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NORDIC-BALTIC EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

RULES AND REGULATIONS 2026

PONY CATEGORY II

JUMPING AND DRESSAGE

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

NBECH	Nordic-Baltic Equestrian Championships
NBECH-S	Nordic-Baltic Equestrian Championships – Jumping
NBECH-D	Nordic-Baltic Equestrian Championships – Dressage
NBECH-PD	Nordic-Baltic Equestrian Championships – Para Dressage
NBEC	Nordic-Baltic Equestrian Conference
NBE	Nordic Baltic Equestrian
NBECF	Nordic-Baltic Equestrian Federation (National Federation of a Nordic-Baltic country)
NBEC-OC	Nordic-Baltic Equestrian Conference Organising Committee (NBEC and EEF OC Team)
CD	Dressage
CS	Jumping
EEF	European Equestrian Federation
FEI	Fédération Équestre Internationale
GR	General Regulations
NF	National Federation
OC	Organising Committee (Host NBECH Federation OC)
OF	Organising Federation (Host NBECH Federation)
SR	Special Regulations
TD	Technical Delegate
CD	Course Designer
TV	Treating Veterinarian
VD	Veterinary Delegate
GB	Governing Body – (EEF, European Equestrian Federation)
GJ	Ground Jury

PREAMBLE

The NBECH are open to all nations, the Equestrian Federations which are members of the FEI, and their national territory is totally or partially situated within the Nordic-Baltic region, and their Equestrian Federations have accepted the provisions of the present Special Regulations for Pony Cat II. Currently the members are: Equestrian Federations of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden. They have decided to amend and codify with the present text, the Regulations under which the NORDIC- BALTIC EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (NBECH) are organised.

The Nordic Federations have been organising competitions for the Nordic countries for many decades. Since 2003 Baltic countries have been part of these events.

These regulations govern the organisation of the Nordic-Baltic Equestrian Championships in 2 equestrian disciplines and are effective from 1st January 2026. As from this date all other texts covering the similar matters issued previously are superseded.

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 co-operation of the people living in the Nordic-Baltic region, who include the large family of Athletes and Officials of Equestrian Sports.

The Pony Cat II Nordic-Baltic Equestrian Championships are organised together with the FEI and EEF approved Regional Championships in Dressage, Para Dressage and Jumping.

The Pony Cat II Championships are organised as a National Competition where these Rules and Regulations are in force with the addition of each NFs National Rules in the respective country where the annual Championships are held as stated in the respective Appendices attached (by Year Appendix 2). The Article numbers are mirrored in the FEI and EEF approved Regional Championships NBECH Rules and Regulations for 2026.

The FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse

The FEI and EEF require 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 urge 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 encourage further funding and support for welfare studies.

CHAPTER I. GENERAL

Article 1. DEFINITIONS – PURPOSE – SCOPE OF REGULATIONS

The Championships for Pony Category II are organised as a National Event according to the Rota in APPENDIX 1. The National Rules are in force and a summary is provided in Appendix 2. The Championship Rules are provided in the present Rules and Regulations hereby defined as the NORDIC-BALTIC EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (NBECH). These Pony Category II Rules and Regulations follow the International NBECH Rules and Regulations for Pony (Category I) except for the Articles and Appendices as included below. For clarity Articles on the Technical Conditions may be repeated in this document.

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

The NBECH are organised with a minimum of 3 countries, a minimum of 3 Teams per category, and a minimum of 8 individuals per category participating to be considered Championships in the disciplines of Jumping and Dressage.

If the number of countries, Teams and/or Individuals is less than stated above the Competition will go ahead as a Nordic-Baltic Masters. For the Team Competitions the NFs can agree to enter mixed Teams, i.e. with Athletes representing different countries. This decision is made by the community of Chef d'Equipes. The decision will be made and communicated to the OC at least one hour ahead of the Chef d'Equipe Meeting for the facilitation of the draw.

In Jumping (NBECH-S), up to a maximum of five Athletes in the Team and two additional individual Athletes per invited Nation.

In Dressage (NBECH-D), up to a maximum of four riders from each country can participate. The Team consists of 3-4 Athletes and the best 3 scores count towards the overall Team result. No Athlete can compete in more than one category. No Athlete can compete in both the Pony Category II Championships and the International NBECH.

