada, with a mandate to represent, promote and advance the sport in Canada, and to represent, promote advocate for and advance all related equine and equestrian interests, including recreation, industry and equine health and welfare.

PATRON

His Excellency the Right Honourable David Lloyd Johnston, C.C., C.M.M.,
C.O.M., C.D., Governor General of Canada

Our Vision

Canadians are inspired to achieve personal excellence and embrace lifelong participation in equestrian activities.

Our Mission

From championing best practices to encouraging fun and participation, Equine Canada is the dedicated national voice working to serve, promote and protect the interests of horses and Canada's equestrian community.

In support of this Mission, Equine Canada will:

- Serve as an advocate for best practices in equine welfare
- Speak with one voice to members, participants, government and the FEI
- Provide leadership and vision in steering the future direction of equine activities in Canada
- Promote the values and contributions of equine activities to our national life
- Inspire excellence in performance at every competitive level
- Collaborate based on a foundation of trust to meet our goals
- Develop engaging and stimulating programs to encourage full appreciation of equine leisure, sporting and industry sectors,

Our Core Values

We believe in:

- **Equine Welfare** - accepting our responsibility to our equine partners as a privilege, we affirm safeguarding the welfare of the horse is paramount.
- **Respect** - for each other, for the safety of ourselves and our horses, and for the health of the environment in which we all live.
- **Diversity** - celebrating our differences, we embrace our community's increasingly dynamic membership.
- **Inclusivity** - working together, we provide a meaningful equestrian experience for all our members, from grassroots participants through to elite performers.
- **Service** - effectively and proactively satisfying our members' needs, expectations and best interests is fundamental to all we do.
- **Excellence** - leading by example, we reflect the highest aspirations of our members through outstanding performance in our sport, recreation, business and staff-managed initiatives.
- **Volunteerism** - as a means of encouraging personal growth in a way that has direct, immeasurable benefits to the equine community, we actively seek, welcome, and respect those who selflessly give of their time in aid of the welfare of the horse and the achievement of Equine Canada's Mission.

CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS OF EQUINE CANADA

"We look to sport to impart something of moral and social values and, in integrating us as individuals, to bring about a healthy, integrated society."

The Honourable Chief Justice Charles L. Dubin

1. Preamble

Equine Canada ("EC") believes that:

- Equestrian pursuits are based on a relationship between horse and human.
- It is the right and responsibility of EC to set standards in matters of ethics, conduct, sportsmanship, the welfare of the horse, and in all matters under its jurisdiction.
- It is desirable to define ethical practices, to delineate unethical practices, to encourage good sportsmanship, fair play, safety and high ethical behavior and to warn, censure or bring to public attention and discipline those who commit acts detrimental to the best interests of its stakeholders.
- All Persons should observe the spirit as well as the letter of this Code of Conduct and Ethics policy.
- Membership and participation in its activities brings with it many benefits and privileges that are balanced by the Person's responsibilities and obligations. This policy defines the parameters for these responsibilities and obligations, and thus identifies a standard of behaviour that is expected of all Persons.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this Code of Conduct and Ethics policy is to promote a safe and positive environment within EC programs, activities and events, by making all Persons aware that there is an expectation at all times of appropriate behaviour, consistent with EC values. Conduct that violates the Code of Conduct and Ethics policy may be subject, after due process, to sanctions pursuant to EC's disciplinary and complaints policies.

3. Application and Scope

This policy applies to a Person's conduct during the course of EC business, activities and events, including but not limited to: work environment, competitions, training and education sessions, travel and meetings.

This policy also applies to conduct that occurs outside of EC's activities and events when such conduct could adversely affect relationships within EC's work and sport environment and/or could be detrimental to the image and reputation of EC.

All members of other National and Provincial/Territorial Sport Organizations must agree to be bound by the rules of EC while participating at EC-sanctioned competitions or events.

The Statement of Principles below is to be considered an interpretive guide in applying the Code of Conduct and Ethics policy.

4. Definitions

Throughout this policy, capitalized terms are defined as follows:

- a) "EC" means Equine Canada Hippique;
- b) "Equestrian" – any individual participating in equine and/or equestrian activities;
- c) "FEI" means the Federation Equestre Internationale, which is the international federation for equestrian sport;
- d) "Member" means a member of Equine Canada
- e) "Person" – means all classes of membership and registrants within Equine Canada, whether a body corporate, partnership, trust, unincorporated organization or an individual engaged in activities with Equine Canada, including but not limited to, all athletes, coaches, officials, persons responsible, competition organizers, volunteers, directors, officers, council and committee members, employees, consultants, and administrators of Equine Canada;

5. Statement of Principles

Equine Canada (EC), the national equestrian federation of Canada, supports adherence to the humane treatment of horses in all activities under its jurisdiction.

All Persons shall be committed to:

- upholding the welfare of all horses, regardless of value, as a primary consideration in all activities;
- requiring that horses be treated with kindness, respect and compassion, and that they never be subjected to mistreatment;
- ensuring that all Equestrians including owners, trainers and competitors, or their respective agents, use responsible care in the handling, treatment and transportation of their own horses as well as horses placed in their care for any purpose;
- providing for the continuous well-being of horses by encouraging routine inspection and consultation with health care professionals and competition officials to achieve the highest possible standards of nutrition, health, comfort and safety as a matter of standard operating procedure;
- providing current information on Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Equines and other equine health and welfare initiatives;
- continuing to support scientific studies on equine health and welfare;
- requiring owners, trainers and competitors to know and follow their sanctioning organization's rules, and to work within industry regulations in all equestrian competitions; and
- actively promoting the development of and adherence to competition rules and regulations that protect the welfare of the horse.

The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured is that which a person who is informed and experienced in generally accepted equine training and competition procedures would determine to be neither cruel, abusive, nor inhumane.

6. Responsibilities

EC is committed to providing a safe environment in which all Persons are treated with respect. Persons involved with EC must acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinate to competitive or commercial influences.

Every athlete and other person participating in the sport shall reasonably cooperate with the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) or another anti-doping organization investigating anti-doping rule violations and a failure to do so may be the basis for disciplinary action within the sport.

An individual should be completely trustworthy and exhibit honesty, loyalty and discretion in all equestrian-related activities. All Persons must:

- a) Maintain and enhance the dignity and self-esteem of all Equestrians and other individuals by:
 - i) demonstrating respect to others regardless of body type, physical characteristics, athletic ability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, ancestry, colour, ethnic or racial origin, nationality, national origin, sexual orientation, age, marital status, religion, religious belief, political belief, disability, economic status or any other reason;
 - ii) focusing comments or criticism appropriately and avoiding public criticism of others, including athletes, coaches, instructors, officials, organizers, volunteers, directors, officers, council and committee members, employees and members;
 - iii) consistently demonstrating the spirit of horsemanship, sportsmanship, and ethical conduct;
 - iv) respecting the property of others and not willfully causing damage;
 - v) acting, when appropriate, to prevent or correct practices that are unjustly discriminatory;
 - vi) consistently treating individuals in a fair and reasonable manner;
 - vii) ensuring that EC rules, and the spirit of such rules, are adhered to; and
 - viii) respecting and showing respect towards all Persons.
- b) Refrain from any behavior that constitutes harassment or bullying. Harassment is defined as behaviour including comments, conduct, or gestures, which is insulting, intimidating, humiliating, hurtful, racist, sexist, malicious, degrading, or otherwise offensive to an individual or group of individuals or which creates an uncomfortable environment, or which might reasonably be expected to cause embarrassment, insecurity, discomfort, offence or humiliation to another person or group.
- c) Refrain from any behavior that constitutes sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual comments and sexual advances, requests for sexual favours, or conduct of a sexual nature.
- d) Refrain from the use of power, authority or intimidation in an attempt to coerce another person to engage in inappropriate activities.
- e) Refrain from acting to the detriment of others or of equestrian pursuits in a situation where the responsibility of their position places them in conflict of interest.

