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- **Article 714 SALUTE**

~~5. The Vaulter(s) and the Lunger, togheter with the Horse, must Salute the Judge at A from the centre of the Competition circle. The side reins may be unfastened before the Final Salute from the centre of the Competition circle or at the latest, the reins must be unfastened immediately upon exiting the competition circle, and failure to do so will entail a Warning from the Steward.~~

5. The Vaulter(s) and the Lunger (together with the Horse) must salute the Judge at A from the centre of the Competition circle at the start and at the end of the test.
The side reins may be unfastened (or in case of the three-points reins, loosened to the extent that they no longer influence the horse) at any time after the final dismount either before or after the final salute. The side reins must be unfastened (for three-points reins, see above) before leaving the competition circle. Failure to comply will result in a Warning from the Steward.

6. Immediately after ringing the bell for the signal to enter the arena, the Judge at A should stand up to wait for the salute, so that the Athletes can see that the signal was given.

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- **Article 719 EQUIPMENT**

2.1.4. A throatlatch is required except when the combined noseband or Micklem bridle are used.

2.1.5. Article Article 1044.8 of the FEI Veterinary Regulations applies in relation to the permitted tightness of the noseband(including the lunge cavesson).

2.1.6. A plain snaffle bridle is required to be used with a regular cavesson noseband, a dropped noseband, a flash noseband, a crossed noseband, a combined noseband or a Micklem or similar design of bridle.

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2.4 Lunge cavessons may be used instead of a bridle. They can be used with or without a snaffle. If used with a snaffle they must adhere to the rules above.
Except for the buckles and padding, all parts of the lunge cavesson must be made entirely of leather or leather-like material. Metal reinforcement over the noseband is not permitted. Nylon or other non-metal material may be used to reinforce leather in the headstall, but must not be in direct contact with the horse. Padding is allowed.

2.5 Either two side reins, or Three-points reins, are permitted. Side reins are attached from the surcingle to the bit rings or to the lunge cavesson rings on the same side. Three-points reins are attached from the surcingle only through the bit rings back to the surcingle on the same side (attachment of Three-points reins through the lunge cavesson is not permitted).. The distance between the two attached points (top and bottom) on each side of the surcingle must not be greater than 40 centimeters. The Three-points reins must be adjustable only as per manufacture and any homemade modification of the adjustments of the Three-points reins (for example making a knot or adding a clip for attachment to the bit) is not permitted. (Standing reins or auxiliary reins are not permitted).

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2.7 Lunge line is mandatory and must be attached to the inner ring of the bit (not over the head or to the outer ring of the bit) or ~~at~~ at the lunge cavesson either to a ring on the front of the noseband or to a ring on the side of the noseband (on the rein the horse is being lunged).

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- **Article 736 SQUAD COMPULSORY TESTS**

Squad Comp Test 3

Exercises to be shown:

1. Vault on
2. Flag
3. Mill
4. Scissors Forwards
5. Scissors Backwards
6. Stand
7. First part of Flank, push off to the inside ~~(back to the seat astride)~~
~~8. Swing off to the outside from the seat astride~~

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- **Article 723 OFFICIALS**

2. Foreign Judge

2.1. At CVIs the Foreign Judge acts on behalf of the FEI to ensure competitions are carried out according to the FEI rules and comply with the approved FEI Schedule.

2.2. An Official is considered to be Foreign if they are of another nationality from where the International Event is taking place.

~~2.2.~~2.3. The Foreign Judge officiating at a CVI must be Level 3 or above.

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5.4.10. Deductions from Artistic Score

Deductions from Artistic Score Squad Free Test:

0.5 of a point	For each additional assisted mount and/or dismount than allowed
Up to 1 point	Dress not compliant Not wearing or not visible number

The deduction is changed to exact 0,5

Guide Lines 2026

- Landing on the Ground
  - **Judging methodology:**
    - **Free Test/Tech Test:** D2 for dismount exercise + 4 deduction in case the landing has medium deviations (D6 or D2, 4…)
    - **Compulsory:** 7,5 for Flank + up to 8 for medium dev = 7,5 end score for Flank
- New description with reference score system
- Landing become one of the General Criteria

Indicators Angle of required movement scope.		
Ref. Score Or Deduction	**10** 0	✓ At maximum of required scope.
Ref. Score Or Deduction	**8.0** 2	**Minor Deviations:** - Knee flexion: Good absorption but flexion slightly reduced (≈45°) - Hip flexion: minor lack of bend - Foot contact: Early heel contact, but forefoot still involved - Landing symmetry: Minor asymmetry (weight slightly more on one leg) - Knee alignment: Minor internal or external rotation - Trunk control: Small torso tilt or rotation - Arm use: Minor asymmetries of the arms
Ref. Score Or Deduction	**6.0** 4	**Medium Deviations:** - Knee flexion: Noticeably stiff landing with flexion clearly below 45° - Hip flexion: Upright trunk, minimal hip flexion - Foot contact: Flat-footed landing or dominant heel contact - Landing symmetry: One leg clearly takes more load; visible imbalance - Knee alignment: Clear valgus collapse (knees in) or varus (knees out) - Trunk control: Exagerated forward lean or clear tilt or rotation - Arm use: Noticeable asymmetries of the arms
Ref. Score Or Deduction	**4.0** 6	**Major Deviations** - Knee flexion: Almost straight or locked knees, no visible shock absorption - Hip flexion: Rigid hips, no visible flexion at impact - Foot contact: Heel-only landing, no use of the forefoot, loud impact - Landing symmetry: Significant asymmetry, one leg fully compensates - Knee alignment: Extreme valgus or varus, unstable or unsafe alignment - Trunk control: Collapse of the torso, uncontrolled movement, rotation or arch - Arm use: Signs of loss of control or major correction attempt - Stiff landings rule: Any landing with almost no knee/hip flexion, full knee extension, or purely heel contact is automatically considered a major deviation regardless of other aspects.

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