

ANNEX XVII

EXTRACTS FROM RULES FOR PONY RIDERS AND CHILDREN, 9th EDITION

Article 3111 Passports and Pony Measurement

1. The General Regulations of the FEI apply (Art. 137).
2. All ponies must be in possession of a valid FEI passport.
3. A pony is a small horse whose height at the withers, having been measured on a smooth level surface, does not exceed 148cm without shoes or 149cm with shoes. Ponies measured at competition must not exceed 150cm without shoes or 151cm with shoes in order to be permitted to compete. This tolerance is only to be considered when FEI measuring takes place at competition.
4. All ponies competing at the CH-EU-P will be measured on site before starting the competition. Random testing at various CIP may also take place throughout the year.
5. The Veterinary Regulations of the FEI apply to ponies and should be referred to for all veterinary matters including vaccinations, identification and medication control.
6. Regarding Veterinary Examinations, Inspections, etc., please refer to Annex D of this Rule-Book.
7. Where FEI Pony Measurement is to be carried out before the Horse Inspection, the period of an Event shall commence with the first Pony Measurement. Such provision shall prevail over the General Regulations.

Annex C - I

Measurement Procedure

1. Measurement of ponies at FEI Events and Championships can only be conducted by a designated Measuring Veterinarian appointed by the FEI and working under instruction of the FEI. Their independence and freedom from conflict of interest must be assured in each case.
2. The Organising Committee must ensure that a suitable smooth and level area at least 3 meters by 1 meter is available at the place of measurement, free from avoidable disturbances and distractions which may unsettle the pony. This will be verified by the Technical Delegate in consultation with the Veterinary Delegate.
3. It is the responsibility of the owner, and in his interest, to ensure that the pony is well handled, accustomed to the application of a measuring stick, and correctly prepared for measurement.
4. The Measuring Veterinarian(s) carrying out the measurement must identify the pony against its FEI passport (or its national passport which has been approved by the FEI). This will be done as the pony is given time to relax.
5. A pony must be presented for measurement in the shoes and pads in which he will compete at the competition. Once the competition has begun shoes may not be changed without the written authorisation of the President of the Ground Jury and the FEI Veterinary Delegate. Any shoe change after measurement – either authorised or suspected – may, at the discretion of the Ground Jury, result in a re-measurement of the pony. In the case of the second measurement differing from the first, the higher result will be taken into account. Details of all of the above must be sent with the Official Reports following any event.
6. A pony must be presented for measurement in either a head collar without a bit or in a bridle with a bit.
7. The pony should be handled quietly and allowed to relax before measurement is attempted.
8. In the interest of safety no more than two people may accompany the pony to measurement (this may include owner, rider, Chef d'Equipe, team veterinarian or groom).
9. Any parties impeding the work of the FEI measurement officials or failing to co-operate may be asked to leave the measurement area. The FEI measuring veterinarians may refuse to measure a pony in the event of parties interfering with or obstructing their work.
10. The pony must be positioned for measurement with the front legs parallel and perpendicular; the toes of the front feet should be in line. Both hind-feet must be taking weight and as near perpendicular as possible; the toes of the hind feet should be not more than 15 cm out of line with each other.
11. The pony's head must be in its natural upright position.
12. The measurement must be taken at the highest point of the withers (i.e. immediately above the spinous process of usually the 5th thoracic vertebra) which should be identified by palpation if necessary and marked before any measurements are made. The FEI measuring veterinarians may refuse to measure a pony whose withers show signs of having been interfered with.
13. Equipment for FEI measuring at competition will be provided by the FEI. The stick must be fitted with a spirit level and must be shod with metal. A laser device can also be used.
14. Each pony will be measured in succession by two FEI Measuring Veterinarians. Should the two measurements differ, the lower of the two heights will be taken as definitive and no further measurement will take place at the competition.

15. At the time of measurement, the physical condition of the pony must, in the opinion of the Measuring Veterinarian, be such that the pony is fit to compete. If the pony on presentation to the veterinarian shall in his/her opinion be unfit to be measured for any reason, or present evidence of improper preparation, the owner shall be informed that the pony cannot be measured and therefore cannot participate in the competition.

16. If a measuring veterinarian is unable to measure a pony, the owner may request that the pony present for re-measurement. A maximum of one further attempt at measurement may be carried out. This will be carried out by the same FEI veterinarian and the pony must be represented for measurement within a maximum time of 1 hour of the initial measurement. The pony must be accompanied to a holding paddock by an FEI steward for the duration of this waiting period. The pony may be ridden during this period. Should the pony be unfit to be measured a second time for any reason the owner shall be informed that the pony cannot be measured and therefore cannot participate in the competition. The veterinarian's decision as to fitness and preparation for measurement shall be final.

17. In addition to the report made by each FEI designated veterinarian a Checklist (see Annex C-II) will be completed in duplicate for each individual pony measured. The copy will be given to the pony's owner/chef d'equipe and the original will be given to the Ground Jury. These forms should form part of the Ground Jury Presidents report to the FEI.

18. It is the responsibility of the President of the Ground Jury to ensure that any pony failing to pass the FEI measurement is not allowed to start in the competition.

19. It is the responsibility of each NF to ensure that any pony measuring over height is not entered at any further international pony events and that the passport be sent to the FEI within the 15 days immediately following the event at which the measurement was carried out. The fact that the pony has measured out will be marked in the passport and recorded at FEI HQ and the passport will be returned to the NF.

Annex C – II Checklist for Measuring Veterinarians

EVENT: _____ Competition number: _____

With the exception of his fellow FEI veterinarians on site the FEI Measuring Veterinarian is not at liberty to discuss the details taken to complete this checklist.

A. Identification

Pony clearly identified against his valid FEI passport Yes No

Name: _____ Passport Number: _____

Comments/Observations:

B. General condition of pony

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| 1. Shoes checked (clean, of adequate thickness for competition etc.) | Yes |
| No | |
| 2. Hooves checked (healthy, of adequate thickness for competition) | Yes |
| No | |
| 3. Withers checked (no signs of interference) | Yes |
| No | |
| 4. Pony fit to compete | Yes |
| No | |

If no to any of the above, please give details:

Comments/Observations:

C. Measurement

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| 1. Has a suitable area for measurement been provided? | Yes | |
| No | | |
| 2. Has suitable measuring equipment been provided? | Yes | |
| No | | |
| 3. Has the pony been allowed to relax before measurement takes place? | Yes | No |
| 4. Had the pony been sufficiently accustomed to the application of a measuring stick prior to the competition? | Yes | No |
| 5. Is this the pony's first Measurement today? | | Yes |
| No | | |

If no, please give details:

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| 6. Has the pony been positioned for measurement with the front legs parallel and perpendicular; the toes of the front feet in line, both hind-feet taking weight and as near perpendicular as possible; the toes of the hind feet not more than 15 cm out of line with each other? | Yes | |
| No | | |
| 7. Has the pony's head been in its natural upright position for measurement? | Yes | |
| No | | |
| 8. Has the measurement been taken at the highest point of the withers (i.e. immediately above the spinous process of usually the 5th thoracic vertebra) which should be identified by palpation if necessary and marked before any measurements are made? | Yes | |
| No | | |
| 9. Will this pony be presented for re-measurement today? | Yes | No |

If yes, please give details:

10. Measured height: _____ Veterinarian's Name:

Date: _____ Signature: _____

11.

Comments/observations:
