

Mauritian Equestrian Sports Federation rules

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Every rider practicing equitation either for leisure or competition purposes as part of a Federation Member Club, is required without exception to be the holder of a valid riders federal licence.

The responsibility of the member clubs is to ensure that this obligation is respected without exception

All non-competition riders should also have a license for the following reasons:

-To benefit from the insurance offered by the federation

-To support the federation in its role in promoting equestrian sports.

All riders representing the MESF undertakes to respect and be bound by the following rules:

- 1.1** All participants, by application for a federal license or acceptance by appointment to the MESF, agrees to be bound by the MESF memorandum and Articles of Association and all rules, regulations and bye-laws made hereunder and has agreed that the decision of the board, stewards and other competent authorities of the MESF given in accordance therewith shall be binding upon them.

- 1.2** It is the responsibility of all participants to ensure that they are aware of and familiar with the rules, and all participants competing under these rules shall be deemed to have knowledge of these rules as amended from time to time.

- 1.3** For all Rules not mentioned in the MESF rules & regulations, then the rules of the 'Federation Equestre Internationale' (www.fei.org) and the Sports Act of the Ministry of Youth and Sports apply.

2.0 SHOW JUMPING RULES

2.1 Height, number of obstacles and the courses, schedules and warm up

2.1.1 JUNIOR

Category JUNIOR		Fillings	Table	No. Of obstacles	Combinations	
50cm		No	*	8-10	No	
60/70cm		No	*		1 double in 2 strides	
Open 60cm		No	*		1 double in 2 strides	
70/80cm		No	*		1 double in 2 strides	
80/90cm		No	*		1 double in 2 strides	
Open 80cm		No	*		1 double in 2 strides	

***ARTICLE 274 OF THE FEI : COMPETITION IN TWO (2) PHASES**

Art 274.1 a 5.2,5.6 and 5.7

Age :

- 50; 60/70; 70/80: 16 years old and under in that year
- 80/90 : 18 years and under in that year

The Open categories are open to all but the course must be different. The course must be suitable for young horses and young riders.

Horses accepted in each category:

- 50; 60/70 : No horses are authorised

- 70/80 : Horses level E-D
- 80/90 : Horses level E,D,C
- OPEN: Horses and ponies in all categories
- Note that there is no restriction on the size of the pony.
- All thoroughbreds are considered horses.

Number of rounds per horse/ pony:

No horse or pony will be allowed to take part more than 4 times.

No rider will be authorised to ride the same horse or pony in two different categories (Benjamin, cadet, junior, espoirs)

2.1.2 SENIOR

Number of rounds per horse

Horses : Two rounds per horse

A horse that is taking part in two different categories with two different riders may only take part if there is no more than a two category difference.

For example:

The horse can take part in A/B/C

B/C/D

C/D/E

The same horse cannot compete in A and D or B and E

Categories	Wall	Filling	Max combinations	Max efforts	Max obstacles	Table
Senior						
Open 80cm	Yes	Yes	Decided by	course	designer	Table A Without timer
Open 1m	Decided	by	course	designer		
Om80	Yes	Yes	2 doubles	Decided by	Course designer	Table A jump off, or

						in 2 phases
0m90	Yes	Yes	1double +1 triple/2double	Decided by	Course designer	Table A jump off or in 2 phases
1m00	Yes	Yes		Decided by	Course designer	Table A jump off or in 2 phases
1m10	Yes	Yes		Decided by	Course designer	Table A jump off or in 2 phases
1m20	Yes	Yes		Decided by	Course designer	Table A jump off or in 2 phases

*Article 274 of the FEI : The competition in two phases

Article 246 of the FEI : Jump off

a) **Time keeping** : For manual time-keeping, times within 5/100^o of a second will be considered equal. For example 63'14 and 63'10

b)Article 208 Obstacles – General (FEI)

1. The obstacles must be inviting in their overall shape and appearance, varied and match their surroundings. Both the obstacles themselves and their constituent parts must be such that they can be knocked down, while not being so light that they fall at the slightest touch or so heavy that they may cause horses to fall or be injured.

