



# EEF BALKAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

BECh	Balkan Equestrian Championship
BECh-S	Balkan Equestrian Championship – Jumping
BECh-D	Balkan Equestrian Championship – Dressage
BECh-CC	Balkan Equestrian Championship – Eventing
BECh-E	Balkan Equestrian Championship – Endurance
BECh-A	Balkan Equestrian Championship – Driving
BEC	Balkan Equestrian Conference
BEF	Balkan Equestrian Federation (National Federation of a Balkan Country)
BEC-OC	Balkan Equestrian Conference Organising Committee (BEC and EEF OC Team)
CC	Eventing
CD	Dressage
Ch	Children
CS	Jumping
CE	Endurance
CA	Driving
FEI	Fédération Équestre Internationale
GR	General Regulations
J	Juniors
L	Ladies
NF	National Federation
OC	Organising Committee (Host BECh Federation OC)
OF	Organising Federation (Host BECh federation)
S	Seniors
SR	Special Regulations
TD	Technical Delegate
CD	Course Designer
EVT	Endurance Veterinarian Treating
VD	Veterinary Delegate
GB	Governing Body – ( EEF European Equestrian Federation )
GJ	Ground Jury

## PREAMBLE

The BEC are open to all nations, the Equestrian Federations of which are members of the FEI, their national territory is totally or partially situated within the Balkan Peninsula and their Equestrian Federations have accepted the provisions of the present Special Regulations. In this moment the members are: Equestrian Federations of **Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and Turkey**. They have decided to amend and codify with the present text, the Regulations under which the BALKAN EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (BECh) are organized.

The Balkan Federations have been organizing Balkan Championships since 1968. Over the past 50 years, many people have invested much time and efforts to develop regulations which were then approved by the Balkan conferences. These regulations govern the organization of Balkan Championships in 5 equestrian disciplines. In 2008, the separate regulations were collected into a single document. The present Regulations for the Balkan Equestrian Championships are effective on 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2022. As from this date all other texts covering the same matter issued previously are superseded.

These Regulations will be reviewed every time the need will arise to bring them in line with new editions of FEI Rules and EEF rules.

These Regulations have been written in the effort to attain the best possible conduct of equestrian events. Nevertheless the success of these events must be based on the long-term and brotherly co-operation of the people living in the Balkan Peninsula, who include the large family of Athletes and officials of Equestrian Sports.

## The FEI code of conduct for the welfare of the horse

The FEI and EEF requires all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the Horse must be paramount. Welfare of the horse must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences. The following points must be particularly adhered to:

### 1. General Welfare:

#### a) Good Horse management

Stabling and feeding must be compatible with the best Horse management practices. Clean and good quality hay, feed and water must always be available.

#### b) Training methods

Horses must only undergo training that matches their physical capabilities and level of maturity for their respective disciplines. They must not be subjected to methods which are abusive or cause fear.

#### c) Farriery and tack

Foot care and shoeing must be of a high standard. Tack must be designed and fitted to avoid the risk of pain or injury.

#### d) Transport

During transportation, Horses must be fully protected against injuries and other health risks. Vehicles must be safe, well ventilated, maintained to a high standard, disinfected regularly and driven by competent personnel. Competent handlers must always be available to manage the Horses.

#### e) Transit

All journeys must be planned carefully, and Horses allowed regular rest periods with access to food and water in line with current FEI guidelines.

### 2. Fitness to compete:

#### a) Fitness and competence

Participation in Competition must be restricted to fit Horses and Athletes of proven competence. Horses must be allowed suitable rest period between training and competitions; additional rest periods should be allowed following travelling.

#### b) Health status

No Horse deemed unfit to compete may compete or continue to compete; veterinary advice must be sought whenever there is any doubt.

#### c) Doping and Medication

Any action or intent of doping and illicit use of medication constitute a serious welfare issue and will not be tolerated. After any veterinary treatment, sufficient time must be allowed for full recovery before Competition.

#### d) Surgical procedures

Any surgical procedures that threaten a competing Horse's welfare or the safety of other Horses and/or Athletes must not be allowed.

#### e) Pregnant/recently foaled mares

Mares must not compete after their fourth month of pregnancy or with foal at foot.

#### f) Misuse of aids

Abuse of a Horse using natural riding aids or artificial aids (e.g. whips, spurs, etc.) will not be tolerated.

**3. Events must not prejudice Horse welfare:**

a) Competition areas

Horses must be trained and compete on suitable and safe surfaces. All obstacles and competition conditions must be designed with the safety of the Horse in mind.

b) Ground surfaces

All ground surfaces on which Horses walk, train or compete must be designed and maintained to reduce factors that could lead to injury.

c) Extreme weather

Competitions must not take place in extreme weather conditions that may compromise welfare or safety of the Horse. Provision must be made for cooling conditions and equipment for Horses after competing.

d) Stabling at Events

Stables must be safe, hygienic, comfortable, well ventilated and of sufficient size for the type and disposition of the Horse. Washing-down areas and water must always be available.

**4. Humane treatment of horses:**

a) Veterinary treatment

Veterinary expertise must always be available at an Event. If a Horse is injured or exhausted during a Competition, the Athlete must stop competing and a veterinary evaluation must be performed.

b) Referral centres

Wherever necessary, Horses should be collected by ambulance and transported to the nearest relevant treatment centre for further assessment and therapy. Injured Horses must be given full supportive treatment before being transported.

c) Competition injuries

The incidence of injuries sustained in Competition should be monitored. Ground surface conditions, frequency of Competitions and any other risk factors should be examined carefully to indicate ways to minimize injuries.

d) Euthanasia

If injuries are sufficiently severe a Horse may need to be euthanized on humane grounds by a veterinarian as soon as possible, with the sole aim of minimizing suffering.

e) Retirement

Horses must be treated sympathetically and humanely when they retire from Competition.

**5. Education:**

The FEI and EEF urges all those involved in equestrian sport to attain the highest possible levels of education in areas of expertise relevant to the care and management of the Competition Horse.

This Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse may be modified from time to time and the views of all are welcomed. Particular attention will be paid to new research findings and the FEI and EEF encourages further funding and support for welfare studies.

# FIRST PART: GENERAL

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## CHAPTER I. GENERAL

### Article 1. DEFINITIONS – PURPOSE – SCOPE OF REGULATIONS

1. The Championships organised in the particular way provided in the present Regulations are hereby defined as the BALKAN EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (BECh) and are classified as Regional Championships by the EEF and within the meaning of Article 104.3.1 of the FEI General Regulations (GR)
2. The BECh are open to all nations, the Equestrian Federations of which are members of the FEI and EEF, their national territory is totally or partially situated within the Balkan Peninsula and their Equestrian Federations have accepted to amend and codify with the provisions of the present Rules and Regulations.
3. The BECh aim at promoting the Equestrian Sports within the geographical region of the Balkan Countries, expanding the collaboration and strengthening the friendly ties between these nations and their equestrian Athletes as well as between all persons involved in any capacity in the Equestrian Sports (course designers, judges, stewards, veterinarians, officials, equestrian federations etc.)
4. These Special Regulations are drafted with the common agreement of the Equestrian Federations of the Balkan Nations in order to secure uniformity in the organization of the BECh and to minimize as much as possible any differences in the cost of their organization.

### Article 2. DISCIPLINES PROVIDED FOR IN THE BECH REGULATIONS – NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

BECh are organised with minimum 4 countries, minimum 3 Teams per category, and minimum 8 individuals participating to be considered CH (GR Art. 104.3.3.1) in the disciplines of Jumping, Dressage, Endurance, Eventing and Driving.

1. **In Jumping (BECh-S)**, Maximum 8 riders from each country can participate in each category. The team consists of 3 or 4 Athletes and the best 3 results count towards the overall team result in each round. Team and individual competitions in the following categories are held:
  - 1.1. Seniors
  - 1.2. Young Riders
  - 1.3. Juniors
  - 1.4. Children
  - 1.5. Ladies
  - 1.6. YH 6 and 7 years old not part of the BECh (at the request of the BEC OC )
  - 1.7. YH National Breeds not part of the BECh (at the request of the host country, approved by BEC OC)
2. **In Dressage (BECh-D)**, Maximum 8 riders from each country can participate in each category. The team consists of 3-4 Athletes and the best 3 scores count towards the overall team result. Team and individual competitions in the following categories are held:
  - 2.1. Seniors
  - 2.2. Young riders
  - 2.3. Juniors
  - 2.4. Children

3. **In Eventing (BECh-CC)**, Maximum 8 riders from each country can participate in each category. The team consists of 3-4 Athletes and the best 3 results count towards the overall team results. Team and individual competitions in the following categories are held:
  - 3.1 Seniors
  - 3.2 Juniors

“Two and Three Star Event” (CCI\*\* Long and/or CCI\*\*\* Long), named “Balkan Cup” could be organized at the same time together with BEC-CC
4. **In Endurance (BECh-E)**, Maximum 8 Athletes from each country can participate in each category. The team consists of five (5) Athletes with the best three results counting towards the team result with one (1) horse each from 8.
  - 4.1 Seniors (there can be juniors’ classification)
 

“One and Two Star Event” (CEI\* or CEI\*\*) named “Balkan Cup could be organized at the same time together with BECh-E
5. **In Driving (BECh-A)** Each NF may enter a maximum of three Pair Athletes with a maximum of three Horses per Pair.
  - 5.1 Team Classification for Championships is determined by adding together the scores of the two Athletes in each National team with the lowest penalties in each Competition.
  - 5.2 Only the scores of those Team Members who have completed all three Competitions can be counted towards the final team scores.
  - 5.3 In the event that a nation can only send two Pair Athletes they must be entered as a team.
  - 5.4 Athletes in Pair classes may start each Competition with any two (2) of their three (3) declared entries.

### Article 3. DATES AND ROTATION IN THE ORGANISATION OF BECh

1. The BECh-S is organised every year on the first weekend of September if it is applicable and includes all categories in the discipline of Jumping as set in Article 2.
2. The BECh-D is organised every year between 1<sup>st</sup> July to 20<sup>th</sup> September if it is applicable and includes all categories in the discipline of Dressage as set in Article 2.
3. BECh-CC is organised every year between 1st May and 15 October if it is applicable and includes all categories in the disciplines of Eventing as set in Article 2.
4. BECh- E is organised every year between 15<sup>th</sup> of September and the last weekend of October if it is applicable and includes all categories in the discipline Endurance as set in Article 2.
5. BECh- A is organised every year between 1st May and the last weekend of July if it is applicable and includes Horse Pairs senior class.
6. The rotation order for the organisation of the BECh is the following:
 

BECh - S: ROMANIA, CROATIA, SERBIA, TURKEY, BULGARIA, GREECE

BECh – D: ROMANIA, SLOVENIA, CROATIA, BULGARIA, SERBIA, TURKEY, GREECE

BECh - CC:

BECh - E: TURKEY, CROATIA, ROMANIA, GREECE, BULGARIA

BECh – A: ROMANIA, SERBIA, SLOVENIA, CROATIA

The insertion of other Balkan Nations in the order of organisation will be just before the country organising the BECh the year of the insertion of the new country.

In case of order for a NF to organize more than one Balkan Championship in different disciplines and disagreement of this NF, Balkan Conference could change the order for one

of the disciplines to be replaced by the next NF, or chosen NF by BEC and BEC OC. Rotation system is initial and provisional order and final decision will be made by BEC after conclusion of the bidding process.

7. Changes in the above dates, organisation or rotation order must be made either during an Ordinary Balkan Conference, Extraordinary Balkan Conference or by BEC Committee with majority votes.
8. In case of unforeseen circumstances decisions for changes in the dates and organization of BEC could be made by e-mails or conference call, but with majority consent of Balkan Federations which are Organizing Balkan CHs.

#### Article 4. RULES TO BE IMPLEMENTED

1. BECh are subjected to be in the correlation with Rules and Regulations of the FEI / EEF, in their most recent edition with all effective amendments as published on the FEI website.
2. In addition to the above, the NFs participating in the BECh must also comply with these present Special Regulations of the BECh.
3. Language of the BECh Regulations: The present BECh Regulations are drafted in English.
4. Each BEF assumes the responsibility to translate these present Special Regulations of the BECh in its own language and to ascertain that all Athletes selected, by the said NF, as members of their official teams, are familiar with it.
5. All Athletes entered in a BECh are supposed to have knowledge and to accept the terms and conditions of the present Regulations as well as of the Schedule of the Regional Championships.