CHAPTER II. CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION IN NBECH

Article 5. GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR THE PARTICIPATION AT THE NBECH

1. Only Athletes and ponies registered with their National Federation and entered by their NFs, as members of their official team may participate at the NBECH.
2. Age of Athletes: Athletes participating in Pony Cat II are subject to age restrictions as laid down below and in the respective NFs' Appendix to these Rules. From the beginning of the calendar year, they reach the age of 12 until the end of the calendar year they reach the age of 16.
3. Age of Ponies: Ponies entered for any discipline in the NBECH must be at least at the age as follows:

3.1	NBECH – S Cat II P	7 years
3.2	NBECH – Cat II P	6 years (Article 433, DR)

For Passports, equine identification and vaccinations see Appendix 2 valid for 2026.

Article 9 ENTRY FORMS

Federations participating in the NBECH have to send entries according to the respective OF's regulations for each discipline.

Any relevant information that will help the OC to welcome the invited teams that are entered such as: dates and time of arrival, entry point in the organising country (especially for horses arriving with Lorries) dates and times of return.

Article 12. HORSES STABLING

The Pony Category II ponies will be stabled outside of the FEI stables. This is due to Biosecurity measurements and to the FEI Rules and Regulations.

OC provides the first bedding free of charge.

OC could provide, but not compulsory, one tack room per 10 horses for each participating NF.

CHAPTER IV. NBECH ORGANISING COMMITTEE – OFFICIALS – JURIES AND ACTING COMMITTEES DURING THE NBECH

Article 15. GENERAL

1. NBECH Organising Committee

   1.1. It is composed by members of the OF or by persons delegated by the same.

   1.2. The names of its Honorary President, of its President and of its Secretary must be included in the NBECH Schedule.

   1.3. An Event Director must be appointed.

2. Officials

   For the Pony Category II Championships, the Officials will be the Officials as per the National Rules per OF.

   2.1.9. A Timetable for the NBECH-S is suggested below, one of the two different formats (in the columns) must be used for all categories. The Timetable for Pony Cat II will be the same as for "Ponies" stated below and the timetable will be included in the approved National and FEI Schedule.

	Seniors, Young Riders, Juniors	**Ponies, Children**
Day of NBECH		
Day 1	Possibility for arrival	Possibility for arrival
Day 2	Arrival and 1st Horse Inspection	Arrival
	Chef d'Equipe Meeting	
Day 3	Re-inspection	1st Horse Inspection
	Morning: Familiarisation	Re-inspection

		Chef d'Equipe Meeting
	Afternoon: First Competition	Afternoon: Familiarisation (to go after S, Y and J Familiarisation but before First Competition)
	Evening: Opening Ceremony	
Day 4	Second Competition including Team Final	First Competition
Day 5	Rest Day	Second Competition including Team Final
	2nd Horse Inspection	
Day 6	Farewell Competition	Rest Day
	Third Competition including Individual Final	2nd Horse Inspection
Day 7		Farewell Competition
		Third Competition including Individual Final

Article 24. PROTESTS – REPORTS – APPEALS

These will be made and dealt with, according to the National General Rules and Regulations for the disciplines of Jumping and Dressage, see Appendix 2.

CHAPTER V. SCHEDULE AND PROGRAMME OF THE NBECH

Article 25. THE SCHEDULE OF THE NBECH – GENERAL

1. The national Schedule will be published at least at the same time as the FEI approved Schedule.

2. The Schedule and programme are drawn up in the language of the organising Federation and in the NBECH official language English.

SECOND PART: COMPETITION REGULATIONS

CHAPTER VIII. TECHNICAL CONDITIONS – CEREMONIES – PRIZES FOR THE JUMPING COMPETITIONS OF THE NBECH

Article 35. GENERAL TECHNICAL CONDITIONS – FOR THE NBECH

1. The Championship comprises three Competitions. The total Penalties incurred by the three best placed Athletes of each Team in the first Competition and in each round of the second Competition count towards the Team placing, and the total Penalties incurred by each Athlete in each of the three Competitions count towards the individual placing.