- f) Refrain from consuming alcohol when participating in EC (or EC-sanctioned) training sessions, programs, or competitive events and business activities.
- g) Take reasonable steps to manage the safe, legal and responsible consumption of alcoholic beverages in social situations associated with EC.
- h) Abstain from the use, control or possession of prohibited drugs, the use of performance-enhancing substances or methods in accordance with the Canadian Anti-Doping Policy, World Anti-Doping Agency Code, FEI and EC rules and regulations.
- i) Uphold and aspire to the highest standards of horsemanship, place equine welfare above all other considerations; abstain from the use of performance-enhancing substances or methods; and reject unethical business practices in the training, breeding, selling or leasing of horses.
- j) Comply at all times with the EC Bylaws, policies, rules and regulations, as adopted and amended from time to time; with any contracts or agreements executed with or by EC; and with any directives or sanctions imposed by EC.
- k) Support the enforcement of all EC policies, rules and regulations by agreeing to report any alleged infractions and occasions of alleged abuse.
- l) Adhere to all Federal, Provincial, Municipal or host-country laws.
- m) Adhere to EC's Social Media policy, which states that Persons should issue public statements only in an objective and truthful manner, and should communicate with others in a positive and respectful manner when using electronic means (email, social media, etc.)

7. Coaches and Instructors

For the purposes of this policy and this section, the term coach also encompasses an instructor.

In addition to complying with sections 5 and 6 above, coaches have other responsibilities. The athlete-coach relationship is a privileged one and can play a critical role in the personal as well as athletic development of athletes. Coaches must understand and respect the inherent power imbalance that exists in this relationship and must be extremely careful not to abuse it. At all times, coaches will:

- a) Ensure a safe environment by selecting activities and appropriate venues while establishing controls that are suitable for the age, experience, ability and fitness level of the equine and human athlete, including educating athletes as to their responsibilities in contributing to a safe environment.
- b) Prepare athletes systematically and progressively, using appropriate time frames and monitoring physical and psychological adjustments while refraining from using training methods or techniques that could harm human or equine participants.
- c) Avoid compromising the present and future health of athletes and equines by communicating and co-operating with sport medicine professionals, sports psychologists, and veterinarians in the diagnosis,

treatment and management of athlete's medical and/or psychological health as well as equine nutrition, health and care.

- d) Under no circumstances provide, promote, knowingly ignore or condone the use of prohibited drugs or performance-enhancing substances or methods in accordance with CADP, WADA Code, FEI and EC rules and regulations.
- e) Accept and promote athletes' personal goals and refer the athletes to other coaches and sports specialists as appropriate and as opportunities arise.
- f) At no time engage in an intimate or sexual relationship with an athlete or other sport participant under the age of 18 years of age and at no time engage in an intimate or sexual relationship with an athlete 18 years of age or over if the coach is in a position of power, trust or authority over the athlete or other sport participant.
- g) When an athlete has qualified for a training camp, provincial team, national team, etc., support the program, the applicable coaching staff and EC.
- h) Act in the best interest of the athlete's development as a whole.
- i) Recognize the power inherent in the position of coach and respect and promote the principles of fair play and the rights of all participants in sport.

8. Equestrians

In addition to complying with sections 5 and 6 above, Equestrians must aspire to the highest standards of equine safety, fairness, care and welfare in all aspects of equestrian activities.

Equestrians who are competitive athletes are also responsible to:

- a) Report any medical or fitness problems (human or equine) in a timely fashion, where such problems may limit the athlete's ability to travel, train, perform or compete.
- b) Participate and appear on time for all competitions, practices, training sessions and events.
- c) Properly represent themselves and not willfully attempt to enter a competition for which they, or their equine animal, are not eligible, by reason of age, classification or other reasons.
- d) Adhere to all EC policies, rules and regulations including, but not limited to, the Conflict of Interest provisions in EC's Rule Book and honour the principles of fair play inherent in them.

9. Officials

In addition to complying with sections 5 and 6 above, officials must:

- a) Be fair and objective.
- b) Avoid situations in which a conflict of interest may arise.
- c) Make independent and sound judgements.
- d) Act as ambassadors of EC by adhering to the rules of EC or the FEI (as applicable).
- e) Adhere to the Conflict of Interest provisions in EC's Rule Book.

10. Parents/Guardians

In addition to complying with sections 5 and 6 above, Parents/ Guardians at events will:

- a) Encourage athletes to play by the rules.
- b) Never ridicule a participant for making a mistake during a performance or practice.
- c) Provide positive comments that motivate and encourage participants continued efforts.
- d) Respect the decisions and judgments of officials, and encourage athletes to do the same.
- e) Respect and show respect towards all participants, coaches, officials, competition organizers/committees and volunteers.

11. Further Expectations an EC Member and Equestrians

- a) All Persons and Equestrians are encouraged to continuously educate themselves on the EC policies, regulations and rules of Equine Canada and to take an active role in the EC activities of the federation.
- b) All Persons and Equestrians must, to the best of their ability and resources, follow the Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Equines (2013).
- c) All Persons and Equestrians should strive to preserve and enhance the image of equine and equestrian sport, recreation and industry in order to earn and maintain the respect of society in general.

THE EQUINE CANADA RULEBOOK

Knowledge of the rules of any sport is required of each participant, and the competitor at an EC-sanctioned competition must accept this responsibility. Both a complete knowledge of and compliance with the rules are essential, and all participants must be fully cognizant of all rules as well as particular class specifications in the discipline/breed sport in which they compete.

It is not possible to provide for every conceivable eventuality in these rules. If there is no rule to deal specifically with a particular circumstance, or if the nearest interpretation of the pertinent rule would result in an obvious injustice, it is the duty of those responsible to make a decision based on common sense and fair play, thus reflecting as closely as possible the intention of the rules and regulations of Equine Canada.

Organization of the Rulebook

The EC Rulebook is divided into multiple sections, grouped by disciplines and breed sports. Section A covers general regulations that apply to all EC members, competitors, officials, owners, equines, organizers and persons responsible unless superseded in other sections of the Rulebook.

Evergreen Rules Process

The Equine Canada rulebooks are updated annually, effective January 1st. The official rulebook will be as published on the EC website and may be amended as follows.

Amendment of the Rules

It is the right of every member of Equine Canada to propose amendments to the rules, subject to the current policies, procedures and schedules. The deadline for Rule Change Suggestions (RCS) shall be May 31 each year in accordance with the procedures outlined on the EC Rule Change page. Suggestions will be reviewed by the appropriate discipline/breed sport rules committees who will consider all suggestions and put forward those they recommend as Rule Change Proposals (RCPs). RCPs will be posted on the EC website by August 31 to allow for a 30-day member review. Deadline for member comments is September 30. The rules committees will consider all comments and make any necessary revisions by October 15. Rule changes will be posted on the EC website by December 1, to be effective January 1 the following year.

The amendment process will be strictly followed. Extraordinary rule amendments will be permitted only for FEI rule changes, safety, monetary, clarification, ethical and equine welfare reasons at the discretion of the National Rules Committee using the following protocol. Extraordinary rule amendments will be effective when published by EC on its official website. FEI Rules, applicable to EC-sanctioned competitions, are effective upon publication by the FEI.