## CHAPTER II. CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION TO BECh

### Article 5. GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR THE PARTICIPATION AT THE BECh

1. Only Athletes and horses registered with the FEI, and entered by their NFs, as members of their official team may participate at the BECh.
2. The BECh may be organised in any Discipline and Category if there are at least four (4 ) NFs participating.
3. No Athlete is allowed to participate in more than one category in the same BECh.
  - 3.1. Each Athlete is allowed to ride only one horse in Jumping, Dressage, Eventing and Endurance Championships. In Driving, each Athlete may drive only one Pair of Horses and one spare horse
  - 3.2 However, an Athlete is allowed to compete in different discipline, but in the frame of the same age category).
4. Age of Athletes: Athletes participating in all categories are subject to age restrictions as laid down in Art. 124 of FEI GR.
  - Children - from the beginning of the year they reach the age 12 up to the whole year they reach 14
  - Juniors from the beginning of the year they reach the age 14 up to the whole year they reach 18
  - Young Riders from the beginning of the year they reach the age 16 up to the whole year they reach 21
  - Ladies from the beginning of the year they reach the age 15
  - Seniors from the beginning of the year they reach the age 18
  - In BEC Driving, Athletes could be 16 years old, but in this case, they must be accompanied by a groom(s) of 18 years or older

No changes in the pairs horse/Athlete declared during the Technical Meeting are allowed in Endurance. In Driving an Athlete may compete with any Horse out of the three entered in the Definite Entries.
6. Endurance Trainers must be registered with the FEI.
7. Grooms on the carriage in either the Driven Dressage Test, the Cones Competition or the Marathon shall be considered as "Participating Support Personnel." Each Driver must inform the show office at the latest half an hour before the start of each competition (Dressage, Marathon, Cones) who is/are "Participating Support Personnel."

### Horses

A horse can compete in only one event of BECh when BEChs are held simultaneously (at the same time).

8. Age of Horses: Horses entered for any discipline in the BECh must be at least at the age as follow (Only for Dressage Ch category horses and Ponies can compete together - Dressage Rules Art 422, 1.4):
  - 8.1. BECh S

Ch	6 years (Chapter IV Art. 21.1.JR)
J, YR,L,	7 years (Chapter III Art. 15.1.1JR)
S	8 years

- |      |                                    |                                      |
|------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 8.2. | BECh D                             |                                      |
|      | Ch, J                              | 6 years                              |
|      | YR,S                               | 7 years Small Tour, 8 years Big Tour |
| 8.3. | BECh CC                            |                                      |
|      | J,S 1*                             | 6 years                              |
|      | S 2* (the request of host country) | 7 years                              |
| 8.4. | BECh – E                           |                                      |
|      | J,S 1*                             | 6 years                              |
|      | S 2* (the request of host country) | 7 years                              |
| 8.5  | BECh - A                           |                                      |
|      | CAI2*- S,                          | Horses must be 6 years or over.      |

#### Article 6. NUMBER OF ACCREDITED OFFICIALS (CHEF EQUIP, VETERINERIAN AND COACHES)

##### 1. BECh-S, BECh-D, BECh-CC, BECh-E, BECh-A:

- Every invited BEF can participate with as many officials as they want on their own expenses

#### Article 7. NUMBER OF GROOMS AND LORRY-DRIVERS

##### 1. BECh-S, BECh-D, BECh-CC, BECh-E, BECh-A

The grooms and drivers are at their own expenses.

#### Article 8. ENTRIES

1. The Definite Entries must include the exact number of Athletes and horses allowed to participate in the BECh and must reach the OF according to the rules for each discipline. The definite entries may not exceed the number listed. Following receipt of the definite entries, substitutions of Horses and/or Athletes may only be made with the express permission of the OC. The OC must print in the Schedule the latest date for substitution of Horse (s) and Athlete(s), which may not be later than the day of the Horse inspection.
2. If NFs enter more Athletes and Horses than the number allowed in the official Team, the Chef d'Equipe must designate the Athletes and Horses selected for the official team (4 Athletes, 3 Athletes in Driving) at the latest following the first Horse inspection.
3. Federations participating in a BECh must present for all entered horses, an identification document, an official valid FEI passport or a passport validated by the FEI accompanied by an FEI recognition card, as well as a certificate of good health issued by a State Veterinarian. Horses not accompanied by the above documents will not be admitted to participate in the Event . (For details see: Chapter VII: Veterinary Examinations, Inspections and Passport Control)
4. Withdrawals after the date of definite entries or no-shows will be liable to reimburse the OC for the financial loss incurred by the OC (i.e. stabling and hotel expenses).

#### Article 9 ENTRY FORMS

1. Federations participating in BECh have to send entries according to the FEI or EEF regulations for each discipline.

2. Any relevant information that will help the Organising Federation to welcome the invited teams that is: dates and time of arrival, entry point in the organising country (especially for horses arriving with Lorries) dates and times of return.

#### Article 10. LIABILITIES

OF decline every liability in connection with accident, fire, theft or any other case of similar nature which may occur during the championship, to persons, horses, and any other property of the participants.

## CHAPTER III. ALLOCATIONS OF THE COST AND VARIOUS OBLIGATIONS CONCERNING THE ORGANISING FEDERATION OF BECh

### Article 11. OBLIGATIONS CONCERNING ACCOMMODATION, MEALS AND FEES

#### 1. BECh-S

1.1.1 *Athletes* – every OF is obliged to organize most convenient accommodation on Athletes expenses for four or five days.

1.1.2 *Grooms or drivers* - every OF is obliged to organize most convenient accommodation on Athletes expenses for four or five days.

1.2.1 *FEI Officials are appointed by the BEC OC and must be approved by the EEF and FEI* before the Officials are contracted by the OC (President of GJ, participating as a FJ also, , CD, TD and VD) with preference of the European region due to fact of constructive education purposes along with cost efficiency for the Championships – the OF is obliged to cover expenses for FB (hotel and food) and shuttle service from the day of Veterinary Inspection to the next morning after closing ceremony and fee (as it is laid down in FEI GR)

1.2.2 *FEI Officials* (members of GJ, Veterinary Commission, Stewards) and BEC Supervisor, preferably invited from Balkan Countries - every OF is obliged to cover expenses for FB (hotel and food) and shuttle service from the day of Veterinary Inspection to the next morning after closing ceremony

1.2.3 *FEI Officials* must be lodged one person per room.

1.3.1 Every OF is obliged to cover expenses and organize Shuttle service from the day of Veterinary Inspection to the next morning after closing ceremony for Athletes, Grooms and Officials.

1.3.2 OF must organize the accommodation of all guests of the BECh-S (parents, journalists and so on) by their preliminary request.

1.4 *The deadline for the entry to be paid is with the definite entries (i.e. four days before the start of the Championship). In order for the transaction to be handled in a smooth way, in the Schedule of each BECh the host Federation will give a Bank account for the money to be paid in.*

#### 2. BECh-D, BECh-CC, BECh-E, BECh-A

2.1.1 *Chef d'Equipe and Athletes* – every OF is obliged to organize accommodation and meal upon request on Athletes or NF expenses for four (4) days.

2.1.2 *Grooms or drivers* - every OF is obliged to organize the accommodation and meals upon request on Athletes expenses for four (4) days and one night more at their own expenses.

2.1.3 *Athletes* of the participating NF may be lodged two persons per room, according to the circumstances and as pre-agreed among the invited NF and the OF. More than two persons in the same room are in no case allowed. Chief d'Equipe must be lodged one person per room.

2.1.4 *FEI Officials appointed by BEC OC* (President of GJ, Members of the GJ, , CD, Foreign TD and VD) – OF is obliged to cover expenses for FB from the day of the Veterinary Inspection to the next morning after closing ceremony and fee as it is laid down in FEI / GB rules.

2.2.1 *FEI Officials* (Veterinary Commission, Stewards), invited preferably from Balkan Countries and BEC Supervisor - OF is obliged to cover expenses for the FB four (4) days

2.2.2 *FEI Officials* and BEC Supervisor must be lodged one person per room.

2.3 OF organized accommodation of all guests of the BECh (parents, journalists and so on) with preliminary request

*2.4. The deadline for the entry to be paid is with the definite entries (i.e. four days before the start of the Championship). In order for the transaction to be handled in a smooth way, in the Schedule of each BECh the host Federation will give a Bank account for the money to be paid in.*

#### **Article 12. HORSES STABLING**

1. OF must secure one box per horse for all invited Athletes of at least 3 m. x 3 m.
2. OF provide the first bedding free of charge.
3. OF could provide, but not compulsory, one tack room per 10 horses for each participating NF

#### **Article 13. OBLIGATIONS CONCERNING TRAVELLING COSTS**

1. Travelling of FEI Officials  
The OF is covering the travelling cost of the FEI Officials and BEC Supervisor, as appointed by BEC OC and approved by the EEF & FEI.
2. Travelling of invited officials and Athletes  
Each participating NF undertakes the travelling cost of its officials, judges and Athletes up to the town where the BECh takes place. The OF have no obligation whatsoever in connection with said travelling expenses.  
The participating NF are requested to give all necessary instructions about their travelling plan to the OF for their better reception.
3. Travelling of grooms and transport of horses
  - General: Each participating NF must secure itself the transport and cost of transport both ways for its grooms and horses up to the town where the BECh takes place. The OF have no obligation whatsoever in connection with said travelling expenses.
  - Transport inside the city: For the transport inside the city where the BECh takes place the OF must have available for the participating officials, judges, Athletes and grooms and the FEI officials busses and/or cars, which will secure the transportation from the hotel to the training and competition areas and vice versa.  
The above obligation referring to the transportation inside the city starts the day of Veterinary Inspection and ends with their departure.

#### **Article 14. OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF THE OF**

1. The OF must secure every approval for the Championships which they organise. For that reason the OF must file a request with the Chairman of BEC and EEF, the latest on the 1st October, one year before the date scheduled for the Championships, in order that the organisation by such OF is decided by the BEC OC and EEF Board. The EEF is proceeding with application to FEI Calendar and for the FEI schedule approval.
2. The request for the organisation must include application form, send by GB.
3. All OFs must also address a request to the EEF in order to obtain the appointment of a Technical Delegate from the respective FEI List for the disciplines that require it.  
All OFs must also address a request to the EEF Dressage Committee in order to appoint the Dressage Ground Jury, in consultation with the BEC OC.  
All other officials must be chosen according to the provisions of Chapter V of the present Regulations.
4. It is the responsibility of the OF to appoint the Course Designer for Jumping, Endurance, Eventing and Driving (in accordance with the respective discipline rules from FEI approved

list) securing the approval of the EEF , as well as to assure the availability of jumps for the courses and training areas.

**5. BEC SUPERVISOR**

The BEC Supervisor is a person which is a member of the BEC Committee or BEC WG or a BEC Chairman. This person appointed by BEC Chairman is present on the BEC Championship from the day before the start of the Championship and is present until the end of it. The mission of the BEC Supervisor is to help OF in the terms of Balkan Rules and Regulations, Technical Meeting, Ceremonies, Hospitality management and other Balkan CH issues that can be raised at the CH.

## CHAPTER IV. BEFs MEETINGS

### Article 15. GENERAL

1. The OF of the BEC must organize apart from the Championships and at the same time the following two meetings:
  - 1.1. Technical Meeting
  - 1.2. BEF Conference (only in BECh-S)

### Article 16. CHAIR OF THE BEC VISITS

A minimum 1 month before the date of commencement of the Championships, Chair of the BEC (or his representative), must visit the host country and check on the organisation, he will make a report to inform all invited countries of the results of his visit 30 days before Championship.

THIS IS OBLIGATORY FOR ALL CHAMPIONSHIPS. WITHOUT WRITTEN REPORT THERE WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO SEND AND GET THE SCHEDULE FOR APPROVAL.

The scope of this report is to allow the invited NFs to be informed on the preparations made by the OF.