2. The design and construction of all obstacles with regard to safety and technical suitability must be approved by the Technical Delegate and Course Designer. Should a dispute arise relating to these obstacles, the Technical Delegate has the final decision. The minimum diameter of poles used in all Championship Competitions must be at least 9 cm.

   There is no water jump for Pony Category II. A Liverpool must be used a minimum two times and a maximum three times in the Championship. It is compulsory in the first round of the second Competition. The Course Designer will, at his/her discretion, decide in which other Competition(s) or rounds the Liverpool will be used.

3. Familiarisation: after the completion of the Horse Inspection, Familiarisation will be scheduled and the arena will be open with 8 to 9 obstacles, including a combination, and every rider will have 90 sec for the use of the arena. The open water to be used for each category shall be available with a pole(s), as

one of the obstacles during the Familiarisation. The Familiarisation will take place per Nation and category in alphabetical order with the Host Nation starting last (Combined Nations if less than four Athletes per category for a Nation and a maximum of eight Athletes in a group). Just the Chef d'Equipe(s) for each Nation(s) and category is allowed in the arena during the familiarisation. The same obstacles will be set at 5 cm less than the height for each first Championship Competition for each category. Dress is informal; boots, breeches, shirt, safety vest and protective headgear must be worn.

Article 36. FIRST COMPETITION (TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS)

1. This first Competition is conducted under Table A, without a jump-off in the event of equality for first place.
   Table A against the clock (Art. 220.2.1.1).

2. Participation: Up to a maximum of five Athletes in the Team and two additional individual Athletes per invited Nation. An NF which cannot send a full team may enter one or two individual Athletes per category with one Horse or Pony each.

   If the number of countries, Teams and/or Individuals is less the Competition will go ahead as a Nordic-Baltic Masters. For the Team Competitions the NFs can agree to enter mixed Teams, i.e. with Athletes representing different countries. This decision is made by the community of Chef d'Equipes. The decision will be made and communicated to the OC at least one hour ahead of the Chef d'Equipe Meeting for the facilitation of the draw.

3. Speed: 350 m/min.

4. Obstacle number: 10-12 obstacles including one triple- and one double combination or two doubles
   4.1. Dimensions:

Category	Max height/m	Max spread/m	Max spread triple bar/m	Max spread Liverpool
Pony Cat II	1,05	1,15	1,35	1,20

5. Starting Order: The starting order is determined by a draw, at the Chef d'Equipe Meeting. The draw (for each category separately, for Teams and individual Athletes) will be done according to Article 252 in the FEI Jumping Rules.

6. Placing: 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.

7. Prizes: Rosettes to placed Athletes according to the National Rules for the country the Championship is held in that particular year. Prize Giving Ceremony with National Anthem for the placed Athletes. Any further prizes are according to the Schedule and is the responsibility of the OF/OC.

Article 37. SECOND COMPETITION (TEAM FINAL COMPETITION, SECOND INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION)

1. This Competition is run over two rounds, following each other without significant interruption, identical or different, with the same degree of difficulty in the second round according to Table A not against the clock with a jump-off against the clock in case of equality for first, second and/or third place in the overall classification for the Team Championship.

2. This Competition is to be open only to Athletes and Horses which have taken part in the first Competition (Article 36 above), the Team classification only affecting the members of the Teams who have declared to start.

3. The Chefs d´Equipe must declare the composition of their Team (minimum three, maximum four Athletes/Horses) to the OC in writing, before 18.00 h, on the day preceding the second Competition (Team Final). The fifth,sixth and seventh pair may take part in the second Competition as an individual and in the third (Individual Final) Competition if qualified.

4. All Teams take part in the second round with all their Athletes (if the Team is not eliminated). If the Team is eliminated and the individual Athletes have completed the first round, they can take part as Individuals.

5. Participation: One Team of four (4) or three (3) Athletes per invited nation (or mixed team, see Article 36.3) for each category of Athletes of the NBECH as well as the individual Athletes. 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.