2. The obstacles must be designed with horsemanship and fairness in mind.

2.1.3 Warm-up obstacles

The obstacles should not exceed the set limits by no more than by 10cm in height or width.

2.2 Dress and head gear

Junior categories

50cm; 60/70cm: Breeches and a white polo shirt.

70/80cm – open : White or beige breeches, white shirt or polo

80/90 Junior : White or beige breeches, white shirt and tie

Senior categories

White or beige breeches, competition shirt, white tie, classic competition blazer or FFE(Black, dark green, navy blue and dark grey).

(In very warm weather, the Ground Jury may allow Athletes to ride without a jacket. In bad weather, the Ground Jury may allow the wearing of a waterproof jacket.)

NB : Shirt and tie or shirt with a high collar for girls.

Riding boots or ankle boots and chaps are compulsory in all categories.

Riding hats: It is compulsory for anyone when mounted to wear a properly fastened hard hat with a three point retention harness. The rider must insure that the hard hat adheres to the international norms: EN1384/A1/ASTMf1163-01

Colours and National flag:

Badges – The flag and colours can be worn on the blazer :MESF logo on the chest and the flag on the upper right sleeve. Only the most recent colours won may be worn. Wearing of the National flag is allowed only for members of the past and present National team.

Saddlery : Fixed martingales and market Harborough reins are allowed until D category. For categories A,B and C only unrestricted running martingales are allowed.

2.3 Changing category

2.3.1 Dropping down a category

- A request must be sent to the Federation with valid reasons (change of rider, problems with the horse, 2 consecutive eliminations, etc). If the request is granted and the rider is classed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the next 3 shows, he must move back up and loose the points from the lower category.
- All young or inexperienced riders who wish to ride a horse in a higher category should make an official written request to the MESF. If the request is granted and the rider is classed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the following 3 competitions, then the rider must move up a category and loose the points gained in the lower category.

2.3.2 Moving up a category

The MESF will not force any horse to move category during the year but:

- **Juniors:** The rider who comes first in the National league must move up a category the following year unless the trainer has a valid reason.
- **Seniors:**
- Cat E,D,C: Winners of the national league can stay in the same category for another year but if they win a second time, they must move up a category.
- -If a rider wins the league having won 3 out of 5 competitions, the rider must move up category unless the trainer objects.
- -Cat B: A rider will be asked to move up a category if he/she wins 3 out of 5 competitions in clear rounds including a 1m20 jump off.

Note that the category that a rider takes part in depends on the horse and the riders' competence. The trainers of each club must ensure that the riders are in the correct category for competitions.

2.4 Annual League

Junior Leagues

All the competitions during the year will count.

Senior Leagues

All the competitions during the year will count.

2.5 Point system

Points will be allocated using a system devised by the FEI and will vary depending on the number of participants.

When more than 16 riders are participating in a category, only the 1st 16 will score points.

Only the riders completing their 1st round will score points.

Point system for the league

No de Riders per competition	16 (or more)	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Rank																
1	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	6	4	2
2	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	3	1	
3	15	14	13	1	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	2	1		
4	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
5	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1				
6	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1					
7	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1						

8	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1										
9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1											
10	7	6	5	4	3	2	1												
11	6	5	4	3	2	1													
12	5	4	3	2	1														
13	4	3	2	1															
14	3	2	1																
15	2	1																	
16	1																		

2.6 The Annual Championship

2.6.1 Qualification:

To qualify for the championship, the rider:

- Must have a valid MESF competition license.
- Must have competed in at least 3 National competitions (league and WJC) in the same category in that year.
- Can have competed on 2 different horses in the same category but must make a definite decision on which horse to compete within 3 days before the championship.
- No horse or pony can compete with more than 1 rider.
- Conditions for qualification: The first 10 riders in the league in each category will qualify. If there are less than 10 riders who qualify, the MESF reserves the right to invite other riders.

2.6.2 Subscriptions : Closing date is 10 days before the Championship.

2.6.3 Courses : To be decided by the technical committee

2.6.4 Ranking : The conditions will be dependent on the final Table decided by the technical committee.

2.6.5 Prizes : The first in each category will be declared champion. Rosettes will be offered to the 1st 5 in each category.

3.0 Dressage rules and regulations

1. Saddlery and bits

A Bits

- Club 1 & 2: Simple bridle and bit (see copy SANEF and FFE)
- Club 1 & 2: Pelham permitted (without artificial aids)
- WDC Tests: See rules and regulations FEI WDC

B Artificial aids

- Club 1 & 2: elastics (forehead perpendicular to the ground), martingale, fixed martingale, market Harborough reins)

C Bandages and protections

- Permitted in clubs 1&2

2. Dress code

a. Riders

-White or beige breeches for all categories

-White shirts: Clubs 1&2

- Competition shirts, tie or shirt with a high collar, blazer : for all events FEI. In very warm weather, the Ground Jury may allow Athletes to ride without a jacket and in this case sleeveless shirts are not permitted.
- A hard hat is compulsory in all categories.
- Riding boots or ankle boots and chaps are compulsory in all categories.

b. Horses

- Saddle cloth / Numna
- Clubs 1 & 2: colours permitted
- All MESF / FEI events : Black or white

3.Spurs and/or crops

- Clubs 1&2 : crops permitted but no spurs.
- FEI events: Crops not permitted, spurs are optional.

4. Dictation of the dressage test

- Permitted for all courses

5. Rising trot

- Club 1 & 2 unless otherwise indicated

6. Arena

- 40x20 Club 1&2
- 60x20 FEI WDC events

7. Length of the course

- As indicated on the test

8. Placements horses and ponies

- Club 1 & 2 FEI preliminary & FEI elementary: Children and adults must be judged separately.

4.0 Vaulting

See rules FEI Vaulting Group IX 2012

5.0 Code of conduct

During an event, a participant shall:

- a) Not conduct himself in a manner which is offensive to the public.
- b) Not argue with an official, use abusive or threatening language or behave with incivility or contempt towards an official.
- c) Not ill-treat a horse in any way in or out of the arena.
- d) Not use excessive or abusive force with the crop or spurs.
- e) Not deliberately use the action of the bit as a means of punishment and /or misuse any item of saddlery in a manner likely to cause pain or discomfort to the horse or pony.
- f) Not allow a horse in the warm up arena or anywhere during the competition to:
 - be rapped
 - jump a pole or obstacle which is being hand held
 - jump a oxer where the back pole is lower than the front element.
 - jump a fence in the wrong direction
- g) Not allow, knowingly or otherwise, a horse for which the person is responsible to compete in any competition under the influence of a forbidden substance which includes alcohol and chemical substances. The person responsible shall be in breach of this rule if the analysis of a sample taken from the said horse shows the presence in its body fluids of any substance, which is a forbidden substance.
- h) Not unreasonably refuse to allow a horse which has competed or is about to compete in a competition at an event to undergo any properly authorised test or examination if requested to do so by an officer of the Testing Authority or the organising committee.
- i) Be in breach of this rule if the analysis of a sample taken from him or her shows the presence in his or her body fluids of a quantity of any substance which is a

forbidden substance or one of its metabolites, or of a specified amount of an endogenous substance subject to quantitative analysis.

j) Not to refuse to give a sample of his or her body fluids for the purpose of control of the use of forbidden substances.

k) Conduct himself in such a manner which is detrimental to the character and/or prejudicial to the interests of the MESF.

l) Not unreasonably fail to assist the Stewards, officers or board members of the MESF in their investigations of complaints of misconduct by members of the Federation.

m) Not make, either verbally or in writing to an official, to an officer of the MESF, a statement on any matter covered by the rules, which does not or could not reasonably believe to be true.

n) Not compete and/or transport horses to an Event without a valid MESF passport or license.

o) Having indicated his availability for selection for an official Mauritius National team, not unreasonably fail or refuse to compete in such team if selected.

q) Not exercise any of the rights or privileges of participation in the MESF, nor assist represent or act on behalf of any other member of the MESF's members at an event staged under the rules of the MESF or any foreign National federation while suspended from all rights and privileges of participation.

6.0 Insurance

Every rider practicing equitation, either for leisure or competition, within a federation member club, is obliged to be licensed with the federation.

The responsibility of the member clubs is to ensure that this rule is respected without exceptions.

During all MESF competitions, an ambulance will be present. Any injured rider will be taken to the clinic affiliated with the ambulance.

The MESF declines any responsibility in the case of accidents during the practise of the sport either in leisure or competition.

Riders insurance is obligatory and the fee for the same is included in the licence (with the exception of the superior insurance). And which is defined as follows:-

Standard insurance coverage - (for more details please see the Insurance policy with your club administration)

Rider 5-15 years

Cover:

Death: Rs10,000

Permanent disablement: Rs150,000

Rider 16-65 Years

Cover:

Death: Rs150 000

Permanent disablement: Rs200 000

Superior Insurance

Only for riders aged 16-65years

Annual premium per rider :Rs620

Cover:

Death: Rs150 000

Permanent total Disablement: Rs500 000

Medical Insurance

Annual premium:

Option (1) Medical expenses limit : Rs35 000 (per accident)

Annual premium per rider: Rs3,120.-

Option (2)Medical expenses limit: Rs50 000(per accident)

Annual premium per rider: Rs4,140.-

Each member club receives details of the insurance policies at the beginning of each year.

For all additional inquiries, please contact Mila at the MESF office – Tel 6985849 – Monday to Friday 09h00 to 15h00

7.0 Competition Fees and license 2013

The competition fees are always due PRIOR to the competition.

Any and all riders participating in a competition without having already paid their MESF license fees and competition fees, will be declared a non-participant.

Fees 2013	Rs
CSO Junior	700
CSO Senior	800
Dressage	750
Voltige	550
Equifun	500
Galop	350
WDC	1000
Clinic	750
WJC (2 days)	1800
WJC open	900
Championship	1000

License Fees

Riders licence including insurance:

5-15 years

Club rider Rs600

Competition rider : Rs900

Over 16 years:

Club rider Rs700

Competition rider: Rs1000

Horse license Rs700

Horse passport Rs500

Social license Rs200

Annual club charge Rs5000

No rider or horse (except club ponies and horses) shall be allowed to compete without the required licence.

8.0 Selection for the National team 2013

The selection criteria for the National team are further developed every year with the evolution of the level of riding and the invitations received.

The criteria for 2013 are:

- a) Must be Mauritian
- b) Must have participated in at least 3 jumping competitions the year before in categories A, B or C (league and WJC)
- c) Must have been selected for the end of year Championship.
- d) The rider must agree to lend his/her best horse for competitions in category A,B or C. If the horse does not belong to him, he must have agreement form the owner before agreeing to the selection.
- e) Must be licensed with the MESF.
- f) Must be an experienced rider able to ride borrowed horses at a high level.
- g) The final decision for selection rests with the MESF committee who will additionally select the team captain. Please note that not all selected National Team riders are able to represent Mauritius in the year they are selected, however the managing committee will make every effort to try to

ensure that all team members are offered a chance to participate abroad or locally at least once during the year.

9.0 Transport

9.1 MESF will organise the transportation of horses and ponies from the member club to where the competition will take place during National and International competitions.

9.2 Any licensed rider who will transport his own horse or pony will pay half the entry fee.

9.3 Any rider who rents his own transport for his horse when MESF is offering common transport will pay the full fee to the transporter. Please note that the MESF has priority over the rental of horse and pony transport vans.

9.4 If the horse is not located at the club to which the rider is a member, the rider will receive a contribution equivalent to the cost of transportation in a large van.