### Article 17. TECHNICAL MEETING

1. **The Technical Meeting – formation**
  - 1.1. The Technical Meeting is formed into a Body with the presence in the meeting of the officials accredited by each one of the participating delegations.
  - 1.2. It is not necessary for all the officials of each NF, including the OF, to participate. The presence of the Chefs d' Équipe is obligatory and a representative from NFs represented by individuals only.
  - 1.3. The president of the OF, or any other person representing the OF, presides over the Technical Meeting. The Chairman of the BEC or BEC Supervisor MUST ALSO BE PRESENT. One or two assisting secretaries may be allowed.
  - 1.4. The Officials (Technical Delegates, Ground Juries, Foreign Judges, Veterinarian Delegates and Course Designers) participate at Technical Meeting.
  - 1.5. All members of Ground Juries, Veterinary Commission and participate but not as representatives of their countries.
  - 1.6. NFs representatives who have insufficient knowledge of the BEC official languages may have their interpreter.
2. **The Technical Meeting – jurisdiction & power**

These are the following:

  - 2.1. To discuss and decide on the eventual technical problems related to the organisation of the competitions, to the ground conditions and to the ceremonies of the BECh taking place.
  - 2.2. To deal, if necessary, with the implementation of Articles referring to the technical part of the regulations. The NFs may ask for clarifications and details in connection with the above.
  - 2.3. To verify if the Athletes and the horses entered correspond to those of the Definite Entries and if they meet the Regulation requirements for their participation in the Competitions.

- 2.4 . To draw the starting order for each competition.
- 2.5 . During this meeting the OF must give details about the Opening and Closing ceremonies, as well as about prizes (time, meeting point, order of entrance, etc.).
- 2. 6. The decisions to be made in connection with the organisation and the implementation of the medication control will be discussed during this meeting.
- 2.7. The Technical Meeting can submit to the BEC Conference various proposals of technical nature to be included in the BECh Regulations.

## Article 18. THE BEC CONFERENCE

### 1. The BEC Conference – constitution

- 1.1. *The BEC Conference* becomes a Body by the presence at its meeting of the delegates of the NFs charged with the elaboration and modification of the Regulations. Each invited Federation may be represented in the Conference by maximum of two (2) delegates chosen among its participating officials. One interpreter per Federation may be allowed.
- 1.2. *The BEC Conference* is the supreme body for all decisions concerning the organisation and running of BECh.
- 1.3. *The Chairman of BEC* is responsible for the Conference. The Chairman of BEC conducts the discussion. If the Chairman of BEC is not present he can appoint BEC Secretary as a President of the Conference or appoint one from members of the BEC that can participate in the Conference.
- 1.4. *President of the Conference* organises the sessions, drafts the agenda and drafts the minutes of the Conference.

### 2. The BEC Conference – sessions

The Conference is convened in the form of:

- 2.1. *The Ordinary Conference (OCon)*, which takes place every year and must be convened by one of the Federations that are organising the BECs of the next year at the request (accompanied by the proposed agenda) of any one of the BEFs that are organising the BEC of the next year. The OCon takes place in the country of the Federation which requested the convocation.
- 2.2 OCon approves Balkan Rules & Regulations adapt to the FEI and EEF Regulations.
- 2.3 The OCon elects the Chairman
- 2.4 The OCon elects BEC Committee
- 2.5. *The “Calendar” Ordinary Conference (COCon)*, with the main purpose to decide about the dates and places of the next year Championships for all disciplines in order to be able to meet the EEF & FEI deadline of October the 1st for applications (Gen. Regs. Art 112). It should be convened by the Federation, organising the BECh-S of that year. This COCon should be held in the city where the Jumping Championship take place, during one or more days chosen by the OF provided they fall within the dates of the Championships
- 2.6. *Extra-Ordinary Conference (EOC)*, which takes place independently of the Ordinary Conference at the request (accompanied by the proposed agenda) of any one of the BEFs, provided the majority of the BEFs accept to participate with, at least, one representative. The EOC takes place in the country of the Federation which requested the convocation.

### 3. The BEC Conference – duties

#### 3.1. Agenda

President of the BEC must present an agenda of the matters to be discussed after coordination with OF and the various proposals for the amendment of the Regulations made by the member Federations.

For a proposal for amendment to be taken into consideration and entered into the Agenda, the NF submitting it must send a request for amendment one month before the conference, to all member Federations and to the Chairman of the BEC.

### **3.2. Decisions**

In order to have the right to vote during an OCon or an EOC a BEF must be member of FEI and EEF and must organize at least 1 BECh in last rotation. All other BEFs having the right to participate in the BEC in accordance to Article 1 & 2 can be represented in the Conference and express their views and ideas but will not vote.

Each Federation has one vote except in the case that a Federation authorises (Proxy in writing) to another Federation to vote on its behalf.

The decisions of the Conference are taken by the majority of those that are presented and have the right to vote.

### **3.3. Languages**

The official language is English and will be used during the Conference.

### **3.4. Conference Cost**

The cost (local shuttle service, accommodation and meals) of the Conference whether ordinary or extraordinary will be borne by the Host (Organising) Federation.

## **4. The Minutes of the BEC Conference**

4.1. The Chairman of the BEC, (or person appointed by him) acts as Secretary of the BEF Conference. He must draft the minutes in connection with the decisions made during the meeting.

4.2. The minutes of the meeting of the Conference must be presented to BEC delegates present on Conference, and they should signed it at sight, and then sent to the member Federations not later than one (1) month after the BEC Conference.

## **Article 19. CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY AND ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE BEC**

1. BEC will be built of Chairman and BEC Committee
2. Chairman of the BEC is elected for a period of four (4) years during an Ordinary Conference, but not more than two (2) mandates.
3. BEC Committee consists of minimum 3 persons up to 5 persons responsible for BECh for all disciplines. Members of the BEC Committee are appointed by NF's and elected during ordinary BEC Conference. BEC Committee election and work will be in the alignment with BEC Chairman mandate.
4. The Chairman of the BEC functions as the link connecting the BEF-s, BEC OC and GB in order to create the appropriate conditions for a beneficiary co-operation for all equestrian events in the Balkan area. (Calendar, events, seminars, Athletes' participation, officials' exchange, clinics, cooperation etc.
5. The Secretary of the BEC is appointed by BEC Chairman and must secure the validity of the texts drafted by him, by submitting them for approval to all the present BEFs and circulate to all member Federations all correspondence he receives as well as all his replies.

## CHAPTER V. BECh ORGANISING COMMITTEE – OFFICIALS – JURIES AND ACTING COMMITTEES DURING THE BECh

### Article 20. GENERAL

#### 1. BECh Organising Committee

- 1.1. It is composed by members of the OF or by persons delegated by it and BEC Supervisor.
- 1.2. The names of its Honorary President, of its President and of its Secretary must be included in the BECh Schedule.
- 1.3. An Event Director must be appointed.

#### 2. Officials

All Officials must be approved by the EEF & FEI before they are contracted for the event. The Officials must be chosen according to the relevant articles of the FEI General Regulations and Discipline rules.

##### 2.1. BECh-S

- 2.1.1. Technical Delegate, appointed by BEC OC, may be chosen from countries outside of Balkan region
- 2.1.2. President of Ground Jury, who will also act as Foreign Judge appointed by BEC OC, chosen from FEI list
- 2.1.3. Foreign Veterinary Delegate appointed by BEC OC and chosen from the FEI list.
- 2.1.4. Course Designer appointed by BEC OC and chosen from the FEI list
- 2.1.5. Members of the Ground Jury, at least 4 (four) have to be chosen from the FEI list (BEF) and appointed by OF
- 2.1.6. Members of the Veterinary commission chosen from FEI list (Balkan Federations) appointed by OF
- 2.1.7. Assistants CDs appointed by OF
- 2.1.8. Chief Steward chosen from FEI list, appointed by BEC OC
- 2.1.9. Treating Veterinarian — appointed by the OF, chosen from FEI list.
- 2.1.10 Every country, participating in the Championship could send 1 Official (member of GJ, AC, VC and Stewards).

##### 2.2. BECh-D

- 2.2.1. Ground Jury, appointed by BEC OC.
- 2.2.2. President of Ground Jury, appointed by BEC OC, chosen from countries out of Balkan region
- 2.2.3 Foreign Technical Delegate
- 2.2.4. Foreign Veterinary Delegate appointed BEC OC and chosen from FEI list.
- 2.2.5. Members of Veterinary commission, chosen from FEI list appointed by OF
- 2.2.6. Chief Steward chosen from the FEI list and appointed by OF
- 2.2.7. Treating Veterinarian - appointed by OF

##### 2.3. BECh-CC

- 2.3.1. Ground Jury, appointed by BEC OC
- 2.3.2. Technical Delegate, appointed by BEC OC, chosen from countries out of Balkan region
- 2.3.3. Foreign Veterinary Delegate appointed by BEC OC and chosen from the FEI list
- 2.3.4. Course Designer, chosen from the FEI Eventing level 3 list, appointed by OF
- 2.3.5. Jumping Course designer could be from national list & appointed by OF.
- 2.3.6. Jumping Judge – appointed by OF chosen from FEI list.
- 2.3.7. Members of Veterinary commission appointed by OF
- 2.3.8. Chef Steward chosen from the FEI list, appointed by OF
- 2.3.9. Treating Veterinarian, appointed by the BEC OC

#### 2.4. **BECh-E**

- 2.4.1. The Technical Delegate ( one level above the level of the Championship), who will also act as Course Designer appointed by BEC OC chosen from countries outside of Balkan region
- 2.4.2 Foreign Judge, appointed by BEC OC
- 2.4.3. President of GJ, appointed by BEC OC 3\*.
- 2.4.4. Foreign Veterinary Delegate appointed by the BEC OC, chosen from FEI list.
- 2.4.5. Members of the Ground Jury, (50% have to be chosen from the FEI list), one of which must be Foreign, appointed by the BEC OC. All members must meet the then-current \*Rating requirements for Endurance judges.
- 2.4.6. The Veterinary Commission must consist of a President, a Foreign Veterinary Delegate and one additional veterinarian per 15 horses, with the minimum number of commission members being 5 including the President and the FV. At least half of the members must be foreign, chosen from the FEI list of Endurance veterinarians and appointed by the BEC OC in consultation with Endurance Committee and the OC. All members must meet the then-current \*Rating requirements for Endurance veterinarians
- 2.4.7. Chief Steward chosen from FEI list, appointed by OF
- 2.4.8. Treating Veterinarian appointed by BEC OC

#### 2.5 **BECh-A**

- 2.5.1 GJ appointed by the BEC OC , chosen from FEI list
- 2.5.2 TD, appointed by BEC OC .
- 2.5.3 CD appointed by OF.
- 2.5.4 Chief Steward appointed by BEC OC .
- 2.5.5 The composition of the Veterinary Commission, which is compulsory for Championships, and the appointment of its President and Members must be in accordance with the current VRs Art 1022

### **Article 21. GROUND JURY FOR JUMPING COMPETITIONS**

All Officials must be approved by the EEF & FEI before they are contracted for the event.

1. The Ground Jury for Jumping competitions consists of 5 (five) judges, including the President who acts also as Foreign Judge.

2. The Ground Jury for the Jumping competitions includes:
  - 2.1. President of the Ground Jury, appointed by BEC OC from the FEI list Level 3 or 4.
  - 2.2. Members - BEF, including the OF, has the right to send only one judge member of Ground Jury. The judges except those of the OF are included in the officials of each participating BEF and under this capacity their National Federation undertakes their travelling costs.
  - 2.3. Minimum three of the members of Ground Jury must be FEI Judges Level 3/4.
  - 2.4. The Additional members must be at least FEI Level 2.
3. For the constitution of this Jury the OF, before issuing the Schedule, must contact the invited Federations and ask for the names of the officials they wish to include in the BECh as members of Ground Jury, AC, VC or Stewards.

#### **Article 22. THE GROUND JURY FOR THE DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS**

All Officials must be approved by the EEF & FEI before they are contracted for the event.

1. The Ground Jury for the Dressage competitions is composed of 5 (five) Judges, including the President. 5<sup>th</sup> Judge to be also Technical Delegate.
2. The Ground Jury for the Dressage competitions is appointed by the BEC OC, chosen from FEI list.
3. The President of the GJ has to be Judge Level 4 or 5, and members of the Ground Jury must be at least an FEI Judge Level 2.
4. The OF must appoint a Secretary to assist each member of the Ground Jury, speaking the same official FEI language.

#### **Article 23. THE GROUND JURY FOR THE EVENTING COMPETITIONS**

All Officials must be approved by the EEF & FEI before they are contracted for the event.