6. Speed: 350 m/min

7. Obstacle numbers in the first round: 10-12 obstacles including one triple- and one double combination or two doubles.

Dimensions:

Category	Max height/m	Max spread/m	Max spread triple bar/m	Max spread Liverpool
Pony Cat II	1,05	1,15	1,35	1,20

8. Starting Order for Teams: The starting order for the Teams´ first round of the second Competition will be according to the reverse

order of total Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes from among the five of each nation in the first Competition. Teams with equality of Penalties retain the same starting order as in the first Competition. The Chefs d´Equipe of the Teams determine the starting order of the Athletes in the Team according to Article 295.2.1. The Chefs d´Equipe of Teams comprising of only three Athletes may choose in which of the three positions out of four they will start their Athletes.
The starting order of the Teams in the second round is according to the reverse order of the total Penalties of the best three Athletes per Team incurred in the first Competition and of the best three Athletes per team in the first round of the second Competition. In case of equality of total Penalties teams retain the same starting order as in the first round.

9. Starting Order for Individuals: First to start in round one of the second Competition are all individuals. The starting order of individual Athletes in round one of the second Competition is according to the reverse order of individual classification in the first Competition. In case of equality of aggregate Penalties for any place, Athletes retain the same starting order as in the first Competition.
The starting order for those qualified to participate as individuals in the second round is according to the reverse order of total Penalties incurred in the first Competition and the first round of the second Competition.
In case of equality of aggregate Penalties, and equality of the results of the First Competition the starting order will be the same as in the First Competition.

10. Inspecting the Course for the Second Round
Athletes will be invited to inspect the course for the Second Round at the conclusion of the First Round if the course is different from the First Round.

11. The Team classification is decided by adding the Penalties incurred for the best three Athletes from among the five of each Team (in the first Competition (Article 36 above) and the Penalties incurred

by the best three Athletes per team in each of the two rounds of the Team Final. If a Team is being eliminated it will not be placed and it will not take part in the prize giving ceremony.
In case of a tie for first, second and/or third place, there will be a Jump-off against the clock in which all Team Athletes participating in the Second Competition may take part. The starting order in the jump-off is the same as in the previous round. Teams on equality of penalties for any other placing will be placed equal. The added penalties and time for the best three Athletes in the jump-off decide the final placing. If the penalties and time are equal in the Jump-off, the Teams are placed equal.

12. Prizes: there will be a ceremony for the medal winners in the Team Championship (or Team Masters) of the (combined) Team Competition. The Ceremony will be held immediately after the relevant Team competition for each category.

13. In addition to the team classification there will be an individual classification with prizes for the second Competition, there will be no prize giving ceremony for the classification of the second Competition.
14. Championship Ceremony, concerning the final results of the Team Competition:
    14.1 Number of Teams invited for the Championship Ceremony are as follows:

Number of Teams in Championship	Ceremony: Medals and Rosettes
3	1-3
4	1-3 and rosettes only to 4th placed
5-7	1-3 and rosettes only to 4th and 5th placed

14.2 Additur Prizes
The OC may have additur prize money for the Championship. These are stated in the Schedule and can be given to Juniors, Young Riders, and Seniors.

14.3 The National Anthem of the Nordic-Baltic Jumping Team Champions (or Jumping Team Masters) will be played while the National flags of the three Nordic-Baltic Team Jumping medal winners will be hoisted.

Article 38. THIRD COMPETITION (INDIVIDUAL FINAL COMPETITION)

Qualified to participate in the third Competition are the top 60% of the Athletes that started in the first Competition (including those placed equal tied for the last qualification place) according to the cumulative Penalties over the first and the second qualifying Competitions. The number of Athletes permitted to participate must not be less than 15 and not more than 25. However, all Athletes with equal Penalties for the last qualification place are allowed to participate in the Individual Final even if the number of starters would then be more than 25.

To be eligible for the Individual Final, Athletes must have taken part in the first Competition (completed or not) and have completed both rounds of the second Competition (without having been eliminated or having retired). If, for any reason, one or more of the qualified Athletes are unable to start, they will be replaced by followers according to the following three criteria:

- Only Athletes placed in the consecutive three placings after the qualified Athletes can replace qualified Athletes who are unable to start
- To move up to replace a qualified Athlete the score cannot be more than or equal to 8 Penalties more than the last qualified Athlete
- The maximum three horses/ponies that may replace qualified horses/ponies have to be presented at the second Horse Inspection, and pass, to be eligible to start in the Individual Final. Any replacement has to be declared by 10pm (22.00) in the evening preceding the Individual Final.

