

**FEI Driving Officials are expected to show independence and integrity and be seen to abide by the FEI Code of Conduct.**

## **CLASSIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL JUDGES**

### **Categories of Judges**

Judges are divided in three categories:

- Level 2 Judge.
- Level 3 Judge.
- Level 4 Judge.

## **Qualification Requirements for Judges**

### **1. Promotion to level 2 Judge**

For promotion to level 2 Judge an applicant will:

- 1.1. Have shown experience as a National Judge of highest national level by judging regularly over a period of at least 5 years, including as President of the Ground Jury at five CAN's or have significant technical knowledge and experience, to be assessed and approved by the FEI.
- 1.2. Have judged at three CANs or, as a member of the Ground Jury at two CAIs in the current or preceding year.
- 1.3. Have attended and passed at least one FEI Level I Combined Course for Judges, Technical Delegates and Course Designers.
- 1.4. Understand, speak and preferably write English.
- 1.5. Be preferably under the age of 55.

The FEI maintains a list of qualified Level 2 Judges who have been recommended by their NF and who have been accepted by the FEI.

### **2. Promotion to Level 3 Judge**

For promotion to level 3 an FEI level 2 Judge will:

- 2.1. Have been a level 2 Judge for a minimum of two years.
- 2.2. Have acted as a Member of the Ground Jury at a minimum of 10 CAIs of which a minimum of three must be in a foreign Country, in a period of not less than 2 years or seasons and not more than 5 years or seasons.
- 2.3. To have acted as Shadow Judge (own scoring) at two CAI3\* or above, with different Level 3 Judges and get a written recommendation of both.
- 2.4. Have attended and successfully passed an FEI Level II Course for judges.
- 2.5. Be preferably under the age of 60.

In addition:

- 2.6. Have a full knowledge of the FEI Driving Rules, FEI General Regulations and FEI Veterinary Regulations.

The FEI maintains a list of qualified Level 3 Judges who have been recommended by their NF and who have been accepted by the FEI. They must meet the qualification requirements for Level 2 Judges before they may be appointed.

### 3. Promotion of Level 4 Judge

For promotion to level 4 an FEI level 3 Judge will:

- 3.1. Have been a level 3 Judge for a minimum of five years.
- 3.2. Have acted as President of the Ground Jury at a minimum of 3 CAIs, and have been a member of the Ground Jury at a minimum of 15 CAIs or CAIOs in a period of not less than 5 years or seasons after promotion to Level 3 Judge.
- 3.3. Have acted as a Member of the Ground Jury at 2 World Championships.
- 3.4. Have acted as Foreign Judge at a minimum 2 CAI's.
- 3.5. Have acted as Shadow Judge at two CAI3\* or above with recommendation of a Level 4 Judge at one CAI 3\*.
- 3.6. Speak one of the two official languages and understand written and spoken English.
- 3.7. To have attended a refresher Level II Course within a maximum of 3 years.
- 3.8. Be preferably under the age of 65.

In addition:

- 3.9. Have shown a consistent high level of Dressage marking.
- 3.10. Have a high level of knowledge and understanding of the FEI Driving Rules.
- 3.11. Fully understand all aspects of scoring.
- 3.12. Judge Level 4 Promotion must be approved by the Driving Technical Committee.

The FEI maintains a list of qualified Level 4 Judges who have been recommended by their NFs, and who have been accepted by the FEI.

#### Limitations

- Judges who have not been active during a period of three years and more, may be removed from the FEI list at the discretion of the FEI.
- Judges of all categories must retire at the end of the year in which they reach the age of 70. In very special circumstances and on the recommendation of the FEI Driving Committee the age limit may be extended for a further 2 years. The maximum extension period which can be granted is 4 years.
- To retain their status, Judges must attend a clinic, seminar or Refresher Course every three years for their respective category. Otherwise they may be removed from the list at the discretion of the FEI.
- Judges must officiate as member of the Ground Jury at an international event at least once every four years or, at the discretion of the FEI, have his/ her name removed from the FEI list of Judges.

## QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR TECHNICAL DELEGATES

### Categories of Technical Delegates

Technical Delegates are divided into three categories:

- Level 2 Technical Delegate.
- Level 3 Technical Delegate.
- Level 4 Technical Delegate.

### Qualification requirements for Technical Delegates

#### 4. Promotion to Level 2 Technical Delegate

For promotion to level 2 Technical Delegate an applicant will:

- 4.1. Have had regular practice as a National Technical Delegate over a period of at least five years, as well as having acted as Technical Delegate at two CANs. Experience on Organising Committees, as well as having worked with a Course Designer is required. This requirement may be reduced if the Technical Delegate is a Level 3 Judge or a Level 3 Course Designer.
- 4.2. Have acted as a TD at top level National Events during the current or preceding year.
- 4.3. Speak one of the two official languages.
- 4.4. Have attended and passed at least one FEI Level I Combined Course for Candidate Judges, Technical Delegates and Course Designers.
- 4.5. Be preferably under the age of 60.

In addition:

- 4.6. Have a high level of knowledge and understanding of the FEI Driving Rules.
- 4.7. Have an understanding of the marathon and the FEI rules and technical requirements of the Course.
- 4.8. Have an understanding of the marathon rules in connection with the Welfare of the Horse.
- 4.9. Have a technical understanding and knowledge of how to measure a cones course.
- 4.10. Have an understanding of scoring.

The FEI maintains a list of qualified Level 2 Technical Delegates who have been recommended by their NF and who have been accepted by the FEI.