1. The Ground Jury for the Eventing competitions is composed of 3 (three) judges from the Level 3 list, one Judge for Jumping Test must be from FEI list.
2. At least 1 (one) member have to be from country out of Balkan Nations
3. The Ground Jury, the Foreign Technical Delegate and the Foreign Veterinary Delegate appointed by the BEC OC in consultation with the OF.

#### **Article 24. THE GROUND JURY FOR THE ENDURANCE COMPETITIONS**

All Officials must be approved by the EEF & FEI before they are contracted for the event.

1. The Ground Jury for the Endurance competitions is composed of minimum 5 (five) Judges, including the President. In accordance with Anex 6 of FEI Endurance Rules the number of Ground Jury members depends on the number of entries.
2. The Ground Jury (see above art. 20. 2.4.6 of Balkan Regulations), and approved by BEC OC
3. At least 1 (one) member have to be from country out of Balkan Nations.

#### **Article 25. THE GROUND JURY FOR THE DRIVING COMPETITIONS**

All Officials must be approved by the EEF & FEI before they are contracted for the event.

1. The Ground Jury for the Driving competitions is composed of 3 (three) judges: PGJ Level 3 or above, foreign judge Level 2 or above, 1 National judge or above. The GJ is appointed by the BEC OC
2. TD Level 2 or above, selected from the FEI list.
3. CD Level 2 or above, selected from the FEI lists appointed by the OF with the agreement of the BEC OC .
4. Chief Steward 2 stars or above, appointed by BEC OC, chosen from FEI list
5. The composition of the Veterinary Commission, which is compulsory for Championships, and the appointment of its President and Members must be in accordance with the current VRs Art. 1022.Article

## **26. COURSE DESIGNER & TECHNICAL DELEGATE FOR THE JUMPING**

All Officials must be approved by the EEf & FEI before they are contracted for the event.

### **1. Course Designer**

- 1.1. The Course Designer (CD) of the BEC-S, must be selected from the FEI lists appointed by the OF with the agreement of the BEC OC. Has to be at least Level 3.
- 1.2. Assistants of CD could be National or International CD chosen from OF among the Balkan countries

### **2. Technical Delegate**

- 2.1. The Foreign Technical Delegate of the BECh for Jumping, will be selected from the FEI list at least Level 3 and will be appointed by the BEC OC and can be chosen from the countries outside of the Balkan region

## **Article 27. THE TECHNICAL DELEGATE FOR THE DRESSAGE DISCIPLINE**

All Officials must be approved by the EEf & FEI before they are contracted for the event.

### **1. Technical Delegate**

- 1.1. The Foreign Technical Delegate of the BECh for Dressage must be selected from the FEI list (at least 4\*) and will be appointed by the BEC OC in consultation with the OF. The TD could also act as Judge and as President of GJ.

## **Article 28. COURSE DESIGNER & TECHNICAL DELEGATE FOR THE EVENTING DISCIPLINE**

All Officials must be approved by the EEf & FEI before they are contracted for the event.

### **1. Course Designer**

- 1.1. The Course Designer (CD) of the BEC-CC must be selected from the FEI lists (at least 3\*) and is appointed by the OF after consultation with the BEC OC .

### **2. Technical Delegate**

- 2.1. The Foreign Technical Delegate of the BEC for Eventing must be selected from the FEI list (at least 3\*) and will be appointed by BEC OC in consultation with the OF.

## **Article 29. THE COURSE DESIGNER & THE TECHNICAL DELEGATE FOR THE ENDURANCE DISCIPLINE**

All Officials must be approved by the EEf & FEI before they are contracted for the event.

### **1. Course Designer**

1.2.The Course Designer (CD) of the BECh-E must be selected from the FEI lists Level 4 and is appointed by the OF after consultation with the BEC OC. The CD could also act as Technical Delegate.

## **2. Technical Delegate**

2.2.The Foreign Technical Delegate of the BECh -E must be selected from the FEI list Level 4 and will be appointed by the OF in consultation with the BEC OC. The TD could act as CD.

### **Article 30. THE VETERINARY COMMISSION, THE FOREIGN VETERINARY DELEGATE & TREATING VETERINARIAN**

1. The Veterinary Commission of a BECh shall consist of at least three veterinarians from the FEI list of Officials Veterinarians.
2. The Veterinary Commission will include:
  - 2.1. The President appointed by the OF and chosen from the FEI list.
  - 2.2. The Foreign Veterinary Delegate appointed by OF and chosen from the FEI list of another BEF. The Associate Member appointed by the OF and chosen from the list of FEI Event Veterinarians of the OF.
  - 2.3. In order that Veterinarians acquire experience of international events, the OF can appoint up to two more Associate Members chosen from its own and other BEF's lists of qualified Veterinarians, with priority to the BEF that will organise the next BECh.
3. Vet. Commission for Endurance must consist of a President, Foreign Veterinary Delegate and one additional veterinarian per 15 horses with the minimum number of the Veterinary Commission comprising 5 (five) including President and FVD. At least half of the members must be foreign, chosen from the FEI list and appointed by BEC OC in consultation with Endurance Committee and OF. Three of them have to be Level 3 or 4.
4. Treating Veterinarian appointed by OF, chosen from FEI list.
  - 4.1 Endurance Veterinary Treating Officials have to be chosen from FEI list, appointed by BEC OC in consultation with Endurance committee and Veterinary Committee. There must be minimum 1 (one) EVT per 20 competing horses and 50 % of them must be experienced in competitions at Championship level.

### **Article 31. ARRIVAL & EXPENSES OF THE OFFICIALS**

1. The OF must receive the FEI Officials appointed by BEC OC prior to Veterinary Inspection the commencement of the first competition and meets (FB) travelling expenses and fee. It is noted that the CD and Technical Delegates and BEC Supervisor may arrive some days before the Championship. The expenses of the pre-visit of the TD will be covered by the OF.
2. The OF welcomes all the above, independently from the other officials of each of the NFs and meets, (FB) expenses.

### **Article 32. THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

All announcements made over the loudspeakers system must be made in the language of the OF and in English.

The system must be clearly heard in all arenas (main and practice).

### Article 33. PROTESTS – REPORTS – APPEALS

These will be made and dealt with, according to the FEI GR and Regulations for the disciplines of Jumping, Dressage, Eventing, Endurance and Driving

## CHAPTER VI. SCHEDULE AND PROGRAMME OF THE BECh

### Article 34. THE SCHEDULE OF THE BECh – GENERAL

1. According to Article 110 of FEI GR, every OF must draw up the schedule of the BECh and send it to the FEI Secretariat for final approval no later than 10 weeks before the event takes place. Before doing so, the schedule must be submitted to the EEF for a review.
2. As soon as the approval of the FEI is received the OF must send a copy of the schedule to every NF member of the BECh and to every other NF invited to the specific BECh and to the officials, appointed by BEC OC .
3. The schedules must be written in English and must include provisions relevant to the BECh organisation and the technical conditions of the competitions.

### Article 35. SPECIFICATIONS CONCERNING THE ORGANISATION OF THE BECh

The OF must provide the following information on specifications relevant to the Organisation of the BECh:

1. Dates of the BECh
2. Name of the Town and Venue hosting the BECh  
Names and addresses of hotels where the officials, guests and Athletes will be accommodated, names and addresses of hotels where the grooms and drivers will be accommodated, place(s) where the competitions will be held.
3. The composition of the Teams invited at the BECh
4. The limit dates for the Entries in principle, Nominated entries and Definite entries
5. The conditions of participation and entry fee.
6. The expenses and cost assumed by the OF
7. The day by day schedule of the BECh including all manifestations (Conferences, dinners etc) and, without great details, the dates and times of schooling, familiarization and competitions.
8. The programme of the opening and closing ceremonies.
9. The daily feed which the OF will provide per horse.
10. The custom formalities to be fulfilled and whether a visa is required.

In the attempt to attain swift and unhindered passage through national borders, for horses, and knowing the difficulties at all custom stations, it would be helpful for the OF to send to all invited NF, the typical Veterinary forms asked for, at the border of their country.

### Article 36. TECHNICAL CONDITIONS OF COMPETITIONS

The OF must provide the following information in the schedule on the Technical Conditions of the Competitions:

1. The names and functions of Officials (Technical Delegate , Foreign Judge, Ground Jury, Veterinary Commission, Course Designer, Chief Steward, etc.)
2. The daily programme of the competitions including all technical conditions as they are mentioned in the technical part of this BEC Regulations.
3. The conditions of participation to the BEC.
4. The procedure of determining the starting order of the different competitions.
5. The mode of classification for the team and individual competitions.

6. The medals, titles awarded and the prizes distributed.
7. Veterinary matters, horse identification, sampling for Prohibited Substances in accordance of the FEI General and Veterinary Regulations.
8. The type (sand or grass) and the dimensions of the schooling areas and the competition arenas.

#### **Article 37. PROGRAMME OF BECh**

1. As soon as the approval of the schedule by the EEF & FEI is received, the OF must compose and print the programme of the BECh it is organising.
2. The programme is drawn up in the language of the organising Federation and also in BEC official language ENGLISH.
3. The programme is distributed to the teams as soon as they arrive and it must include at least the following information:
  - 3.1. Names, surnames, titles and functions of Officials (Honorary Committee, Organising Committee, Chefs d' Équipe, Technical Delegate , Foreign Judge, Ground Jury, Veterinary Commission, Course Designer, Official Doctor, Chief Steward, Secretaries etc.)
  - 3.2. Names, surnames of Athletes entered by their NF with precision of the team and category they compete in.
  - 3.3. Names of entered horses for the BECh with the number allocated to them and which they will carry throughout the BECh (Names of horses must be mentioned in relation to their riders)
  - 3.4. The general programme of the organisation, as well as the programme of the competitions mentioning dates and times and giving the technical conditions of the competitions.
  - 3.5. The mode of classification for the team and individual competitions.
  - 3.6. The prizes for each category.

#### **Article 38. STARTING LIST AND RESULTS**

The OF will distribute every day before the starting of the first competition a bulletin with the starting lists for all competitions of the day and all results of the previous day.

## CHAPTER VII. VETERINARY EXAMINATIONS, INSPECTIONS AND PASSPORT CONTROLS.

### Article 39. INTERNATIONAL PASSPORTS FOR HORSES

1. Requirements for Horse Passports, Recognition Cards and the registration of Horses for FEI Events are set forth in the GRs.
2. Passports must be completed in accordance with the instructions “How to fill in a passport” contained in the passports.
3. A duplicate passport must be issued when any of the sections are full
4. All Horses registering with the FEI for the first time must be identifiable using a microchip and reader, compatible with ISO 11784 and ISO 11785.
5. Microchip information must be entered into the Horse’s Passport and in the FEI Database; when a Horse has more than one functioning microchip at least one of these numbers must be entered in the Passport
6. All laboratory tests performed for infectious diseases, particularly those required by government legislation, must be recorded in the FEI passport.
7. All vaccinations against equine infectious diseases must be recorded in the Passport.
8. The FEI Passport, or Recognition Card, must be revalidated every 4 years.
9. Horses registered with the FEI for the first time after 1 January 2013 must have a functioning microchip in place and that microchip must satisfy the above ISO requirements.
10. Age restrictions of horses taking part in FEI competitions shall be specified in the relevant sport Regulations (Art. 136 in the FEI GRs).

### Article 40. VETERINARY EXAMINATIONS, INSPECTIONS AND PASSPORT CONTROLS

All Examinations, Inspections and Passport Controls must be carried out in accordance with Chapter IV of the FEI Veterinary Regulations and with the Rules of the relevant disciplines.

### Article 41. SAMPLING PROCEDURE FOR PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES.

1. A minimum of 5% of all horses participating in the BEC distributed according to the total number of starters in all competitions will be subjected to sampling for Prohibited Substances in accordance of the FEI General and Veterinary Regulations.
2. The OF must provide all installations and facilities required by the FEI for the implementation of the sampling procedure.
3. Since the Championships take place within the MCP area, the standard MCP structure (Veterinary Regulations, Ch. VI) will apply.

