

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
FEI Rule Change	4/1/2025	9/10/2024	Approved 1/25/2025

Rule Change Intent

Updating the Dress rules for Para athletes to reflect the current FEI rules. At the national level, Para riders compete in FEI tests and aligning the USEF national rules with the FEI Dress rules will avoid confusion amongst our riders.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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DR306 Dress. Change to read:

1. Military, police, etc. may wear civil or service dress at all Federation licensed competitions.
2. Protective Headgear must be worn in compliance with DR120.6.
3. Black or brown boots ~~or stout riding shoes~~ with heels must be worn. Plain black or ~~brown~~ **dark color** half-chaps or gaiters to the knee may be used.
4. Cream, beige, **white** or ~~off~~-white jodhpurs or breeches shall be worn, with a ~~black or dark~~ **plain color** jacket. Contrast coloring and piping is allowed. Striped or multi-colored coats are not permitted. Tasteful and discreet accents, such as a collar of a different hue, modest piping or crystal decorations, are acceptable. A stock tie or tie that is white, off white or same color as coat is required. Gloves that are white, off white or same color as the coat may be worn. ~~Riding boots or paddock boots should be black or same color as coat.~~ Safety vests (including inflatable), **dark in color**, are permitted.
5. An arm band, provided by the Athlete, in a distinctive color must be worn at all times by Athletes with visual impairment while mounted outside of the Competition arena.
6. Spurs are optional. Spurs must be made of metal. The shank must be either curved or straight, pointing directly back from the center of the spur when on the Athlete's boot. Spurs must not be offset, unless allowed as a compensating aid and noted on the Athletes Federation Dispensation/Classification Certificate. The arm of the spur must be smooth and blunt. If rowels are used, they must be blunt, smooth (**no sharp edges**) and free to rotate. Metal spurs with round hard ~~plastic~~ knobs **are allowed** ('Impuls' spurs). **The knobs may rotate.** ~~or~~ "Dummy" spurs with no shank are **also** allowed. Athletes abusing the Horse with their spurs, whether intentionally or not may be asked to remove spurs by the Technical Delegate.

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The FEI is permitting only one earphone or similar devise during training or warmup, effective 1.1.25.

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DR120 Dress. Change to read:

5. Electronic Communication Devices. The use of earphones and/or other electronic communication devices is strictly prohibited while competing and such usage is penalized by elimination. There is no penalty for having cell phones or other electronic devices worn or carried in clothing while competing as long as they are not in use. Electronic devices that transmit and/or receive information may be used in the stabling area and in warm up areas, *however, only one earphone or similar device is permitted while mounted or while lungeing*. The unsafe use of electronic devices, as determined by the competition Technical Delegate in their sole discretion, including cell phones, with or without earphones/buds, while mounted is prohibited in all areas designated for schooling and exercise, and while lungeing horses on competition grounds. Exception: medical devices, such as hearing aids are allowed to be used for the medical condition for which they are prescribed.

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Rule Change Intent

To eliminate confusion to clarify that sitting trot is required, especially in the FEI Four Year Old tests.

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DR104 The Trot. Change to read:

5. All trot work is executed “sitting”, unless otherwise indicated in the test, *including in FEI Young Horse tests*.