- However, all Athletes with equal Penalties for the last qualification place, in this replacement opportunity, are allowed to participate in the Individual Final.

All ponies participating in the Individual Final must have passed the second Horse Inspection.

1. This Competition is run over two rounds, following each other without significant interruption, different courses, with the same degree of difficulty in the second round according to Table A not against the clock. All Athletes who complete the first round in the third Competition go forward to the second round.
   In the event of equality for first, second and/or third place in the overall classification for the Individual Championship there will be a jump-off
2. Speed: 350 m/min
3. Obstacles number: 10-12 obstacles in the first round and 8-10 obstacles in the second round including one triple and one double or two doubles.

Dimensions:

Category	Max height/m 1st+2nd round	Max spread/m	Max spread triple bar/m	Max spread Liverpool
Pony Cat II	1,10+1,10	1,20+1,20	1,40	1,20

4. Starting Order: The starting order for the first round will be in reverse order of aggregate penalties from the First and Second Competition. In case of equality of aggregate penalties, the First Competition placings will be the deciding factor for the starting order. In case of equality of aggregate Penalties, and equality of the results of the First Competition the starting order will be the same as in the First Competition.
   The starting order of the Athletes in the second round is according to the reverse order of their aggregated penalties incurred in the

First and Second Competition and the first round of the Third Competition. In case of equality of total Penalties individuals retain the same starting order as in the first round. The starting order for the jump-off is the same as in the previous round (the second round of the Third Competition).

5. Inspecting the Course for the Second Round
Athletes will be invited to inspect the course for the Second Round at the conclusion of the First Round if the course is different from the first round.

6. Individual Placing for the Championship:
The Individual Placing for the Championship is according to the aggregate penalties from the First, Second and Third Competitions. In case of a tie for first, second and/or third place, there will be a Jump-off against the clock. The starting order for the jump-off is the same as in the previous round (the second round of the Third Competition). If the penalties and time are equal in the jump-off, the Athletes are placed equal. Athletes on equality of penalties for any other placing will be placed equal.

7. Championship Ceremony, concerning the final results of the Individual Competition:
7.1 The Medal winners will be invited for the Championship Ceremony. One separate Ceremony for each Category following immediately after the final competition and the final results are announced. There will be medals and rosettes for first, second and third.
7.2 The number of placed Individual Athletes in the Individual Finals is depending on the number of Individual Athletes starting in the Championship, i.e. the First Competition and is according to the National Rules in the country where the Championships are held
7.3 The National Anthem of the Nordic-Baltic Jumping Individual Champion will be played while the National flags of the three Nordic-Baltic Jumping medal winners will be hoisted.
7.4 Additur Prizes
The OC may have additur Prizes in kind for the Championship.

Article 39. FAREWELL COMPETITIONS

In the morning of one of the last days for each category (see Article 15, 2.1.9. above) there will be a Farewell Competition at 0.95 cm The speed for this Competition should be 350 m/min. Eligible to enter the Farewell Competition is any Athlete-Pony combination that has not qualified for the Individual Final Competition, or chooses not to participate in the Individual Final Competition. The Farewell Competitions shall be judged under Article 220.2.1.1. There will be a Prize Giving Ceremony for the Farewell Competition according to the National Schedule.

CHAPTER IX. TECHNICAL CONDITIONS – CEREMONIES – PRIZES FOR NBECH DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS

Article 40. GENERAL

1. The following Dressage Competitions, are organized for Pony Category II of Athletes of the NBECH and judged under FEI Dressage Rules currently in use at the time of the show:

1.1. Familiarisation: the same day as the Veterinary Inspection and after the completion of the Technical Meeting. The main arena will be open, and every National Team will have 1 hour to use the arena. The timetable for the familiarization is the responsibility of the OC and President of the Ground Jury

1.2 Competitions:

1.2.1. A Team Competition for all entered participants.

1.3. An Individual Competition for all participants that completed the Team Competition. The individual Competition is also the qualification for the Freestyle Championships

1.4. A Freestyle to Music Competition

2. Individual Championship Placing

2.1. Qualification procedure:

2.1.1. Ponies Category II receive qualification to participate in the final Competition (Freestyle) from the Individual Competition, for the Athlete which have 60% from Individual test and no more than 3 riders per Nation per category. In case of more than three per Nation are qualified, the three best from the qualifying competition shall participate.