## CHAPTER VIII. PROVISIONS REGARDING THE FLAGS AND THE CEREMONIES OF THE BECh

### Article 42. THE FLAGS

1. During the BECh, the flag representing the BECh (Balkan flag – horse shoe with its opening facing up and arranged with national flags of Balkan countries in alphabetic order from left to right), the GBs flags, the national flags of all participating Balkan Nations and of all other invited Nations must be hosted in the Arenas where the BECh take place, from the beginning of the Opening Ceremony up to the end of the Closing Ceremony.
2. Before the opening of the BECh HOST National Federation must ensure 5 pcs of its Participating Nations flags for each discipline that is organised in that BECh. Two (2) of these will be of large format (2,50 X 1,25 m approximately) and will be hoisted in the competition arenas. The other three (3) will be of smaller format (2,00 x 1,00m or 1,50 x 0,75m approximately) and will be hoisted in honour of the three first winners of every official competition.
3. Also each NF must deliver two CDs with their National Anthem of a total duration of max 3 minutes (short version).
4. After the closing ceremony the flag representing the BECh and GBs will be delivered by the OF to the BEF organising the next BECh.

### Article 43. PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES OF THE BECh

The OF of the BECh must organise an opening and a closing ceremony. The opening ceremony will take place day before CH or on the first official day between YR and Senior's classes. The closing ceremony will take place on the last day, after the conclusion of all competitions. These ceremonies will be conducted as follows:

1. Opening Ceremony.
  - 1.1. At the opening ceremony will participate for each BEF and for each invited NFs outside the Balkan Peninsula, a representative team consisting of the Chefs d' Équipe and Athletes minimum five without horses.
  - 1.2. During this ceremony the invited Teams enter the arena in alphabetical order, in accordance of the GB order of Nations. The home Team enters last.
  - 1.3. Each team marches following its flag to the place assigned to it, saluting when passing the Officials stand.
  - 1.4. The Chefs d' Équipe takes place in front of their Teams to attend the ceremony.
  - 1.5. When all the teams are lined up in their assigned places, for the opening ceremony, the names of the Chefs d' Équipe and all participating Athletes are announced, the music will play the national anthems, in the same alphabetical order, and the respective national flags will be hoisted. During the opening ceremony, speeches will be made only by the representative of the OF and the Mayor (or his representative) of the host city, maximum 3 minutes each.
2. Closing Ceremony

The closing ceremony is confined to the BEFs and includes after the prize giving ceremony for the last competition of the BECh.

  - 2.1. During this ceremony the Balkan Teams enter the arena in alphabetical order, in accordance of the alphabet of the host Nation. The home Team enters last.

- 2.2. Each Balkan Team marches following its flag to the place assigned to it, saluting when passing the Officials' stand.
- 2.3. The Chefs d' Équipe takes place in front of their Teams to attend the ceremony.
- 2.4. During the closing ceremony, speeches will be made only by the representative of the OF and the Mayor (or his representative) of the host city, maximum 3 minutes each.
- 2.5. The closing ceremony is completed with the lowering of the BECh flag, which then is delivered by the representative of the OF to the Chairman of the BEC, who then delivers it to the representative of the BEF organising the next BECh.

## SECOND PART: COMPETITIONS REGULATIONS

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## CHAPTER IX. TECHNICAL CONDITIONS – CEREMONIES – PRIZES FOR THE JUMPING COMPETITIONS OF THE BECh

### BECh-S

#### Article 44. GENERAL TECHNICAL CONDITIONS – CEREMONIES – PRIZES FOR THE JUMPING COMPETITIONS OF THE BECh

1. The following **Jumping Competitions**, are organised for each category of Athletes of the BECh and judged under FEI Rules for Jumping Events:
  - 1.1. BECh-S has to be organized on first weekend of September
  - 1.2. *Familiarisation*: on the same day as the Veterinary Inspection and after the completion of the Technical Meeting and Horse Inspection, the arena will be open with 8 to 9 obstacles and every rider will have for 90 sec the use of the arena. The same obstacles will be set at 1,00 m for Children, then raised to 1,10m for Juniors and Ladies and finally raised to 1,20m for Young Riders and Seniors, open water with vertical has to be provided for all categories except children.
  - 1.3. *A first Individual Qualifier Competition* (speed competition) under Table A, Article 238.2.1 for Children and Ladies. Under Table C for Juniors, Young Riders and Seniors. Table C results will be converted into points according to the FEI provisions for Championships.
  - 1.4. *A Team Competition* over two rounds, judged under Article 264 Nations Cup, all teams which are not eliminated, take part in the second round with all their Athletes. The athletes who have completed the first round, but their team is eliminated will start at the second round as individuals.
  - 1.5. *An Individual Grand Prix Competition*, judged under Articles 261.5.1 and 238.2.2 over one round with a jump-off.
2. **Individual Championship Placing**

The placing for the title of the Individual Champion is decided by adding the penalties of each Athlete in the first qualifying competition, in the two rounds of the team competition (Art. 264) and in the one round of the Individual Grand Prix Competition (Art. 261.5.1)

In the event of equality of penalties in competition rounds before GP, the classification of the Individual Grand Prix Competition will be the deciding factor for the final classification for the Individual Championship.
3. **Schooling of horses**

For the category of Children according to the FEI JR for Children (the latest edition) Annex XII, Chapter III Article 9

"Under penalty of Elimination, it is prohibited for an Athlete's Horse to be schooled by anybody mounted in the saddle, other than the Athlete himself, in or outside the Venue where the Event or a Championship is held, as from 18.00 hours on the day preceding the commencement of the first Competition of an Event or a Championship until the conclusion of the whole Event or Championship.

However, lunging, work in hand, etc., by someone other than the Athlete, under the supervision of the FEI stewards, is permitted. The trainer or a person delegated by the

trainer with the owner's approval may be permitted to school the Athlete's Horse within the time frame described above during Events for borrowed Horses only".

For the categories of Young Riders and Juniors according to FEI Rules for Jumping Events (the latest edition) Annex IX Chapter II Art.10:

"Under penalty of disqualification, it is not permitted for Athlete's horse to be schooled by anyone else other than the Athlete himself mounted in the saddle, in or outside the Venue where an Event or a Championship is held as from 18.00 hours on the day preceding the commencement of the first competition of an Event or a Championship until the conclusion of the whole Event or Championship. However, lunging, work in hand, etc. by someone other than the Athlete, under the supervision of the stewards, are permitted".

#### Article 45. FIRST INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIER COMPETITIONS

1. The first Individual Qualifier Competitions are speed Competitions that are judged as follows:
  - 1.1. for Children and Ladies: Table A against the clock (Art. 238.2.1) without a jump-off in the event of equality for the first place.
  - 1.2. for Juniors, Young Riders and Seniors: The competition will be judged under Table C without a jump-off in the event of equality for the first place. The scores obtained by each Athlete will be converted into points by multiplying the time of each Athlete by the coefficient 0.50; the points must be rounded to 2 decimal places. The second decimal place will be rounded up to 0,005 and rounded down from 0,004. The Athlete with the lowest number of points after this conversion will be given 0 (zero) penalties. The other Athletes are credited with the number of penalties representing the difference in points between each of them and the leading rider.

*If an Athlete is eliminated or does not complete his round for any reason, he will be awarded the same number of penalties (penalty seconds for classes under Table C) as that incurred by the Athlete who has been the most severely penalised plus 20 penalties (seconds).*

*If the Athlete concerned has himself received the highest number of penalties before being eliminated or retiring, 20 penalties (penalty seconds for classes under Table C) will be added to his score. Adding the 20 penalties is done after the time-difference has been converted into penalties (seconds).*

2. *Participation:* Up to eight (8) Athletes per invited nation for each category of Athletes of the BECh (maximum 4 Athletes in the Team and maximum 4 additional individual Athletes).

3. *Speed:* 350 m/min for Children and Ladies .

4. *Obstacles:*

- 4.1. *Number:*

*Children:* 10-12 obstacles including one triple and one double or two doubles.

*All other:* 10-12 obstacles, including one triple and one double or three doubles.

A water jump with a pole will be provided as alternative (option) to a spread fence.

- 4.2. *Dimensions:*

Category	max.height	max spread	max triple bar	water Jump
Children:	1,15 m	1,20 m	-	no water jump
Juniors:	1,25 m	1,30 m	1,60	option/with a vertical
Ladies:	1,20 m	1,30 m	1,60	option/with a vertical
Young Riders:	1,30 m	1,40 m	1,60	option/with a vertical
Seniors:	1,40 m	1,45 m	1,60	option/with a vertical

5. *Starting Order:* The starting order is determined by a draw, at the Technical Meeting. The draw (for each category separately) will take place by names.
6. *Placing:* The placing will be made:
  - 6.1. *Children, Ladies:* according to the faults and the time of the round. In the event of equality of faults and time there will be no jump-off.
  - 6.2. *Juniors, Young Riders and Seniors:* according to the converted scores.
7. *Prizes:* Cup for the winner, rosettes for 25% (or maximum 5) of participants. The first five Athletes are invited to attend the prize giving ceremony, immediately after each competition.

#### Article 46. TEAM EVENTS AND 2nd & 3rd INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIER COMPETITIONS

1. This competition takes place over two rounds following each other without significant interruption over the same course ridden by each member of each team during the course of the same day. All teams take part in the second round with all their Athletes. The Team Competition is judged under FEI JR Art. 264 for the respected category.
2. *Participation:* One team of four (4) or three (3) Athletes per invited nation for each category of Athletes of the BECh and the individual riders.  
If one or more NFs participate in any category only with one or two individual Athletes, these Athletes, in order to be placed in the Individual Championships, must start in the team competition.
3. *Speed:*
  - 3.1. Children, Juniors & Ladies : 350 m/min
  - 3.2. Young Riders & Seniors: 375 m/min
4. *Obstacles:*
  - 4.1. Numbers: according FEI JR Art. 264 for the respected category.
  - 4.2. Dimensions:
 

Category	max. height	max spread	max triple bar	water Jump
Children:	1,15 m	1,25 m	1,50	no water jump
Juniors:	1,25 m	1,35 m	1,60	3,50 m
Ladies:	1,25 m	1,35 m	1,60	3,50 m
Young Riders:	1,30 m	1,40 m	1,70	3,50 m
Seniors:	1,40 m	1,50 m	1,70	3,50 m
5. *Starting Order:* The starting order for the first round is determined by a draw at technical meeting. The Chefs d' Équipe of the teams determines the starting order of the Athletes in the team. Team with only three Athletes may chose in which of the three places out of four they will start their Athletes. The starting order for the second round will be according FEI JR Art. 264 for the respected category. There will be a separate draw for the individual Athletes. Individual Athletes will start before the teams in both rounds, retaining their drawn order in the second round. The team athletes who have completed the first round, but their team is eliminated will start at the second round as individuals after the other individuals.
6. *Placing:*  
The Team placing is according FEI JR Art. 264 for the respected category.  
For individual placing: total penalties and total time from both rounds

*Prizes:* there will be two ceremonies one for the winners of the Team Competition and a second one for the Balkan Team Champions both held immediately after the relevant Team competition for all categories.

**A. First ceremony,** concerning the final results of the Team Competition:

7.1. The three best placed teams will be invited to the prize giving ceremony.

7.2. A cup will be offered to the winning team and its Athletes will be given one small cup each

7.3. Diplomas certifying their placing will be given to all the Athletes of the three teams and their horses will receive one rosette each.

7.4. The national anthem of the team placed first will be played while the national flags of the three teams will be hoisted.

**B. Second ceremony,** concerning the final results of the Balkan Jumping Team Competition for individual Athletes will be conducted as per Article 46.7.

#### Article 47. INDIVIDUAL FINAL COMPETITIONS

##### *Participation*

The Individual Final Competitions are judged under Art. 261.5.1 & 238.2.2

To be eligible for the Individual Final athletes must have started in the first competition and must have completed the 2nd competition.

All horses participating on (last day) Sunday must have passed the 2nd Veterinary inspection.

1. Speed:

2.1. Children: 350 m/min

2.2. Juniors & Ladies: 375 m/min

2.3. Young Riders & Seniors: 375 m/min

2. Obstacles:

2.1. Number:

*Children:* 10-12 obstacles including one triple and one double or two doubles.

*All other categories* obstacles according to Article 261.3, including one triple and one double or three doubles as well as a compulsory water jump.