Amendment Process:

1. **Proposal** – composed by the discipline/breed sport rules committee (EC staff or NRC for Section A) with supporting rationale.
2. **Authorization** – the applicable discipline or breed council must authorize each ERA, note in their minutes and forward it to the National Rules Committee.
3. **Approval** – the NRC is responsible to confirm the ERA criteria (FEI rule change, safety, monetary, clarification, ethical or equine welfare) has been satisfied prior to approval. Once approved the ERA is forwarded to Sport Council with the date of the approval.
4. **Recommendation** – the Sport Council will receive and consider the report and forward a recommendation to the EC-Board to accept the ERA.
5. **Ratification** – the EC-Board will consider the SC recommendation providing that the relevant criteria have been met and the due process has been followed.
6. **Posting** – EC will translate and post the amendment and show changes to both change visible and clean copy online Rulebooks. The amendments display the date of the NRC approval for consistency.
7. **Effective** – when published on the EC website. The file reference shall retain the original approval date.

Interpretation of the Rules

Please read all cross-references carefully and refer to the EC website for rule changes and/or clarifications. Should the English and French versions differ, the English version shall prevail. In the case of conflict between General Regulations and the regulations of the disciplines/breed sports, the discipline/breed sport rules will prevail. Within these rules the terminology “member” refers to a current EC member in good standing.

CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

ARTICLE L101 PREAMBLE

This document sets out Rules for equestrian vaulting events in Canada. Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these Rules. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the Judge to make a decision in a sporting spirit, by approaching as nearly as possible the intention of these Rules and of the General Regulations of Equine Canada.

ARTICLE L102 VAULTING CODE OF CONDUCT

All those involved in equestrian sport are expected to adhere to the Equine Canada and the FEI Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery and tack, and transportation.

Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of aids.

Events must not prejudice horse welfare. This involves paying careful attention to the competition areas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, site safety and fitness of the horse for onward travel after the event.

Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive proper attention after they have competed and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over. This covers proper veterinary care, competition injuries, euthanasia and retirement.

CHAPTER 2 EVENTS

ARTICLE L201 TYPES OF NATIONAL EVENTS

In all Canadian vaulting events:

Classes of the following Individual Divisions may be offered:

| | |
|-----------|--------------|
| Canter AA | Trot B |
| Canter A | Trot C |
| Canter B | Trot D |
| Canter C | Walk B |
| Canter D | Walk C |
| | Walk D |
| | FUNDamentals |

Classes of the following Pairs and Team Divisions may be offered:

| | |
|-----------|--------|
| Canter AA | Trot B |
| Canter A | Walk B |
| Canter B | |

ARTICLE L202 ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL CLASSES

For eligibility criteria, see the VaultCanada Eligibility Criteria policy document.

Downgrading to Lower Divisions

- Automatically Approved Downgrades
 - From Division C, a vaulter may downgrade to Division D if he/she did not score out of Division D and has not yet scored above 5.0 in Division C.
 - From Division B, a vaulter may downgrade to Division C if he/she did not score out of Division C and has not yet scored above 5.0 in Division B.
- Other Downgrades may be granted by request to the VaultCanada Sport Committee.

For CVI entries in Junior or Senior the vaulter must enter the new required class immediately. For CVI entries in Children 1* the vaulter must enter at least Division C immediately, and must enter at least Division B the following year. For CVI entries in Children 2* the vaulter must enter at least Division B immediately, and must enter at least Division A the following year.

ARTICLE L203 CHAMPIONSHIPS

National Championship titles will be awarded to Individual male and female vaulters separately, to Pairs and to Teams in Division Canter AA. National champions must be Canadian citizens or have Permanent Residence status in Canada.

In Division Canter A, titles will be awarded to Individual male and female vaulters separately, to Pairs and to Teams in a Western Championship (BC & AB), Central Championship (SK, MB & ON), and Eastern Championship

(PQ & Maritime). These champions must be Canadian citizens or have Permanent Residence in Canada.

For Individuals in Division Canter B, titles will be awarded to male and female vaulters separately in each Province. If there are no eligible competitors in Division Canter B then the title is awarded to the highest scoring vaulter in that Province competing in Division Canter C. These champions must be residents of the Province.

For Individuals in Division Canter C, titles will be awarded to male and female vaulters separately in each Zone of each Province. The geographical area for each Zone is determined by the Participating Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization (PTSO). If there are no eligible competitors in Division Canter C then the title is awarded to the highest scoring vaulter in that Province competing in Division Canter D. These champions must be residents of the Zone.

For Pairs and Teams in Division Canter B, titles will be awarded separately to Pairs and to Teams in each Province. These champions must be residents of the Province.

For all above Championship titles, a Reserve Championship title is to be awarded to the second place qualifying Individual, Pair, or Team.

An Individual/Pair/Team will not be awarded both a Provincial Championship title and a Zone Championship title at the same event; and in such a case, the Zone Championship title is not awarded to anyone else. One exception to this is that a Reserve Provincial Champion may also be named a Zone Champion.

A vaulter may be awarded titles as part of a Pair and/or Team in addition to his/her Individual title.

ARTICLE L204 ENTRIES

In addition to the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Equine Canada General Regulations, the Invitation must specify the method and timing for submitting music to the Competition Organizers, ahead of the competition.

Once approved, as per Chapter 6 of the Equine Canada General Regulations, the Prize List must be posted as an Invitation on the VaultCanada website and in the Equine Canada Calendar as soon as possible.

If the Vault Canada Online Competition management system is not used by the Event Organizers for Entries, Scoring, and Results, the Competition Organizers will be responsible for entering the information within seven days after the completion of the competition. This requirement is necessary to enable the Division High Point system and to aid in the enforcement of eligibility criteria.

By the Entry Deadline each club must provide the names of Individuals, Pairs, and Teams, along with the names of the horses and the lungers. The

names of the vaulters constituting a Team may include up to eight vaulters. The names of the six definite team members, plus an optional seventh vaulter, must be supplied to the organizing committee by the Final Changes Deadline.

In Divisions Canter A and AA, the vaulter(s), the horse, and the lunger form one competitive unit and cannot be changed after the start of the competition. In all other Divisions, different Horses and/or Lungers may be used for each test.

Wherever possible, horse and/or lunger changes should be supplied to the organizing committee by the Final Changes Deadline.

Changes at or during the Competition

- For Divisions Canter A and AA, the vaulting horse and/or lunger may be changed up to one hour before the beginning of the competition. Any such change must be reported immediately to the show office.
- For all other Divisions, horse(s) and/or lunger(s) may be changed at any time with the permission of the show office.

ARTICLE L205 VAULTERS

In Divisions Canter A and AA, vaulters may only start once in any Individual competition at an event. In all other Divisions, a vaulter may enter two different gaits, provided that the slower gait is entered in a higher Division (i.e. Walk B and Canter D.)

Vaulters may compete Individually, in Pairs and in Team at the same event. In Divisions Canter A and AA each vaulter may only compete for one Team and/or Pair. In all other Divisions a vaulter may enter with two Teams or two Pairs, provided they are in different Divisions (i.e. Walk C and Canter C.) However, no more than two members of a Team may be entered in another Team.

Each class may not have more than two tests scheduled per day.

In contrast to Article A814 in the Equine Canada General Regulations, the use of competitor numbers for vaulters is at the discretion of the Event Organizers. When used, competitor numbers must not compromise the safety of the vaulter. When competitor numbers are not used, the announcer must name each vaulter prior to them mounting the horse.

ARTICLE L206 VAULTER'S ATTIRE

Team vaulters must wear numbers on the right arm or leg or on the back. These numbers should be 10 to 12 cm in height and must be of plain design and easily visible.

The attire of Team vaulters should give the obvious effect of uniformity. Attire of Team, Individual, and Pairs vaulters must not hinder the movement of the vaulter or the safe interaction between vaulters during the

performance: the attire must in no way compromise the safety of either vaulter or horse.

Attire must not conceal the form and line of the vaulter's body during the performance in order not to hinder the judging of the exercises.