2.2. The Freestyle to Music Competitions count towards the final classification for the Freestyle Championship in Ponies Category II.

3. Schooling of horses

It is noted in Article 439:

3.1. No one other than the Athlete may ride the Horse/Pony they are 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. This means, for instance, that a groom mounted in the saddle may walk the Horse/Pony on a long, safe rein and that lunging and verbal assistance from the ground from the trainer or their 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.

3.2. 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. Contravening this rule will entail a Yellow Warning Card and Elimination.

3.3. 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 41. TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR PONY CATEGORY II

1. First Competition Ponies: Team Test

2. Participation: Not more than 4 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.

3. Starting order: The starting order for the Team Competition will be determined by a draw according to Article 417.4 The Chef d'Equipe of each Team will determine the starting order of Team members within their Team. The Chef d'Equipe must deliver to the Event Director, at the latest two (2) hours before the draw of the Competition, a sealed envelope containing the order of go of the Athletes within their Team.

4. Placing: The total percentage obtained by the three (3) 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 of the competition.

5. Prizes: The Nordic-Baltic Team Championships for Pony Cat. II will have a prize-giving and medal ceremony conducted as per Article 44.

Article 42. INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR PONY CATEGORY II

1. Second Competition Ponies: Individual Test

2. Participation: All individual and Team riders for Pony Cat. II who entered and completed the Team Test.

3. Starting order: The starting order for the Individual Competition for Pony Cat 2 will be determined by a draw according to Article 417. 5.2.

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

5. Prizes: The Nordic-Baltic Individual Championships for Pony Cat. II will have a prize-giving and medal ceremony conducted as per Article 44.

Article 43. INDIVIDUAL FREESTYLE CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR PONY CATEGORY II

1. Third competition Pony: Pony Freestyle Test

2. Participation:
   All horses and ponies must go through a second horse inspection before starting the third competition.
   Pony Cat. II is limited to and compulsory for the overall best eighteen (18) out of the Individual test Competition, including those who tie for 18th place. Only the three (3) best Athletes per country may participate

3. Starting order: For all Youth Freestyle Competitions there will be a draw in four (4) groups, in reverse order from the rankings of the previous Competition. First drawn is a group of three (3), with athletes placed 18th to 16th. Athletes in the group ranked 18th to

16th will start first, followed by the group ranked 15th to 11th, and so on.

4. 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.

5. Prizes:
   The Nordic-Baltic Freestyle Championships for Pony Cat. II will have a prize-giving ceremony conducted as per Article 44.

Article 44. PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY FOR THE NORDIC-BALTIC DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP PONY CATEGORY II

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

1.1. The three best placed NBE 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 NBE 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 horses will receive one rosette each.

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

2. In connection with the ceremony concerning the final results of the NBE Individual Dressage Championship and the NBE Freestyle Dressage Championships:

2.1. The 25% better placed Athletes, calculated on the number of those who have entered in the arena to participate in the Individual Competition and in the Freestyle Competition, with a maximum of the 5 best placed Athletes (if presented with the ponies) 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 Nordic-Baltic Individual Dressage Champion and the NBE Freestyle Dressage Champion will receive a gold medal, the second a silver medal and the third a bronze medal.

2.3. The horses will receive one rosette each.

2.4. The national anthem of the Nordic-Baltic Individual Dressage Champion and the NBE Freestyle Dressage Champion will be played while the national flags of the three first Nordic-Baltic Individual Dressage Champions and NBE Freestyle Champions will be hoisted.

APPENDIX 1

The OF is rotated between the Nordic Countries according to an agreed rotation.

Rotation of organisation Jumping and Dressage NBECH for Category II Ponies

2024	Denmark
2025	Finland
2026	Sweden
2027	Norway
2028	Denmark
2029	Finland
2030	Sweden
2031	Norway