2.2. Dimensions:

Category	max. height	max spread	max triple bar	water Jump
Children:	1,20 m	1,30 m	1,50	no water jump
Juniors:	1,30 m	1,40 m	1,60	3,50 m
Ladies:	1,25 m	1,35 m	1,60	3,50 m
Young Riders:	1,35 m	1,45 m	1,70	3,50 m
Seniors:	1,45 m	1,55 m	1,80	3,50 m - 4,00 m

3. *Starting Order:* The starting order for the first round will be in reverse order of aggregate penalties from the 1st Qualifier and the two rounds of the Team Competition. In case of equality of aggregate penalties the 1st Qualifier placing will be the deciding factor for the starting order. The lowest placed qualified rider will therefore start first.

4. Placing for the Grand Prix Competition:

Athletes will be placed according to FEI, Rules for Jumping Events, Article 238.2.2.

5. Individual Placing for the Championship:

The Individual Placing for the Championship is according the aggregate penalties from the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Qualifiers and the main round of the Individual Final Competition.

In case of equality of the penalties, the ranking is according the placing at Individual Final Competition.

6. Prizes: there will be two ceremonies one for the winners of the Grand Prix and a second one for the Individual Balkan Champion both held immediately after the relevant Grand Prix competition for all categories.

**A. First ceremony**, concerning the final results of the Grand Prix competition:

5.1. The 25% or 5 five (excluding children competition) better placed Athletes, calculated on **the number of those who have entered in the arena to participate** in the round A of the individual championship competition with a maximum of the 5 best placed Athletes will be invited to the prize giving ceremony.

5.2. A cup will be offered to the Grand Prix winner.

5.3. Diplomas certifying their placing will be given to all the Athletes and their horses will receive one rosette each.

5.4. The national anthem of the Grand Prix winner will be played while the national flags of the three first placed Athletes will be hoisted.

**B. Second ceremony**, concerning the final results of the Balkan Jumping Individual Championship it will be conducted as per article 46.

**Article 48. PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY FOR THE BALKAN JUMPING CHAMPIONS**

1. *Ceremony concerning the final results* of the Balkan Jumping Team Championship:

1.1. The three best placed Balkan Jumping Teams will be invited to the prize giving ceremony, which takes place immediately after the relevant Team Competition for all categories (i.e. Children, Juniors, Young Riders, Ladies, Seniors).

1.2. Each member of the winning team along with the title of the Balkan Jumping Team Champion will receive a gold medal. The members of the second Team will receive a silver medal each and those of the third Team a bronze medal each.

1.3. The Athletes invited to the ceremony will receive one diploma each certifying their placing in the Balkan Jumping Team Championship and their horses will receive one rosette each.

1.4. The first three teams divide minimum 4000 euro (only Seniors) (1660/1300/1040 EUR)

1.5. The national anthem of the Balkan Jumping Team Champion will be played while the national flags of the three first Balkan Jumping Teams will be hoisted.

2. *Ceremony concerning the final results* of the Balkan Individual Jumping Championship:

2.1. The 25% better placed Athletes, calculated on the number of those who have entered in the arena to participate in the First Qualifying Competition, with a maximum of the 5 best placed Athletes will be invited to the prize giving ceremony, which takes place immediately after the relevant Grand Prix Competition for all categories (i.e. Children, Juniors, Young Riders, Ladies, Seniors).

2.2. The winner along with the title of the Balkan Jumping Champion will receive a gold medal, the second a silver medal and the third a bronze medal.

2.3. The Athletes invited to the ceremony will receive one diploma each certifying their placing in the Balkan Individual Jumping Championship and their horses will receive one rosette each.

2.4. The first five riders divide minimum 4000 euro (only Seniors) (1320/1060/720/520/380 euro).

2.5. The national anthem of the Balkan Individual Jumping Champion will be played while the national flags of the three first Balkan Individual Jumping Champions will be hoisted.

## CHAPTER X. TECHNICAL CONDITIONS – CEREMONIES – PRIZES FOR BECh DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS

### Article 49. GENERAL

1. BECh-D has to be organized from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 20<sup>th</sup> September
2. The following Dressage Competitions, are organized for each category of Athletes of the BECh and judged under FEI Rules for Dressage Events
  - 2.1. Familiarization: the same day as the Veterinary Inspection and after the completion of the Technical Meeting. The main area will be open and the every National Team will have 1 hour to use the arena. The time table for the familiarization is the responsibility of the OF and Chief Steward
  - 2.2 Competitions:
    - 2.2.1. A Team Competition which is also a competition for the qualification for the Individual Championship. (Juniors, YR & Seniors)
    - 2.2.2. Preliminary test for children category
  - 2.3.1. An Individual Competition (Juniors, YR & Seniors)
  - 2.3.2. Team competition for children which is also a competition for the qualification for the Individual Championship
  - 2.4.1. A Freestyle to Music Competition (Juniors, YR & Seniors) - final
  - 2.4.2. An Individual Competition for children – final
3. Individual Championship Placing
  - 3.1. Qualification procedure:
    - 3.1.1. Juniors , YR & Seniors receive qualification to participate in the final competition (Freestyle) the Athlete which have 60 % from Individual test and no more than 3 riders per Nation per category, In case more than three per Nation are qualified, the three best from the qualifying competition shall participate .
    - 3.1.2. Children: receive qualification to participate in the final competition (Individual test) the Athlete which have 60 % from Team test and no more than 3 riders per Nation per category In case more than three per Nation are qualified, the three best from the qualifying competition shall participate.
  - 3.2 The Freestyle to Music Competitions (valued at an equal level) count towards the final classification for the Individual Championship in Juniors, YR & Seniors category.
  - 3.3 For the Children category the results of the Individual Competition counts for the classification in the Individual Championship.
4. Schooling of horses: it is noted that
  - 4.1. For the category of Children according to the FEI SR for Children (25th ed. 1st Jan. 2014) Art. Ch 7

*"Under penalty of elimination, it is prohibited for a Athlete's horse to be schooled by anybody mounted in the saddle, other than the Athlete himself or the trainer or a person delegated by the trainer with the owner's approval, in or outside the town where the event or a Championship is held as from 18.00 hours on the day preceding the commencement of the first competition of an event or a Championship until the conclusion of the whole event or*

*Championship. However, lunging, work in hand, etc. by someone other than the Athlete, under the supervision of the FEI stewards, are permitted".*

4.2. for the category of Juniors according to FEI Rules for Dressage Events Annex J Article 13 and Annex YR Article Y13

*"No one other than the Athlete may ride the horse he/she entered with as of the official opening of the stables as well as for the duration of the whole Event under penalty of disqualification".*

4.3. for the category of Seniors according to FEI Rules for Dressage Events Art.422.3.6

*"No one other than the Athlete may ride the Horse he/she is entered with, as of the official opening of the stables according to the FEI approved schedule as well as for the duration of the whole Event under penalty of disqualification (see Art. 429.10.4). This means, for instance, that a groom mounted in the saddle may walk the Horse on a long, safe rein and that lunging and verbal assistance from the ground from the trainer or his representative is permitted. An exception to this rule may only be granted under extraordinary circumstances in writing by the FEI or the President of the Ground Jury.*

*For use of whips, refer to Article 428 of the Dressage Rules. Under no circumstances is it permitted to school the Horses in other areas than the official training arenas. No schooling is permitted in any area which cannot be supervised by the Stewards.*

*Horses may not leave the stables, the Competition area, or the areas supervised by Stewards for any purpose unless authorised by a recognised FEI Official of the Event or a Veterinarian acting in the interest of the health and welfare of the Horse. .*

## **Article 50. DRESSAGE TEAM COMPETITION AND QUALIFICATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION**

### **First day**

1.1. Children: Preliminary A or B Competition Test for Children from the FEI Dressage Rules 25th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2022

1.2. Juniors: Team Competition Test for Juniors from the FEI Dressage Rules 25th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2022

1.3. Young Riders: Team Competition Test for Young Riders from the FEI Dressage Rules 25th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2022

1.4. Seniors: Prix St. Georges from the FEI Dressage Rules 25th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2022

1. Participation: Not more than 8 riders per Nation. Three (3) or four (4) count for team  
As this competition is also a qualifier for the Individual Championships, individual Athletes of NFs that do not have a complete team, will also start in this competition
2. Starting order: The starting order for the team competitions will be determined by a draw according to Article 425.3 of the FEI Dressage Rules 25th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2022
3. Placing: The total percentage obtained by the three best Athletes of each team will determine the placing in the team championship. In case of equality of points, the winning team is the one whose lowest classified Athlete out of the three has the best result. The total percentage given by all judges determine the placing of the individual placing for competition
4. Prizes:

There will be two ceremonies one for the winners of the Team Competition and a second one for the Balkan Team Champions both held immediately after the relevant Team competition for all categories.

**A. First ceremony**, concerning the final results of the Team Competition:

5.1. The three best placed teams will be invited to the prize giving ceremony.

5.2. A cup will be offered to the winning team and its Athletes will be given one small cup each.

5.3. Diplomas certifying their placing will be given to all the Athletes of the three teams and their horses will receive one rosette each.

5.4. The national anthem of the team placed first will be played while the national flags of the three teams will be hoisted.

**B. Second ceremony**, concerning the final results of the Balkan Dressage Team Competition it will be conducted as per article 54.

## **Article 51. CHILDREN TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL QUALIFICATION COMPETITONS**

### **Second day**

1.1. *Children*: Team Competition Test for Children from the FEI Dressage Rules 25th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2022. Individual Competition Test for Children from the FEI Dressage Rules 25th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2022

1.2. *Juniors*: Individual Competition Test for Juniors from the FEI Dressage Rules 25th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2022

1.3. *Young Riders*: Individual Competition Test for Young Riders from the FEI Dressage Rules 25th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2022

1.4. Seniors: Intermediate I from the FEI Dressage Rules 25th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2022

1. Participation: All individual and team riders

2. Starting order: The starting order for the Individual Competition will be determined by a draw according to the FEI Rules

3. Placing: The total percentage given by all judges determine the placing of the competition.

4.1. Prizes: for the Children category there will be two ceremonies one for the winners of the Team Competition, and a second one for the winners Individual.

4.2. Diplomas certifying their placing will be given to all the Athletes and their horses will receive one rosette each.

4.3. The national anthem of the Team Competition winner will be played while the national flags of the three first placed Athletes will be hoisted.

## **Article 52. INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION**

### **Third day**

1.1. Juniors: Juniors Freestyle Test from the FEI Dressage Rules 25th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2022

1.2. Young Riders: Young Rider Freestyle Test from the FEI Dressage Rules 25th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2022

1.3. Seniors: Intermediate I Freestyle Test from the FEI Dressage Rules 25th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2022

1.4. Children: Individual Competition Test for Children from the FEI Dressage Rules 25th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2022

3. Participation:

It is limited to and compulsory for the overall best eighteen (18) out of Individual test Competitions who qualified, including those who tie for 18th place. Only the three (3) best Athletes per country may participate.

4. Starting order: The starting order for the Freestyle to Music Competition according to FEI Rules will be the reverse order of the Individual Competition results according to art. 425.5 Dressage Rules. (Art 425.8 for the Children Individual Competition)

5. Placing: The total percentage given by all judges determine the placing of the competition. In case of equality of marks, for the first three places, the higher artistic marks will decide on the better placing. Should the artistic mark be the same the mark for harmony shall decide. If still tied the mark for choreography shall decide.

6. Prizes: for the all category there will be two ceremonies one for the winners of the Children individual test and the Juniors, Young Riders Freestyle to Music Competition, and a second one for the Individual Balkan Dressage Champion for all category will held immediately after the competition.

For the Seniors category there will be two ceremonies one for the winners of the Free-style to Music Competition, and a second one for the Individual Balkan Dressage Champion.

4.1. The 25% better placed Athletes, calculated on the number of those who have entered in the arena to participate in the individual championship competition with a maximum of the 5 best placed Athletes (excluding children category) will be invited to the prize giving ceremony for every test.

4.2. A cup will be offered to the Individual Competition winner.

4.3. Diplomas certifying their placing will be given to all the Athletes and their horses will receive one rosette each.

4.4. The national anthem of the Individual Competition winner will be played while the national flags of the three first placed Athletes will be hoisted.

A consolation class should be offered if no extra day is added to the total length of the Event.

Participation is optional. The tests by category will be determined prior to Event.