Attire must not give the effect of nudity.

Attire must be formfitting and all articles of clothing, or parts thereof, must remain attached to the vaulter's body at all times. Decorative accessories (not limited to but including belts, masks, jewellery) and props (not limited to but including hats, capes, canes, gadgets) are strictly forbidden in the arena.

Trousers must be secured to the foot and skirts may only be worn over tights or leggings.

Only soft soled shoes are permitted.

Helmets are not permitted while vaulting. However, approved protective headgear* is required at all times when riding (for example, but not limited to, during warm up, exercise, or schooling.)

In order to be allowed to participate at award presentations, the attire of vaulters and lungers must be neat and dignified. Club attire should be worn if possible.

* See Section A, Glossary – *Headgear Standards*.

ARTICLE L207 LUNGER

Lungers must be an Adult as defined in the Glossary, Section A – General Regulations,.

The lunger does not need to be from the same club as the vaulter(s).

For the Horse Inspection the handler must be dressed in a neat and dignified manner.

The lunger's attire should not distract from the performance, be safe, and be respectful.

ARTICLE L208 VAULTING HORSES

Vaulting horses or ponies in Canter Divisions must be at least seven years old, and in Walk and Trot Divisions must be at least five years old.

In all classes, the horse may travel to the left or the right on the circle.

Stallions are prohibited.

The horse does not need to be from the same club as the vaulter(s).

As the length of vaulting competitions, and the type of classes offered each day may vary, rules governing permissible use of the horse stipulate the maximum number of times a horse may be used on a single day. These entries are accumulative per day and may be a combination of Team, Individual and Pairs.

Horses may be used for a maximum of 24 units each day. The following table shows how many units a single test uses for each particular type of test.

| | Compulsories | Freestyle or Technical |
|-------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Canter Team | 8 | 8 |
| Canter Pair | 4 | 4 |
| Canter Individual | 2 | 2 |
| Trot Team | 6 | 6 |
| Trot Pair | 3 | 3 |
| Trot Individual | 1 | 1 |
| Walk Team | 4 | 4 |
| Walk Pair | 2 | 2 |
| Walk Individual | .5 | .5 |

A judge may eliminate any horse which shows signs of being overworked or overloaded at any time. These rules are not meant to suggest that every horse is capable of carrying the maximum number of competitors. Horse owners and lungers are compelled to make the welfare of the horse paramount when deciding on appropriate use during competition.

Competition organizers are encouraged where possible to schedule the classes in such a way that it will minimize the number of run-ins per day. This may involve scheduling classes so that a horse can carry more than one level during a single run-in, thereby reducing the total number of run-ins required each day.

All Horses will be assigned a Horse Number by the Event Organisers which must be worn and clearly visible on the outside of the bridle (as per the direction on the circle in the competition ring) at all times that the horse is in the exercise, warm up, or competition areas.

Horses may be excused from the Award Ceremony at the discretion of the Event Organizers.

ARTICLE L209 INSPECTION OF HORSES

Before the start of Championship competitions, the Competition Veterinarian, accompanied by President of the Ground Jury will inspect all horses entered in Canter Divisions. Only horses that have passed the inspection may be used in Canter Classes during the competition.

For all competitions, horses in Divisions Canter A and AA must abide by Articles A402, A403, and A404 in the Equine Canada General Regulations. Horses entered in all Divisions must have been given an equine influenza vaccination within 6 months +21 days (and not within 7 days) of arrival at the Event. The OC must specify in the Invite / Prize List how proof of

vaccinations is provided, and may require further vaccinations and/or tests at their discretion.

During the competition, Judge A may inspect or eliminate a horse which appears lame or in bad condition. Each time the horse is presented in the competition arena it must be trotted on the circle until Judge A rings the bell.

When a horse has been eliminated and is scheduled to participate in further tests on the same day, or on a following day, it is at the discretion of Judge A to choose between the following options, and if the horse does not pass it will not be allowed to participate:

- To have the horse inspected, in the presence of Judge A, by either the Competition Veterinarian or the On-Call Veterinarian
- To have the horse be presented again to Judge A during a ring break
- To have the horse be presented again to Judge A at the beginning of the next test.

ARTICLE L210 HORSE EQUIPMENT

All equipment must be used in its manufactured state. The use of any other equipment and any other way of attachment of the equipment than described here, will entail elimination.

The equipment of the Horse in the Competition Arena will be as follows:

- Bridle with smooth snaffle bit, with no more than two joints. Rubber bit guards are permitted. If an un-jointed rubber snaffle is used, the bit must be flexible.
- The use of a lunge cavesson, with or without a bit, instead of a bridle is allowed.
- In Divisions Canter A and AA, the lunge line must be attached to the inner ring of the bit (not over the head or to the outer ring of the bit) or attached to a lunge cavesson. In all other Divisions the lunge line may be attached in any manner that does not cause the horse discomfort.
- Two side reins. Standing reins or auxiliary reins are not permitted.
- Lunge line and lunge whip.
- Vaulting surcingle with underpad and girth. Under the girth, an underpad and/or pieces of sheepskin may be used for skin protection. The surcingle has two solid handles (grips, the shape of which is not defined) and with two loops (one on each side). One short extra strap made of leather may be fixed between the inner edges of the right and left handles.
- Bandages and/or brushing/overreach boots are optional.
- Ear muffs and plugs are allowed.
- Back pad is mandatory and must be made out of a material which conforms itself to the Horse's back and reduces the impact of external forces (by the Vaulters). Gel pads are allowed in addition to the back pad.
- The Back Pad, which may be checked by the Steward and/or a Judge at any time on the horse must have the following dimensions :
 - Max. 80 cm from the back edge of the surcingle to the back

- Max. 30 cm from the front edge of the surcingle to the neck
- Max. 90 cm from side to side the lowest point to the lowest point
- If checked on the Horse, the allowed tolerance may not exceed 3cm, i.e. 93 cm
 - Max. 3 cm thick including cover
 - Max. total length 1.10 m, with no more than 30 cm in front of the surcingle
- The surcingle and the back pad may be changed from test to test.

A steward and/or a judge is authorised to check the equipment of any horse at any time. If checked immediately after the horse leaves the arena any discrepancy could entail elimination after consultation with the Ground Jury. The equipment of the horse in the warm-up arena will be as above with the following additions:

- Auxiliary reins are allowed.
- Double bridle is allowed when riding.

Side Reins must not be fastened in place for an excessive period. After such times they must be unfastened and the horse allowed to move freely for a period of time before the side reins are reattached.

When warming up, training or exercising horses under saddle, riding must only be in a designated riding ring. Suitable footwear and properly fitted, securely fastened approved protective headgear* must be worn.

*(See Glossary, Section A – *Headgear Standards*).

ARTICLE L211 ENTRY AND EXIT

Upon entering, and before exiting the competition arena, the vaulter(s) and lunger must salute Judge A as a matter of courtesy. Judge A shall acknowledge the salutes.

Entry, exit, and the formation of the salute are left to the discretion of the vaulters but should be dignified.

Entry and exit may be accompanied by music at the discretion of competition organizing committee.

Immediately upon exiting the arena the side reins must be unfastened. Failure to do so will be deemed to be abuse of the Horse.

ARTICLE L212 ARENA

Footing in the arena for the competition space and the warm up circle(s) must be soft and may include springy material.

A warm up circle is required. It is recommended that there be three or more warm up circles. At championships there must be more than one warm up circle for classes in Canter Divisions. If the competition takes place indoors at least one indoor warm up circle must be available.

The judges are seated on raised judges' stands. It is recommended that these be about 50-60 cm above the ground in order to give the Judges a

good view of the arena. The public should be at an adequate distance from the judges.

