



Changes in Sport Judges Guidelines, valid as of April 1, 2015

1. Change to the general description of Fast Tölt

The horse should go in an even four-beat rhythm, which runs fluently through the horse. The horse should lengthen its strides and the head and neck **becoming** more extended than at slow tölt, the whole topline still being strong and without tension. The horse should move in balance, with strong and active back, active hind quarters, with suppleness and fluid movements.

2. Reminder of the handling of the loose rein portion of T6

A note has been added to the “other remarks” section of the loose rein tölt guidelines to remind the judges to completely ignore the performance on the short side of the track. The new remark reads:

T6: Handling of the reins on the short sides is neither rewarded nor penalized by the judges, the "Execution" element is simply ignored while the rider is on the short side of the track.

3. Changes to the handling of suspension in Trot (Beat / Balance)

The “poor performance” section now reads.

Very poor beat, little suspension, frequently losing the gait, very uneven strides.

4. Loss of a Shoe in Competition

A new section of text has been added to clarify the handling of a lost shoe:

If a horse loses a shoe during a performance the rider must stop his performance. Any marks and/or times earned before the loss of the shoe are kept including those from completed sections of the current phase of the test. The rider receives a "0" for the remaining sections of the current phase of the test but is not disqualified. A horse found to have lost a shoe in the equipment check is not disqualified.

5. Handling of the “Blood” rule

The “blood” rule has been formally integrated into FIPO 2015 (1.1.2.7). The following text explains the handling of this rule with regard to excusing a horse from a test:

If a horse is found to be bleeding under this rule, the horse is excused from the current test. Any marks or times from previously completed phases of the test (preliminary round, B-final, completed pace sprints) are kept. All marks and/or times from the current phase of the test are invalid.

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