#### 5. Promotion to Level 3 Technical Delegate

For promotion to level 3 an FEI level 2 Technical Delegate will:

- 5.1. Have been an FEI Level 2 Technical Delegate for a minimum of 2 years or two complete seasons, and maximum of 5 years or complete seasons.
- 5.2. Have been an FEI Level 2 Technical Delegate at a minimum of 3 CAI Events.
- 5.3. Be preferably under the age of 60.

In addition:

- 5.4. Have a full knowledge of the FEI Driving Rules, FEI General Regulations and the FEI Veterinary Regulations.
- 5.5. Have a full understanding of the Marathon and an understanding of how the ground conditions can affect the technical requirements of the Course.
- 5.6. Have an understanding of the FEI rules in connection with the Welfare of the Horse
- 5.7. Have a technical understanding and knowledge of how to measure a Cones Course for the different categories of Athletes.
- 5.8. Have a full understanding of scoring.

The FEI maintains a list of qualified Level 3 Technical Delegates who have been recommended by their NF and who have been accepted by the FEI. They must meet the qualification requirements for Level 2 Technical Delegates before they may be appointed.

## 6. Promotion to Level 4 Technical Delegate

For promotion to level 4 an FEI level 3 Technical Delegate will:

- 6.1. Have been an FEI Level 3 Technical Delegate for a minimum of 5 years **or hold the Level 3 or Level 4 Judge or Course Designer status since 3 years.**
- 6.2. Have been a Technical Delegate at a minimum of 10 CAIs **or hold the Level 3 or Level 4 Judge or Course Designer status since 3 years and have officiated in a minimum of 10 CAIs.**
- 6.3. Have been Assistant Technical Delegate at 2 World Championships with a favourable report from the Technical Delegate **or hold the Level 3 or Level 4 Judge and Course Designer status since 3 years and have officiated in 2 World Championships.**
- 6.4. Have attended a refresher Level II Course.
- 6.5. Be preferably under the age of 65.
- 6.6. **Technical Delegate Level 4 Promotion must be approved by the Driving Technical Committee.**

The FEI maintains a list of qualified Level 4 Technical Delegates who have been recommended by their NFs, and who have been accepted by the FEI.

## Limitations

- Technical Delegates who have not been active during a period of three years and more, may be removed from the FEI list at the discretion of the FEI.
- Technical Delegates of all categories must retire at the end of the year in which they reach the age of 70. In very special circumstances and on recommendation of FEI Driving Committee the age limit may be extended for a further 2 years. The maximum extension period which can be granted is 4 years.
- To retain their status, Technical Delegates must attend a clinic or seminar every three years for their respective category. Otherwise they may be removed from the list at the discretion of the FEI.
- Technical Delegate must officiate as Technical Delegate at an International Event at least once every four years or, at the discretion of the FEI, have his name removed from the FEI list of Technical Delegate.

## CLASSIFICATION OF COURSE DESIGNERS

### Categories of International Course Designers

Course Designers are divided into three categories:

- Level 2 Course Designer.
- Level 3 Course Designer.
- Level 4 Course Designer.

## Qualification Requirements for Course Designers

### 7. Promotion to Level 2 Course Designer

For promotion to level 2 Course Designer an applicant will:

- 7.1. Have regular practice as a National Course Designer of the highest national qualification over a period of at least five years. This requirement may be reduced if the candidate has experience as an international Athlete.
- 7.2. Have attended and passed an FEI Level I Combined Course.

The FEI maintains a list of qualified Level 2 Course Designers who have been recommended by their NFs, and who have been accepted by the FEI.

### 8. Promotion to Level 3 Course Designer

For promotion to level 3 an FEI level 2 Course Designer will:

- 8.1. Regularly practice Course Designing and to have designed at least five CAI2\* or above.
- 8.2. Have qualified at an FEI course for Level 3 Course Designers within the past four years.
- 8.3. Understand and speak one of the official two languages.
- 8.4. Be preferably under the age of 60.

The FEI maintains a list of qualified Level 3 Course Designers who have been recommended by their NFs, and who have been accepted by the FEI. They must meet the qualifications of a Level 2 Course Designer before they may be appointed.

### 9. Promotion to Level 4 Course Designer

For promotion to level 4 an FEI level 3 Course Designer will:

- 9.1. Have had considerable experience proven by excellent performance as Course Designer at major FEI events.
- 9.2. Have attended and passed an FEI Level II refresher course.
- 9.3. Have a high level of understanding of the Rules as they pertain to course designing
- 9.4. Understand how course designing impacts on the Welfare of the Horse.
- 9.5. Be preferably under the age of 65.
- 9.6. Course Designer Level 4 Promotion must be approved by the Driving Technical Committee.

The FEI maintains a list of qualified Level 4 Course Designers who have been recommended by their NFs, and who have been accepted by the FEI.

## Limitations

- Course Designers who have not been active during a period of three years and more, may be removed from the FEI list at the discretion of the FEI.
- Course Designers of all categories must retire at the end of the year in which they reach the age of 70. In very special circumstances and on the recommendation of the FEI Driving Committee the age limit may be extended for a further 2 years. The maximum extension period which can be granted is 4 years.
- To retain their status, Course Designers must attend a clinic or seminar every three years for their respective category. Otherwise they may be removed from the list at the discretion of the FEI.
- A Course Designer must officiate as Course Designer at an international event at least once every four years or, at the discretion of the FEI, have his name removed from the FEI list of Course Designers.