The center of the competition circle must be marked.

The competition space in the arena must meet the following criteria:

| Gait of Class | Minimum Diameter of Competition Circle | Minimum Distance from Edge of Competition Circle to Audience | Minimum Height to lowest point above Competition Circle |
|----------------------|---|---|--|
| Canter | 20 metres | 1 metre, 3 or more metres highly recommended | 4.5 metres for Individual, 5 metres for Team/Pairs |
| Walk or Trot | 17.5 metres | | |

ARTICLE L213 ABUSE OF HORSES AND DOPING

The General Regulations and Veterinary Regulations of Equine Canada apply.

ARTICLE L214 OFFICIALS

At Championships, for Divisions Canter A and AA, it is required that there be more than one judge. At least one judge should be chosen from the FEI List for International Judges for Vaulting. Other officials are to have credentials allowing them to judge at national events in their own country.

All other events and classes must be judged by at least one official having credentials allowing them to judge at events in their own country or province. It is recommended that classes in Canter have more than one judge; however, this decision is left to the discretion of the Competition's Organizing Committee.

Each Judge must be assisted by a secretary who speaks and writes the same official language as the Judge (either English or French). When more than one judge is presiding over a class, the President of the Ground Jury will decide on the placing of the judges (A, B, C, D).

For tests that have a time limit, either a timekeeper is to be placed next to Judge A, or at the discretion of Judge A, Judge A may self-time using a countdown timer.

A Steward approved by VaultCanada must be present at all Gold and Silver events, and is highly recommended for Bronze-only events.

A Competition Veterinarian must be present for the Horse Inspection.

A veterinarian and a farrier must be on site or on call for any emergencies during the event.

ARTICLE L215 FIRST AID

One or more designated First Aid Attendants (Paramedics may also be used) must be located at a First Aid station or be clearly identifiable at all times while classes are competing.

In case of an emergency, one of the designated First Aid Attendants is to take charge of the scene and become the Person in Charge.

Unless requested by the person in charge, the only other people who may approach the scene are other designated First Aid Attendants, one coach of the participant, and one member of the organizing committee. The coach and the member of the organizing committee in this case are to help by providing information and facilitating communication; they are under the direction of the Person in Charge.

ARTICLE L216 APPEAL COMMITTEE, OBJECTIONS AND COMPLAINTS

The General Regulations of Equine Canada apply. See Chapter 12 – General Dispute Resolution and Protests at EC-sanctioned Competitions; Appendix A4 – EC Dispute Resolution Policy – Complaints.

ARTICLE L217 PENALTIES

The General Regulations of Equine Canada apply.

ARTICLE L218 COMPETITION ORGANIZER REQUESTS FOR EXEMPTIONS

Competition Organizers may at their discretion request an exemption for any rules in chapters two through eight in Section L from the VaultCanada Sport Committee. Only rules that are under the authority of the VaultCanada Sport Committee may be considered. The Exemption for each rule may only be approved if the rule would prevent that competition from running, or if the rule would seriously impact the competition in a negative way. Any approved exemptions must be clearly identified in the competition Invite / Prize List.

CHAPTER 3 COMPETITION OVERVIEW

ARTICLE L301 GENERAL

During the test the horse moves on a circle with a minimum radius of 7.5 metres for Canter and 6.25 metres for Walk/Trot, preferably more when space permits. The horse must remain a minimum of 2.5 metres from the edge of the competition space.

All tests must be executed in the correct gait (for example, not in counter-canter).

The tests must be separated by an interval of at least one hour.

In the Compulsories the vaulters have to show defined exercises.

In the Freestyle the vaulters have the opportunity to show their artistry. They may plan an original program around their own capabilities, ideas and specialities.

The Technical Test consists of five prescribed technical exercises and additional freestyle exercises that are chosen by the vaulter.

It is recommended that the Compulsories be performed with music.

The Freestyle and Technical Test must be performed with music.

The music must be provided as stipulated in the Invitation.

The performance is to take place with the horse and therefore no exercises or dance moves on the ground are allowed. Elimination for noncompliance in this instance is at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

ARTICLE L302 TYPES OF COMPETITION

1. Individual Vaulting Competition

The Individual vaulter is accompanied only by the lunger and the vaulting horse.

The Individual vaulting competition consists of different tests in one or two rounds. For Division AA only, Round One includes Compulsories and Freestyle; in Round Two it includes Technical Test and an optional Freestyle. For all other Divisions, Round One includes Compulsories and Freestyle; if Round Two is offered, it may include Compulsories and it must include Freestyle

2. Pairs Vaulting Competition

The Pairs competition is composed of two vaulters, the lunger and the vaulting horse.

The Pairs competition for Divisions Canter A and AA, is a Free Test in one or two rounds. For Division C the Pairs competition is Compulsories and Freestyle in one round.

In Pairs competitions any combination of gender is allowed.

3. Team Vaulting Competition

A vaulting Team is composed of the lunger, horse and six vaulters plus an optional seventh vaulter. Note that the optional seventh vaulter will

not be allowed if the class is both an Equine Canada class and an FEI class during a combined Equine Canada / FEI Event.

All six or seven vaulters must perform the Compulsories. If less than six vaulters perform in the Compulsories, all Exercises not shown will receive a zero. In the Freestyle, six vaulters are to perform and only those six may enter the arena. When a seventh vaulter is used in the Compulsories, the Team will choose any one of those seven to not perform in the Freestyle. If less than six vaulters perform the Freestyle a deduction will be given (see FEI Handbook).

The Team vaulting competition consists of Compulsories and Freestyle in Round One. An optional Round Two includes only a Freestyle.

4. Multiple Rounds

When a competition offers two rounds, Round One may be a Qualifying Round for Round Two. In such cases the Qualification Criteria must be stipulated in the Invitation.

All Championship Classes, except Pairs Division B, must be offered with two complete rounds. In order for a Championship title to be awarded, all prescribed tests must have received a score.

ARTICLE L303 COMPULSORIES

| Division D | Division C & B (Same as FEI Comp 1) | Division A (Same as FEI Comp 2) | Divisions AA Team (Same as FEI Squad Comp 3) | Division AA Individual (same as FEI Indv. Comp 3) |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Vault on | Vault on | Vault on | Vault on | Vault on |
| Basic Seat (arms out) | Basic Seat | Basic seat | Flag | Flag |
| Flag (leg only) | Flag | Flag | Mill | Mill |
| Kneel (body straight, slight bend at hip) | Stand | Mill | FW Scissors | FW Scissors |
| FW Swing (legs closed) | FW Swing (legs closed) | FW Scissors | BW Scissors | BW Scissors |
| FW Half Mill (inside, astride, outside, astride) | Half Mill (inside, reverse) | BW Scissors | Stand | Stand |
| Leg pass | BW Swing (legs open) | Stand | Flank to inside seat (leg pass back to the seat astride) | Flank to inside seat |
| Dismount to inside | Leg pass Dismount to inside | | | |
| | | Swing off from seat astride to the | Swing off from seat astride to the | Flank from inside |

| | | | | |
|--|--|--------|---------|-----------------|
| | | inside | outside | seat to outside |
|--|--|--------|---------|-----------------|

* Note: Canter AA will do FEI Comp 3 compulsories in Round 1, and the FEI Technical Test in Round 2.

Each static exercise (Basic Seat, Flag, Kneel, and Stand) must be held for at least four strides.

In Mill exercises, each leg pass must occur for exactly four strides.

ARTICLE L304 PERMITTED ASSISTANCE

Delivery of a reserve lunging whip

Any assistance from the outside necessary to avoid an accident.