#### **Article 53. PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY FOR THE BALKAN DRESSAGE CHAMPIONS**

1. In connection with the ceremony concerning the final results of the Balkan Dressage Team Championship:

1.1. The three best placed Balkan Dressage Teams will be invited to the prize giving ceremony, which takes place immediately after the relevant Team Competition for all categories.

1.2. Each member of the winning team along with the title of the Balkan Dressage Team Champion will receive a gold medal. The members of the second Team will receive a silver medal each and those of the third Team a bronze medal each.

1.3. The Athletes invited to the ceremony will receive one diploma each certifying their placing in the Balkan Dressage Team Championship and their horses will receive one rosette each.

- 1.4. The national anthem of the Balkan Dressage Team Champion will be played while the national flags of the three first Balkan Dressage Teams will be hoisted.
2. In connection with the ceremony concerning the final results of the Balkan Individual Dressage Championship:
  - 2.1. the 25% better placed Athletes, calculated on the number of those who have entered in the arena to participate in the team championship competition, with a maximum of the 5 best placed Athletes will be invited to the prize giving ceremony, which takes place immediately after the relevant Competition for all categories.
  - 2.2. The winner along with the title of the Balkan Individual Dressage Champion will receive a gold medal, the second a silver medal and the third a bronze medal.
  - 2.3. The Athletes invited to the ceremony will receive one diploma each certifying their placing in the Balkan Individual Dressage Championship and their horses will receive one rosette each.
  - 2.4. The national anthem of the Balkan Individual Dressage Champion will be played while the national flags of the three first Balkan Individual Dressage Champions will be hoisted.

## CHAPTER XI. TECHNICAL CONDITIONS – CEREMONIES – PRIZES FOR BECh EVENTING COMPETITIONS

### Article 54. GENERAL

1. BECh-CC has to be organized between 1<sup>st</sup> May and 15<sup>th</sup> of October
2. The Eventing Competition is organised as a long Eventing Format over three days, for Seniors (CCI 3\*) and Juniors (CCI 2\*) category of Athletes of the BEC-CC, and judged under FEI Rules for Eventing.

### Article 55. QUALIFICATION OF ATHLETES & HORSES

1. *Eligibility Requirement (MER) Art. 517*
  - 1.1. A Minimum Eligibility Requirement is achieved by completing a Competition within minimum parameters of all round performance as follows:
    - 1.1.1. Dressage Test: not more than 45 penalty points.
    - 1.1.2. Cross Country Test:
      - A clear round (0 penalties) at obstacles (see Art. 520 for exception).
      - Not more than 90 seconds exceeding the optimum time in the Cross Country Test for one and two star level
    - 1.1.3. Jumping Test: not more than 16 penalties at obstacles.
2. *Minimum Eligibility Requirement Deadlines* The deadline for obtaining a Minimum Eligibility Requirement for Champions:
  - 2.1. For Championships the valid period for obtaining a Minimum Eligibility Requirement is from the preceding calendar year to the closing date of the nominated entries.

FEI Athlete categories for Eventing define recognition of proven competence of the Athlete at a certain level.
3. *Minimum Eligibility Requirements for CHs Art. 520*
  - 3.1. Minimum Eligibility Requirements must be achieved as a combination according to the FEI Eventing Rules.

### Article 56. SPECIFIC TECHNICAL CONDITIONS OF COMPETITIONS

1. *Starting Order:*
  - 1.1. The starting order for the Dressage and Cross-Country Tests is determined by a draw, at the Technical Meeting according Art. 531.1 and 531.2 FEI Eventing Rules.
  - 1.2. The draw (for each category separately) will take place according to Article 532.1 and 532.2 "DRAW" Events with Team and Individual Classifications" and the Chefs d'Équipe will decide in which of the places available to them, they will start their Athletes.
  - 1.3. The starting order in the Jumping Test must follow the reverse order of classification at the end of the Cross-Country Test.
2. *Dressage Tests:*
  - 2.1. Dressage

For the Championship the "B" test will be used unless specified differently by the FEI

### 3. Cross-country

#### 3.1. Obstacles Maximum Dimensions

	Two star	Three star
Fixed	1.10 m	1.15 m
Brush	1.30 m	1.35 m
Top Spread	1.40 m	1.60 m
Base Spread	2.10 m	2.40 m
Without Height	2.80 m	3.20 m
Drop	1.60 m	1.80 m

#### 3.2. Distances - Speeds - Jumping Efforts

##### Modified Tables of Distances - Speeds - Jumping Efforts

##### a. Long Format (CCI) Cross Country Distances - Jumping Efforts - Speeds

Level	Distance		Efforts		Speed	Time	
	Min	Max	Min	Max		Min	Max
2*	3640	4680	25	30	520	7'00"	9'00"
3*	4400	5500	30	35	550	8'00"	10'00"

### 4. Jumping

#### Obstacles Maximum Dimensions - Distances - Speeds

##### 4.1. Jumping Efforts

	Two star	Three star
Height	1.15 m	1.20 m
Oxer spread	1.35 m	1.40 m
Triple Bar spread	1.55 m	1.60 m
Distance	600 m	600 m
Speed	350 m/min	350 m/min
Max Obstacles/Efforts	10-11/13	10-11/14

In arenas less than 2300 square meters the maximum speed for any level shall be 325/min

## Article 57. PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY FOR THE BALKAN EVENTING CHAMPIONS DURING THE CLOSING CEREMONY

1. In connection with the ceremony concerning the final results of the Balkan Eventing Team Championship:
  - 1.1. The three best placed Balkan Eventing Teams will be invited to the prize giving ceremony, which takes place during the closing ceremony.
  - 1.2. Each member of the winning team along with the title of the Balkan Eventing Team Champion will receive gold medal. The members of the second Team will receive a silver medal each and those of the third Team a bronze medal each.
  - 1.3. The Athletes invited to the ceremony will receive one diploma each certifying their placing in the Balkan Eventing Team Championship and their horses will receive one rosette each.
  - 1.4. The national anthem of the Balkan Eventing Team Champion will be played while the national flags of the three first Balkan Eventing Teams will be hoisted.

2. In connection with the ceremony concerning the final results of the Balkan Individual Eventing Championship:
  - 2.1. The 25% better placed Athletes, calculated on the number of those who have entered in the arena to participate in the team championship competition Dressage test, with a maximum of the 5 best placed Athletes will be invited to the prize giving ceremony, which takes place during the closing ceremony.
  - 2.2. The winner along with the title of the Balkan Individual Eventing Champion will receive a gold medal, the second a silver medal and the third a bronze medal.
  - 2.3. The Athletes invited to the ceremony will receive one diploma each certifying their placing in the Balkan Individual Eventing Championship and their horses will receive one rosette each.
  - 2.4. The national anthem of the Balkan Individual Eventing Champion will be played while the national flags of the three first Balkan Individual Eventing Champions will be hoisted.
3. In connection with the ceremony concerning the final results of the Balkan Eventing Team and Individual Championship:
  - 3.1. The three best placed Balkan Eventing Teams will be invited to the prize giving ceremony, which takes place immediately after the Jumping Competition for all categories.
  - 3.2. Each member of the winning team along with the title of the Balkan Eventing - Team Champion will receive a gold medal. The members of the second Team will receive a silver medal each and those of the third Team a bronze medal each.
  - 3.3. The Athletes invited to the ceremony will receive one diploma each certifying their placing in the Balkan Eventing Team Championship and their horses will receive one rosette each.
  - 3.4. The national anthem of the Balkan Eventing Team Champion will be played while the national flags of the three first Balkan Eventing Teams will be hoisted.
4. In connection with the ceremony concerning the final results of the Balkan Individual Eventing Championship:
  - 4.1. The 25% better placed Athletes, calculated on the number of those who have entered in the arena to participate in the team championship competition, with a maximum of the 5 best placed Athletes will be invited to the prize giving ceremony.
  - 4.2. The winner along with the title of the Balkan Individual Eventing Champion will receive a gold medal, the second a silver medal and the third a bronze medal.
  - 4.3. The Athletes invited to the ceremony will receive one diploma each certifying their placing in the Balkan Individual Eventing Championship and their horses will receive one rosette each.
  - 4.4. The national anthem of the Balkan Individual Eventing Champion will be played while the national flags of the three first Balkan Individual Eventing Champions will be hosted.

## CAPTER XII. TECHNICAL CONDITIONS – CEREMONIES – PRIZES FOR BECh ENDURANCE COMPETITIONS

### Article 58. GENERAL

1. BECh-E has to be organized from 15<sup>th</sup> of September to the last weekend of October
2. The Balkan Endurance Championship is organized for Seniors (CEI1\* - 80 – 119 km) – there can be juniors classification, and judged under FEI Rules for Endurance events latest edition.
3. Participation: Max 8 Athletes can participate with 8 horses per NF.  
If an NF starts three or more combinations all results are available to establish their Team result and are also eligible for individual classification and placing/awards. Only the highest placed three members from five shall count as the Team for classification and to receive a team medal.  
The competition consists of a number of phases.
  - 3.1. No phase may exceed 40 km and should, in principle, be not less than 16/ 20 km in length.
  - 3.2. At the end of each phase, there will be a compulsory halt for veterinary inspection. The Foreign Veterinary Delegate (FVD) and the President of the Veterinary Commission (PVC) & the President of the Ground Jury (PGJ) should be advised on the distance of each phase and consulted on the hold times in each Vet Gate(s).
4. Balk CH CEI1\* - Distances of 80 km to 119 km. Must have at least two Vet Gates plus the final inspection (three phases). Maximum Pulse at Vet Gates: 64 bpm within 20 minutes and at the final Vet Gate – 30 min.
5. Each phase must be separated by a compulsory rest period, or hold time. There shall be at least one hold no shorter than 40 minutes. The hold for all phases must meet a minimum ratio of 1 minute per 1 km, but not less than 30 minutes i.e.: following a 35 km phase, a minimum hold time of 35 minutes.  
The maximum scheduled hold time for a single hold in a one-day event shall be 60 minutes. Also, hold times in vet gates requiring compulsory re-inspections must be a minimum of 40 minutes, and for such re-inspections horses are required to present no earlier than 15 minutes prior to their departure time.
6. Veterinary Control:  
The decision of the Ground Jury taken on the direct advice of the Official Veterinarians is final and there can be no appeal against them. However, the Ground Jury is obliged in all cases to provide the reasons for the elimination of any horses
7. For Championships, there will be restricted access to the field of play as defined in the schedule.  
The maximum number of grooms allowed within the vet gate will be 5 per horse to take into account availability of space or too ensure that the horse is allowed sufficient space to rest. Access to the vet gate and the vet gate examination area may be restricted by the Organizer under advice from the Technical Delegate. Such restrictions must be clearly shown in the FEI approved schedule.  
All horses must remain at all times clearly under observation of Veterinary Officials, Ground Jury and Stewards.
8. Method of starting – Mass start  
Horses must not cross the starting line before the signal is given.

If a combination makes a start which is in any way false, under penalty of disqualification the combination must return and re-cross the start line.

However, their starting time will be recorded as if they had started when originally given the signal.

The starting time of any Athlete who does not present himself/herself on time for start is recorded as if they had started on time. No Athlete may start later than 15 minutes after the official starting time under penalty of disqualification.

#### 9. Dress code

9.1. Protective headgear, of a recognized equestrian/endurance standard and securely fastened, is compulsory for all persons at all Endurance events whilst mounted.

9.2. Safe riding footwear with heels of 12 mm or more, or alternatively cage d/boxed stirrups/equestrian safety stirrups are compulsory for all persons at all Endurance events whilst mounted.

9.3. Dress, that is appropriate and not detrimental to the image of Endurance Riding, is required at all CEIs. At all Events it is compulsory to wear the following dress:

9.3.1. For those taking part in pre-ride 1st Inspection / Opening Ceremonies, Best Condition and Awards / Prize-giving Ceremonies

- Athlete: Smart Pressed Team or Individual Riding uniforms
- Team Officials, Grooms, and Crews: Smart Pressed Team or Individual uniforms
- Officials: Smart Clothing to include jacket and tie where applicable,
- Shorts or sandals are unacceptable standards of dress and will not be allowed.

9.3.2 During the actual ride:

- Athlete: Appropriate riding attire, shirt/polo shirt to include a collar.
- Team Officials, Grooms, and Crews: Smart Team or Individual attire. No shorts within the Vet Inspection area, or sandals allowed within the 'Field of Play' (safety).
- Officials: Smart working attire, no shorts or sandals.

