

VAULTING

The FEI Rules for Vaulting Events were fully reviewed. The eighth edition, effective 1 January 2012, will be available on the FEI website.

The main changes include:

- Categories of CVI events:

- Introduction of a 3* level (CVI3*) – one round composed of a compulsory test, a technical test and a freestyle test.
- A new category of Children Vaulting is introduced (age: 12-14)
- The age of the Junior category has been redefined:

Individual Junior: 14-18

Pas de Deux Junior: 14-18

Squad Junior: Until 18

- The age of the Senior category has been redefined:

Individual Senior: From 16

Pas de Deux Senior: From 16

Squad Senior: no limit

- Squad:

- Definition: the word “Team” has been replaced by “Squad” to avoid confusion with nations competition in which nations are represented by teams.
- A squad will be composed of six vaulters instead of seven. All six vaulters will perform the compulsory and freestyle tests (in the past the seven vaulters performed the compulsory tests, but only six vaulters performed the freestyle).

- Qualification criteria: introduction of qualification criteria for individual and pas-de-deux 2* and 3* competitions.

- 1* level vaulters will have to have obtained a min score to be eligible to compete in a CVI2*. There is no qualification criteria at national level to be eligible to compete at 1* level.
- 2* level vaulters will have to have obtained a min. score at a CVI2* to be eligible to compete at 3* level.

2012 will be a transitional period. Vaulters will be “fast-tracked” into the new levels based on their performances achieved up to the end of 2011.

Further details on the qualification criteria will be posted on the FEI website and will be part of the Guidelines for Vaulting Judges.

- Officials

- Judges will be star rated as follows:

FEI4* Judge- formerly O Judge

FEI3* Judge – formerly I Judge

FEI2* Judge – formerly C Judge

FEI1* Judge – National Judge registered by the FEI.

- The Jury must be composed of a minimum of four FEI judges (min three FEI judges and one national judge/FEI1*), except for CVI1* where the minimum required is two, one FEI judge and one national judge/FEI1*.
- Clarity in judging: each test will receive four scores with equal value according to the special demands of the test. The horse score will count for 25% of the total score of the test.
- Each judge will evaluate one aspect of the test (horse score, technical score, exercise score, artistic score)