Vaulters requiring an assisted mounts onto the horse in the compulsories will receive a deduction from the mount score as follows:

| | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Walk D: 1 point | Trot D: 1.5 points | Canter D: 2 points |
| Walk C: 1.5 points | Trot C: 2 points | Canter C & B: scores 0 |
| Walk B: 2 points | Trot B: 3 points | Canter A & AA: scores 0 |

All assisted mounts in the freestyle are not counted towards the Difficulty score, but may be considered in the Performance and Artistry scores.

In Pairs and Team, the above deductions will occur when any assistance is provided from the ground. However, a vaulter who is already on the horse may assist another vaulter in mounting without a deduction.

Deductions or disqualification in case of doubt are left to Judge A and cannot be appealed.

ARTICLE L305 ASSISTANCE FOR VAULTERS WITH A DISABILITY

Vaulters with a disability needing extra consideration during a competition must identify themselves upon submitting their entry form. Vaulters with special needs may submit a letter to the show committee outlining their disability and the adaptations they will require. The show committee will contact them if necessary for clarification and proof of their disability may be required from a physician and submitted before the start of the competition.

ARTICLE L306 ELIMINATION FROM A TEST

Unless otherwise specified in the rules or in the conditions for the competition, elimination means that the vaulter and/or the horse in question may not continue in the current test.

The following paragraphs lay down the reasons for which vaulters and/or horses are eliminated in all vaulting tests.

During competition, the Judge at A in the following cases must apply elimination:

- Starting before the signal is given and touching the grips, the pad or the horse (eliminates the vaulter)

- Equipment other than what is permitted in these rules (eliminates the vaulter or the horse depending on if the equipment is on the vaulter or the horse.)
- Mounting the horse after an interruption signalled by the judge without waiting for the bell (eliminates the vaulter)
- Vaulter and/or horse leaving the arena without permission of the Ground Jury, including prior to starting (eliminates the vaulter and/or horse depending on who left)
- An accident to a vaulter or to a horse which prevents either from completing the test. In a Team test however, this does not apply when only a single Team member has been injured. (eliminates the vaulter and/or the horse depending on who is injured.)

Elimination of the vaulter and/or horse is left to the discretion of Judge A in the following cases:

- Not entering the arena within 30 seconds after the bell
- Taking more than 30 seconds after the bell following the trot, to commence the first exercise
- All physical unauthorised assistance
- Not stopping when the bell is rung during the test
- A misbehaving horse during a performance: elimination of the vaulter(s) currently on the Horse
- A misbehaving Horse before or after the performance: elimination of all vaulters who have run in together and not yet completed their test
- Taking more than 30 seconds to continue the test after a fall when all vaulters have lost the contact with the horse
- After an interruption of the test in unforeseen circumstances taking more than 30 seconds to continue the test after the signal to resume was given
- If the Ground Jury feels that for any reason the horse or the vaulter is unfit to continue the test.
- Exceeding the time limit and staying on the horse for more than 10 seconds.

ARTICLE L307 DISQUALIFICATION FROM EVENT

Disqualification means that a vaulter and/or the horse or horses are disqualified for the entire Event. Disqualification may also be retroactive.

The Ground Jury may disqualify a vaulter and/or a horse in the following cases:

- Exercising horses in the arena without the permission of the Ground Jury
- All cases of abuse and/or ill treatment reported by a member of the Ground Jury or by a Steward
- All cases laid down in the FEI's Veterinary Regulations

The Judge at A may disqualify a horse in the following cases:

- Horse bleeding on the flank(s), in the mouth or nose or marks indicating excessive use of the whip anywhere on the Horse (in minor cases of blood in the mouth, such as where a Horse appears to have bitten its tongue or lip, officials may authorize the

rinsing or wiping of the mouth and allow the lunger to continue. If there is any further evidence of blood in the mouth the horse will be disqualified).

The Competition Organizer may disqualify a vaulter, lunger and/or horse in the following case:

Non-registered vaulters, lungers and/or horses will result in the disqualification of the competitive unit. Non-registered refers to all required memberships and/or licenses outlined elsewhere in the rules, and may include any further requirements (e.g. waivers) indicated in the Competition Invitation.

ARTICLE L308 – TIMING / BELL

Within 30 seconds after the signal (bell) is given to enter the arena, the Vaulters and the Lunger must salute. However, if the competition is running ahead of schedule, the signal (bell) must only be given if the Vaulters, Lunger, and Horse are ready at the in-gate.

Before beginning the Performance, the Horse must be trotted on the Circle until the Judge at A rings the bell. At the latest 30 seconds after the bell following the Trot, the first exercise must be commenced.

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 (static or dynamic exercises or dismounts) already in progress when at the time limit may be finished and will be included in the evaluation for Technique and Artistic Scores. All following exercises and dismounts starting after the allowed time will be considered in the Performance Score, including deductions for falls, but not in the Degree of Difficulty and Artistic Score.

The time allowed for each test is listed in Chapters 5 to 7.

A bell is used by the Judge at A to signal the Athletes. It is used on the following occasions:

- to give the signal to enter the arena
- to give the signal to start the Test. If in the Compulsory Test more than one Individual 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
- to announce the end of the time
- 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 an Athlete or Performance when the Horse shows any signs of irregularity or lameness, is out of control or dangerous to the Vaulters

- to interrupt the Test to solve any issue with the music (music not starting, etc).
- to give the signal to stop an Athlete or Performance in unforeseen circumstance 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 handle, the pad or the Horse.

In unclear situations the Judge at A and/or Lunger/Vaulter may communicate.

CHAPTER 4 SCORING

ARTICLE L401 COMPULSORIES

The Compulsory tests are scored with 25% assigned to the Horse Score, and 75% assigned to the Exercises.

The scores for the Exercises are added together then the sum is divided by the required number of Exercises.

For Pairs and Team, the number of Exercises is determined by the number of vaulters multiplied by the number of Exercises required to be shown. In Team, if a seventh vaulter competes, the seventh vaulter's scores are included and will not be removed at any time.

When there is more than one judge, the score inputs should be divided as follows:

| Number of Judges | |
|------------------|---|
| 2 | 1 Judge for Horse Score 1 Judge for Exercises |
| 3 | 1 Judge for Horse Score 2 Judges for Exercises |
| 4 | 1 Judge for Horse Score 3 Judges for Exercises |

The exercises are essence of the Compulsories; thus when possible three judges will evaluate this aspect.

ARTICLE L402 FREESTYLE

1. Major Inputs

The Freestyle tests are scored with 25% assigned to the Horse Score, 50% assigned to the Technique Score, and 25% assigned to the Artistic Score.

2. Technique Score Breakdown

The Technique Score for Divisions A, and AA are further divided with 70% assigned to Performance and 30% assigned to Difficulty.

The Technique Score for Divisions D, C, and B is only based on Performance. Thus, Difficulty is not considered in these Divisions.

3. Performance Calculations

The average of the deductions for every exercise and transition is deducted from the maximum score of 10.

Deductions for falls are deducted from the Performance Score at the end (not averaged).

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.

For scoring criteria see the FEI Guidelines.

4. Difficulty Calculations for A and AA

The exercises are divided, according to their difficulty, into four degrees of difficulty. Only a specific number of exercises (as shown below) with the highest degree of difficulty will be scored.

Judging of the Degree of Difficulty begins with the moment the first Vaulter touches the surcingle, the pad or the Horse and ends with the time limit.

Exercises are awarded Difficulty scores as follows:

| | Individual A & AA | Pairs A & AA | Team A & AA |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Number of Exercises | 10 | 13 | 25 |
| Risk (R) | 1.3 | Not Applicable | Not Applicable |
| Difficult (D) | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.4 |
| Medium (M) | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| Easy (E) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |

For scoring criteria see the FEI Guidelines.

5. Artistic Score Breakdown

In the Artistic Score, 50% is assigned to Structure of the Freestyle, and 50% is assigned to Choreography.