#### Article 59. QUALIFICATION OF ATHLETES & HORSES

~~Please refer to Article 836 in the FEI Endurance Rules with regards to eligibility and qualification for Regional Championships.~~

~~For 1\* Championship - one successful ride on the same distance as the Championship (or greater distance) in Combination. The ride must have been single day event and taken place maximum 2 years prior the date of the Championship.~~

#### Article 60. SPECIFIC TECHNICAL CONDITIONS OF COMPETITIONS

##### 1. Declaration of starters

*Championships:* each BF may send horses not more than 8 per NF from the list of Definite Entries and subject to the ability of the OC to accommodate them.

1.1. The Chefs d'Equipe must declare in writing to the Secretariat of the Organisers the names of the Athletes and of the horses allocated to the Athletes definitively starting, chosen from those included on the official entry forms. Declaration of starters by the Chef d'Equipe or his/her representative will take place within one to three hours after the first inspection of the horses, at the previously announced discretion of the PGJ.

1.2. Substitutions in Case of Accident or Illness: In case of an accident or illness of Athlete or

a horse, occurring between the declaration of starters and the start of the competition, where such accident or illness makes it impossible for that Athlete or horse to take part in the competition; substitutions can be made up to 2 hours before the start of the competition. The following conditions must be met;

1) A certificate of the condition from an officially recognized physician for the Athlete, and from a veterinary surgeon /Team Veterinarian for the horse, and

2) Permission of the President of the Ground Jury.

1.3. An Athlete or a horse, either or both, can only be replaced by another Athlete or horse or by Athlete /horse combination taken from those who have been duly entered and have successfully passed the First Horse Inspection.

1.4. At any Championship horses can only be substituted by the Athlete's National Federation with horses that have been included on that National Federation's Nominated Entries list and that are qualified up to the start of the event, thereafter as per Art. 61.1.2.

## 2. Time and record keeping

2.1. As timing plays such an important part in the competition, OFs must ensure that each Athlete's start and finish time for each timed phase is accurately noted and recorded by properly qualified persons using synchronized time - keeping methods.

2.2. Each Athlete will be issued a time card or acceptable and reliable alternative for each phase.

## 3. Competition and Fair play

3.1. *An Athlete may lead or follow their horse on course*, but must be mounted to pass through the start of any day and the finish line of the day's final phase under penalty of disqualification.

3.2. *On the course, no other person may lead or ride the horse* once the combination has started under penalty of disqualification.

3.3. *Permitted assistance* during event or on course:

- The Event Schedule shall specify where assistance (crewing) is allowed both within vet gates and on course during an event.
- Combinations must have access to water on course at least every 10 km.
- In any case including while on course, for example after a fall or if the Athlete is separated from their horse or in the case of loose or lost horseshoes, a combination may be assisted.
- For other Permitted Assistance that is allowed please see Endurance Notes for Guidance.

3.4. *Forbidden Assistance*:

- Being followed, preceded or accompanied on any part of the course by any bicycle, pedestrian or an Athlete not in the competition.
- Providing aid on any part of the course not specifically designated for such aid.
- Accepting aid on any part of the course by someone not authorized to provide it.
- Being followed, preceded or accompanied on any part of the course or immediate adjacent access track as defined by any vehicle.
- A third party encouraging a horse to trot in a vet gate.
- Someone on course encouraging the horse(s) by any means whatsoever.

- Cutting wire fences, or altering a part of an enclosure on or within the course so as to clear the way or to cut down trees or eliminate challenges or alter technical aspects of the course
- Accepting any intervention by a third party, whether solicited or not, with the object of giving advantage to the Athlete or their horse.

### 3.5. *Weights*

The minimum riding weight for Senior Athletes must be 75 kg to include all riding equipment. There shall be no minimum weight in Young Rider and/or Junior competitions.

### 3.6. *Classifications*

*Individuals:* In an endurance competition, the winner is the combination with the shortest elapsed riding time that successfully passes or complies with all protocols and requirements, including but not limited to the final veterinary examination.

*Teams:* The winning team is the team with the best time after adding the final classification of the three highest placed combinations in the team. In the case of a tie, the winning team will be the one whose third combination has the best time. In the event there are fewer than 3 members of a team who are classified, such teams are not eligible for team placing.

Should any combination whose result was available to count towards Team Classification, subsequently fail a GB sampling procedure which results in the loss of that individual's result(s) within the event, the classification of that entire team will become null and void. Such loss of Team classification will not affect the individual classification of the other members of that team.

*Dead Heat:* When two or more combinations, which started together, have the same total elapsed riding time, they are classified according to their respective passage across the finish line.

*According to 822.1, the OC may organize a Best Condition Award at all FEI Endurance Events.*

## Article 61. PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY FOR THE BALKAN ENDURANCE CHAMPIONS DURING THE CLOSING CEREMONY

All Athletes participate in prize giving ceremony without horses.

1. In connection with the ceremony concerning the final results of the Balkan Endurance Team Championship:
  - 1.1. The three best placed Balkan Endurance Teams will be invited to the prize giving ceremony, which takes place during the closing ceremony.
  - 1.2. Each member of the winning team along with the title of the Balkan Endurance Team Champion will receive a gold medal. The members of the second Team will receive a silver medal each and those of the third Team a bronze medal each.
  - 1.3. The Athletes invited to the ceremony will receive one diploma each certifying their placing in the Balkan Endurance Team Championship and their horses will receive one rosette each.
  - 1.4. The winner of the Best Condition Award will receive a cup and a ribbon.
  - 1.5. The national anthem of the Balkan Endurance Team Champion will be played while the national flags of the three first Balkan Endurance Teams will be hoisted.
2. In connection with the ceremony concerning the final results of the Balkan Individual Endurance Championship:

2.1. The 25% better placed Athletes, calculated on the number of those who have entered to participate in the team championship competition, with a maximum of the 5 best placed Athletes will be invited to the prize giving ceremony, which takes place during the closing ceremony without horses.

2.2. The winner along with the title of the Balkan Individual Endurance Champion will receive a gold medal, the second - silver medal and the third - bronze medal.

2.3. The Athletes invited to the ceremony will receive one diploma each certifying their placing in the Balkan Individual Endurance Championship and their horses will receive one rosette each.

2.4. The national anthem of the Balkan Individual Endurance Champion will be played while the national flags of the three first Balkan Individual Endurance Champions will be hoisted.

## CHAPTER XIII. TECHNICAL CONDITIONS – CEREMONIES – PRIZES FOR BECh-A DRIVING COMPETITIONS

### Article 62. GENERAL

1. The BECh-A has to be organized from 15<sup>th</sup> of May till the last weekend of June
2. The Driving Competition CAI2\*Pair format 1 is organised for Senior Athletes as per Art. 912 of the FEI Driving Rules and judged under FEI Rules for Driving (latest edition).
3. Identification
- 3.1. Identification numbers (FEI DR Article 944)

#### A. Athlete

Athletes will be allocated an Event Number per turnout on arrival and will retain that number throughout the Event. The number must be displayed on any Carriage used during the Competitions and also while schooling or exercising.

#### B. Horse

Horses must be issued with a letter from A to C which follows the Athlete's Identification Number. This identification must be attached to the left side of the Horse (on the outside when in harness) at all times within the Show grounds, when it is outside its stable.

### Article 63. QUALIFICATION OF ATHLETES & HORSES

1. ELIGIBILITY Article 912 Minimum Age – Athletes and Grooms
2. Senior Minimum Age  
Driver Horse Pairs 16 years  
Athletes under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by a groom(s) of 18 years or older.  
Athletes of 18 years and above must be accompanied by a groom(s) of 14 years or older.
3. Age of Horses (FEI Article 929)
  - a. In CAI2\* Horses must be 6 years old or over.
  - b. Failure to comply with this Article will result in the Disqualification of the Horse.
4. The Qualification criteria – to be applied Art. 913.2 of FEI driving Rules

Category	FEI Qualification criteria
2* Athletes	Athletes who have successfully completed two CAI1* at different shows - Format 1 , 2 (with dressage) or 3 only - without Elimination. Retirement or Disqualification or alternatively, have successfully completed one CAI-B or three CANs with Dressage, Marathon and Cones

### Article 64. SPECIFIC TECHNICAL CONDITIONS OF COMPETITIONS

1. *Entries:*
  - a. Each NF may enter a maximum of six Pair Athletes with a maximum of six Horses per Pair on the nominated entry list and a maximum of three Pair Athletes with a maximum of three Horses per Pair with one spare horse each of them on the definite entry list.
  - b. Should a NF only be able to send two Athletes, they must be entered as a team.

- c. Each NF is entitled to send a chef d'equipe and Veterinarian, both of whom will be accorded the same privileges as the Athletes.
- d. A NF which cannot send a team may enter one Athlete as an individual entry

2. *Permitted Carriages (FEI Article 936)*

For CAI, CAIOs and Championships, Dressage or Marathon Carriages of the appropriate widths and weights are permitted. Refer to 937 for required carriage weights and dimensions for each competition.

3. *The Course of Marathon*

CAI2\* (FEI art.960)

Section	Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Pace	Speed km/hour
A	9000 m	5000	free	11-13
B	900 m	5000 m	free	12-14
Cool down	1200 m	800 m	walk	10-15 minutes

Section	Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Pace	Speed km/hour
Controlled Warm Up	25 to 30 min, free pace and speed			
B	9000 m	5000 m	free	12-14
Cool down	1200 m	800 m	walk	10-15 minutes

The maximum number of Obstacles, natural or artificial, is seven (7) in CAI2\*. The minimum number is five (5) in CAI2\*. (FEI art. 961)

5. *Individual Classification FEI Article 903)*

- a. The Final Classification for individuals is determined by adding together the penalties received in each Competition. The Athlete with the lowest number of penalties is the winner of the Event.
- b. Athletes who are Eliminated or Disqualified or who Retire or Withdraw in any one of the Competitions cannot be included in the Final Classification. They will only be listed on the result sheet as: Eliminated (E), Disqualified (D), Retired (R), or Withdrawn (W).

*Team Classification:*

- a. Team Classification for Championships is determined by adding together the scores of the two Athletes in each National team with the lowest penalties in each Competition.
- b. Only the scores of those Team Members who have completed all three Competitions can be counted towards the final team scores.

**Article 65. PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY FOR THE BALKAN DRIVING CHAMPIONS DURING THE CLOSING CEREMONY**

In connection with the ceremony concerning the final results of the Balkan Driving Team Championship:

1.1. The three best placed Balkan Driving Teams will be invited to the prize giving ceremony, which takes place during the closing ceremony.

1.2. Each member of the winning team along with the title of the Balkan Driving Team Champion will receive an EEF gold medal. The members of the second Team will receive an EEF silver medal each and those of the third Team an EEF bronze medal each.

1.3. The Athletes invited to the ceremony will receive one diploma each certifying their placing in the Balkan Driving Team Championship and their horses will receive one rosette each.

1.4. The national anthem of the Balkan Driving Team Champion will be played while the national flags of the three first Balkan Driving Teams will be hoisted.

In connection with the ceremony concerning the final results of the Balkan Individual Driving Championship:

2.1. The 25% best placed Athletes, calculated on the number of those who have entered in the arena to participate in the championship competition, with a maximum of the 5 best placed Athletes will be invited to the individual prize giving ceremony, which takes place during the closing ceremony.

2.2. The winner along with the title of the Balkan Individual Driving Champion will receive an EEF gold medal, the second an EEF silver medal and the third an EEF bronze medal.

2.3. The Athletes invited to the ceremony will receive one diploma each certifying their placing in the Balkan Individual Driving Championship and their horses will receive one rosette each.

2.4. The national anthem of the Balkan Individual Driving Champion will be played while the national flags of the three first Balkan Individual Driving Champions will be hoisted.

#### **Fees for the Balkan Championships**

<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Fee</b>
<b>Jumping</b>	Children	160
	Juniors	210
	Ladies	210
	Young Riders	250
	Seniors	310
	Young Horses	250
<b>Eventing</b>	Juniors	160
	Seniors	200
<b>Endurance</b>	Juniors	160
	Seniors	200
<b>Dressage</b>	Children	160
	Juniors	160
	Young Riders	160
	Seniors	200
<b>DRIVING</b>	Seniors	200

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