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.

For scoring criteria see FEI Guidelines.

6. Judging Score Assignments

When there is more than one judge, the score inputs should be divided as follows:

| Number of Judges | |
|------------------|---|
| 2 | 1 Judge for Horse Score and Artistic 1 Judge for Technique |
| 3 | 1 Judge for Horse Score 1 Judge for Technique 1 Judge for Artistic |
| 4 | 1 Judge for Horse Score 2 Judges for Technique 1 Judge for Artistic |

A clean, secure and well-balanced Performance of high degree exercises is the essence of the Freestyle routine; thus, when possible two Judges will evaluate this aspect.

ARTICLE L403 TECHNICAL TEST

The Technical Test is scored with 25% assigned to the Horse Score, 50% assigned to the Performance Score, and 25% assigned to the Artistic Score.

The Performance Score has 85% assigned to the Technical Exercises and 15% assigned to the Additional Exercises.

The scores for the Technical Exercises are added together then the sum is divided by the number of required Technical Exercises. The technical exercises, and their scoring criteria, are selected by the FEI Vaulting Committee and are published on the FEI Website.

For the Additional Exercises, which are scored separately, the average of the deductions for every exercise and transition is deducted from the maximum score of 10. Judging begins with the moment the Vaulteer touches the surcingle, the pad or the Horse and ends with touching the ground after the final dismount of the Vaulteer. For scoring criteria see the FEI Guidelines.

Deductions for falls are deducted from the Performance Score at the end (not averaged).

In the Artistic score, 50% is assigned to the Structure of the Freestyle, 50% is assigned to Choreography. Judging begins with the moment the first Vaulteer touches the surcingle, the pad or the Horse and ends with the time limit. For scoring criteria see FEI Guidelines.

When there is more than one judge, the score inputs should be divided as follows:

| Number of Judges | |
|------------------|---|
| 2 | 1 Judge for Horse Score and Artistic 1 Judge for Technique |
| 3 | 1 Judge for Horse Score 1 Judge for Technique 1 Judge for Artistic |
| 4 | 1 Judge for Horse Score 2 Judges for Technique 1 Judge for Artistic |

The Technical Exercises are the essence of this test; thus, when possible, two Judges will evaluate this aspect.

ARTICLE L404 HORSE SCORE

Judging of the Horse Score begins with entering the arena and ends with the final dismount.

If more than one Individual Vaulteer or Pair is on one horse, the General Impression of the entry, salute and exit will be taken into account for all vaulters on that horse.

For criteria for scoring the Horse see FEI Guidelines for Judges.

ARTICLE L405 FINAL SCORE

For each Round, the Round Score is the average of all tests in that Round. The Final Score is the average of all tests.

In case of a tie, the higher mark from the first test will be used to determine placing. If those marks are also equal, the mark from the Vault On (in

Compulsories) or the Performance (in Freestyle / Technical) will be used. If those marks are also equal, a coin toss (or the electronic equivalent) will determine the placing.

ARTICLE L406 MARKING

The maximum score is 10.0. Decimals are allowed.

The following marks are applicable for all marks:

| | | | |
|----|--------------|---|---|
| 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 | | |

All calculated intermediate and final results will be rounded off to the third decimal using the common "Round half up" tie-breaking rule: 0.0011-0.0014 down / 0.0015-0.0019 up.

See <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rounding> for more details.

ARTICLE L407 JUDGES' SCORE SHEETS

Judges will give marks according to the test's score sheet.

Any corrected score must be initialled by the Judge having made the correction.

Judges' scores must be recorded in ink.

There is also a column for the Judge's comments which should be used by the Judge whenever possible; providing comments when the score is 5 or below is strongly recommended.

As the end of the Competition, the Competition Office must scan all score sheets and provide the originals to the vaulters. The electronic files of the scanned score sheets must be uploaded to the VaultCanada Online Competition Management system and may not be made publicly available. It is recommended to scan the score sheets into one file per club using a device that has a paper feeder.

The official VaultCanada score sheets can be printed directly from the VaultCanada Online Competition Management system.

CHAPTER 5 INDIVIDUAL VAULTING COMPETITION

ARTICLE L501 GENERAL

All Vaulters performing on the same Horse enter the arena together. If required and allowed by the rules of that Division, a booster may enter the arena with the vaulters. No one else may enter the arena.

ARTICLE L502 COMPULSORIES

The Compulsory exercises that will be shown are detailed for each Division in Article L303.

All vaulters must follow one another immediately without waiting for the bell. There is no Time Limit for the Compulsory test

ARTICLE L503 – FREESTYLE

A Freestyle consists of static and dynamic exercises. A static exercise must be held for at least three strides.

Each vaulter must wait for the bell before beginning their performance. There is a Time Limit of 1.0 minutes

ARTICLE L504 – TECHNICAL TEST

The Technical Test is only performed in Division Canter AA, as the first test in Round Two.

The Technical Test consists of five technical exercises and additional freestyle exercises, chosen by the Vaulter. The Technical Exercises may be shown in any order.

The Technical exercises are from the following categories of motor skills:

- Balance
- Timing/coordination
- Strength
- Jump force
- Suppleness

The exercises are described in FEI Guidelines for Judges and the FEI publishes on its own schedule which exercises are currently in use. There is a Time Limit of 1.0 minutes

ARTICLE L505 – FUNDAMENTALS

In FUNdamentals, the participants are not placed, and there are no requirements beyond demonstrating a safe routine to the judge.

As classes of this Division are not placed, it is not a competition, and an EC Sport License is not required. A Provincial or Territorial (PTSO) Membership, inclusive of insurance, is required.

Spotting, prompting, and/or any other assistance may be used providing it is safe in the Judge's opinion.

The Judge's Score Sheets should be prepared the same as Division Walk D, and if the vaulter demonstrates the correct exercises for Walk D, accurate scores should be provided to help asses if this vaulter is ready to enter Walk D.

In all cases, Judge's comments are required and should focus on strengths more than any weakness.

There is a Time Limit of 1.0 minutes

**CHAPTER 6
PAIRS VAULTING COMPETITION**

ARTICLE L601 – GENERAL

All vaulters performing on the same Horse enter the arena together. If required and allowed by the rules of that Division, a booster may enter the arena with the vaulters. No one else may enter the arena.

ARTICLE L602 – COMPULSORIES

The Compulsory exercises that will be shown are detailed for each Division in Article L303

As per Article L302, only Division B includes a Compulsory Test in the Pairs Competition.

The second Vaultler must perform the Compulsory Exercises immediately without waiting for the bell.

There is no Time Limit in the Compulsory test

ARTICLE L603 – FREESTYLE

The Freestyle test consists of static and dynamic exercises. A static exercise must be held for at least three strides.

In Division B there is a Time Limit of 1.5 minutes.

In Division A and AA there is a Time Limit of 2.0 minutes.

**CHAPTER 7
TEAM VAULTING COMPETITION**

ARTICLE L701 – GENERAL

All vaulters on the Team enter the arena together. If required and allowed by the rules of that Division, a booster may enter the arena with the vaulters. No one else may enter the arena.

ARTICLE L702 – COMPULSORIES

The Compulsory exercises that will be shown are detailed for each Division in Article L303.

The Vaultler with the number 1 begins, number 2 follows, etc. All six or seven vaulters show the Compulsories in one section.

The second Vaultler must perform the Compulsory Exercises immediately without waiting for the bell.

There is a Time Limit of 6.0 minutes.

ARTICLE L703 – FREESTYLE

No more than three Vaulters may be on the horse at one time. At least two of the Vaulters must remain in contact with the horses; otherwise these elements of the exercises are not scored.

The Freestyle test consists of static and dynamic exercises. A static exercise must be held for at least three strides.

A dynamic exercise should only be counted in the degree of difficulty if, in its execution, the Vaultler's center of gravity is displaced other than in the direction of the effect gravity.

There is a Time Limit of 4.0 minutes.

CHAPTER 8 HIGH POINT SYSTEM

The High Point System will calculate the number of points each Individual vaulter has earned throughout the calendar year. The number of points earned by the vaulter at each competition is cumulative and those with more than 0 points will be displayed on the VaultCanada website.

The purpose of the High Points System is to encourage vaulters to participate in more competitions, including better support of otherwise smaller competitions, and to encourage competition organizers to sanction at the highest levels.

Number of Base Points per Placing Per Number in Class

| Placing | 8+ in class | 7 in class | 6 in class | 5 in class | 4 in class | 3 in class | 2 in class | 1 in class |
|---------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 2 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 3 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Competition Sanctioning Multipliers:

| | |
|------------------------------------|----|
| Provincial | 1 |
| Equine Canada Bronze | 2 |
| Equine Canada Silver | 3 |
| Equine Canada Gold | 4 |
| VaultCanada National Championships | 6 |
| FEI CVI | 8 |
| FEI Championships | 12 |

For example, a vaulter who places 3^d in a class with five vaulters at an EC Gold competition will get: 3 x 4 = 12 points.

FEI refers to all CVIs, including out of country. Note that the placing will be within the entire class at the CVI; i.e. not just among Canadians at that CVI.

APPENDIX 1 QUICK REFERENCE

In case of a discrepancy between this Quick Reference and source rules that make it up, the source rules shall prevail.

1. Individual

| Division D | Division C | Division B | Divisions A | Division AA |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| T1: R1 Comp T2: R1 Free T3: R2 Comp T4: R2 Free | T1: R1 Comp T2: R1 Free T3: R2 Comp T4: R2 Free | T1: R1 Comp T2: R1 Free T3: R2 Comp T4: R2 Free | T1: R1 Comp T2: R1 Free T3: R2 Comp T4: R2 Free | T1: R1 Comp T2: R1 Free T3: R2 Tech T4: R2 Free |
| Walk / Trot / Canter | Walk / Trot / Canter | Walk / Trot / Canter | Only in Canter | |
| | In Canter, Zone Champion | In Canter, Provincial Champion | West / Central / East Champion | National Champion |
| Score out at 5.5 | Score out at 5.5 | In Canter if starts in CVI 1* | If starts in CVI 2* | If starts in CVI 3* |
| Compulsories (no time limit) | | | | |
| 25% Horse, 75% Average of Exercises | | | | |
| | Same as FEI Comp 1 | | Same as FEI Comp 2 | Same as FEI Comp 3 |
| Vault on | Vault on | | | |
| Basic Seat (arms out) | Basic Seat | | Basic Seat | Flag |
| Flag (leg only) | Flag | | Flag | Mill |
| Kneel (body straight, slight bend at hip) | Stand | | Mill | FW Scissors |
| FW Swing (legs closed) | FW Swing (legs closed) | | FW Scissors | BW Scissors |
| FW Half Mill (inside, astride, outside, astride) | Half Mill (inside, reverse) | | BW Scissors | Stand |
| followed by Leg pass Dismount to inside | BW Swing (legs open) followed by Leg pass Dismount to inside | | Stand | Flank to inside seat |
| | | | Swing off from seat astride to the inside | Flank from inside seat to outside |

| Division D | Division C | Division B | Divisions A | Division AA |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Assisted Mount Deductions | | | | |

| | | | |
|--|--|---|------------------|
| Walk: 1.0 Trot: 1.5 Canter: 2.0 | Walk: 1.5 Trot: 2.0 Canter: Scores 0 | Walk: 2.0 Trot: 3.0 Canter: Scores 0 | Canter: Scores 0 |
| Freestyle (1.0 minute) | | | |
| 25% Horse, 50% Performance, 12.5% Structure, 12.5% Choreography | | 25% Horse, 35% Performance, 15% Difficulty, 12.5% Structure, 12.5% Choreography | |
| Performance: The average of the deductions for every exercise and transition is deducted from the maximum score of 10. | | | |
| Difficulty is not applicable in D, C and B | | 10 Most Difficult Exercises: R: 1.3 D: 0.9 M: 0.4 E: 0.0 | |
| Technical (1.0 minute) | | | |
| Not Applicable | | 25% Horse, 41.65% Exercises, 12.5% Structure, 12.5% Choreography, 8.35% Performance of additional exercises | |

2. Pairs

| Division B | Divisions A & AA |
|--|---|
| Test 1: Round 1 Compulsories Test 2: Round 1 Freestyle | Test 1: Round 1 Freestyle Test 2: Round 2 Freestyle |
| Walk / Trot / Canter | Only in Canter |
| In Canter, Provincial Champion | A: West/Central/East Champion AA: National Champion |
| No eligibility requirements | No eligibility requirements |
| Compulsories | |
| No Time Limit | Not Applicable |
| 25% Horse, 75% Average of Exercises | |
| Same as FEI Comp 1 | |
| Vault on | |
| Basic Seat | |
| Flag | |
| Stand | |
| FW Swing (legs closed) | |
| Half Mill (inside, reverse) | |
| BW Swing (legs open) followed by Leg pass Dismount to inside | |
| Assisted Mount Deductions | |
| Walk: 1.5 Trot: 2.0 Canter: Scores 0 | |
| Freestyle | |
| Time Limit: 1.5 minutes | Time Limit: 2.0 minutes |
| 25% Horse, 50% Performance, 12.5% Structure, 12.5% Choreography | 25% Horse, 35% Performance, 15% Difficulty, 12.5% Structure, 12.5% Choreography |
| Performance: The average of the deductions for every exercise and transition is deducted from the maximum score of 10. | |
| Difficulty is not applicable in B | 13 Most Difficult Exercises: D: 0.8 M: 0.4 E: 0.0 |

3. Team

| Division B | Division A | Division AA |
|--|---|--|
| Test A: Round 1 Compulsories Test 2: Round 1 Freestyle Test 3: Round 2 Freestyle | | |
| Walk / Trot / Canter | Only in Canter | Only in Canter |
| In Canter, Provincial Champion | West/Central/East Champion | National Champion |
| No eligibility requirements | | |
| Compulsories | | |
| Time Limit: 6 minutes | | |
| 25% Horse; 75% Average of Exercises | | |
| Same as FEI Comp 1 | Same as FEI Comp 2 | Same as FEI Comp 3 |
| Vault on | Vault on | Vault on |
| Basic Seat | Basic Seat | Flag |
| Flag | Flag | Mill |
| Stand | Mill | FW Scissors |
| FW Swing (legs closed) | FW Scissors | BW Scissors |
| Half Mill (inside, reverse) | BW Scissors | Stand |
| BW Swing (legs open), followed by Leg Pass Dismount to Inside | Stand | Flank to inside seat (leg pass back to the seat astride) |
| | Swing off from seat astride to the inside | Swing off from seat astride to the outside |
| Assisted Mount Deductions | | |
| Walk: 1.5 Trot: 2.0 Canter: Scores 0 | Scores 0 | |
| Freestyle | | |
| Time Limit: 4.0 minutes | | |
| 25% Horse, 50% Performance, 12.5% Structure, 12.5% Choreography | 25% Horse, 35% Performance, 15% Difficulty, 12.5% Structure, 12.5% Choreography | |
| Performance: The average of the deductions for every exercise and transition is deducted from the maximum score of 10. | | |
| Difficulty is not applicable in B. | 25 Most Difficult Exercises: D: 0.4 M: 0.3 E: 0.1 | |

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Our Vision

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