



REGULATIONS

FOR SOCIAL/TRAINING, REGIONAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

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During all the WEP competitions, each person involved is obliged to respect the principles of fair play and horse welfare.

At every stage of training, preparation and during the competitions the horse welfare is paramount and cannot be submitted to competition or commercial purposes.

ART. 1. The priority of rules and regulations

In any matters not covered by WEP regulations, WAVE regulations apply, and in their absence - the FEI rules.

ART. 2. Age categories for riders

The age is determined in accordance with the year of birth.

CATEGORY	AGE	START PERMITTED FOLLOWING CLASSES
CHILDREN	8-12	Mini L do P
JUNIOR	13-18	Mini L do CC
SENIOR	>18	L do MASTER

ART. 3. Legal Identification documents of horses

1. A legal passport must accompany each horse or pony at any competition and must be readily available for presentation to competition officials.
2. Vaccination Programme
 - a) First vaccination - should be given within a minimum of 21 days and a maximum of 92 days apart, followed by one vaccination after 6 months.
 - b) Re-vaccination one annual booster, dependent on individual venue requirements.
 - c) No horse or pony should attend a National competition less than 7 days after a vaccination
 - d) All vaccinations must be listed in the horse's passport
3. The age of the horse must be as indicated in the table: App. no 1 Regulation WEP 2022 – classes.
4. All competitors have to take out appropriate accident personal insurance policies. This will be verified on the basis of the declaration sent together with the application for participation.
5. Riders are strongly recommended to take out liability insurance policies.

ART. 4. Propositions and applications for participation.

1. The competition proposals will be made available to the public via official social media of WEP not less than 14 days before the scheduled date of the event. The proposal should contain the information about planned classes and levels. The course maps (maneability and speed tests) should be published not less than 7 days before the starting day.
2. Applications of participation should be sent directly by the special platform e.g. Equita.pl or on the email address given. In the application must be written which hand is “the working” hand. The deadline for registration is 7 days before the starting date.

3. The organizer has the right to require from competitors 100% prepayment of the organizational charge and 100% prepayment box rental fee.

ART. 5. Duties of the competition organizer

1. Regardless of the type of competition, the organizer is obliged to:
 - a) ensure an appropriate number of trained secretaries, equal to the number of judges;
 - b) provide disposable light coloured gloves (latex or rubber) in Sufficient number to be able to check all starting horses
2. During the National and International competitions the organizer is obliged to ensure interlinking public address system providing the contact between The President of the Jury, Paddock officer, the competition office, and the proper public address system. Organizer in cooperation with the president of jury is obliged to train and oversee competition office and competition secretary in the field of announcers, publication of starting lists, equipping judges with programs, counting and publishing the results.
3. Organizer is obliged to supply the medical treatment during regional, national and international completions, and veterinary treatment during national and international competitions.

ART. 6. Judges

1. The number of judges:
 - a) **Training/local competitions** for every 30 started runs (dressage, maneability and speed in total) one judge. Judge from WEP judges list or a candidate judge or assisting judge.
 - b) **Regional competitions** for every 30 started runs (dressage, maneability and speed in total) one judge in L, P and C classes, at least 2 judges in CC and Master classes, and one paddock officer (taking turs). Judge from WEP judges list or assisting judge. The President of Jury and the other judge must be from the WEP judges list
 - c) **National Competitions** - depending on the number of participants but at least 2 judges in L, P and C classes, 3 judges in CC and Master classes and one paddock officer (taking turns). All the WEP list judges.
 - d) **International competitions** - depending on the number of participants but at least 2 judges in L, P and C classes, 3 judges in CC and Master classes and one paddock officer (taking turns). One international WAVE judge and the WEP list judges.
2. During the training/local competitions the main judge may agree to minor deviations from the rules (e.g. side-reins for children in dressage) but all must be included in the competition proposal and announced at least 7 days before the starting day.
3. The President of the Jury must direct any complaints made by competitors. These decisions are final and cannot be appealed. Any rider has the right to complain to the Jury. A written complaint must be accompanied by a fee of 300 zł. If the complaint is upheld the fee will be returned. The protest must be lodged at the competition office.
Protest is considered within one hour from the end of the last test the same day, or if it is not possible, within 7 days from the end of the event.

ART. 7. Riders

1. Competitors must respect the WEP rules, the event rules and accept decisions made by the Jury and Paddock Commission under penalty of disqualification.
2. Riders must follow the order of entry
3. If a rider competes in the same class with a number of different horses, the organizer will make every effort to ensure a 20-minute break between runs which may not always be possible.
4. In a case of disqualification in maneability and/or speed test competitor may complete a round (provided it does not exceed the time limit) as long as they would not but scoring will not be continued after signal of elimination. However, if the judge determines a situation that threatens the health of the horse or competitor, he has the right to stop the run immediately.

ART. 8. Riders' Dress and Horses' Tack

1. Rider's attire

Safety vest is a must in children class every time when they ride horses, and is allowed in any other age class despite of the class.

Approved hard hat is a must in children and junior classes every time when they ride horses, with the pain of prohibiting further riding until wearing the helmet.

The helmet is recommended for senior riders regardless of a class. The definition of Protective helmet is given on FEI website.

The rider's outfit must be neat and safe, and in accordance with Annex 1 to the regulations

Whip (max 120 cm) and spurs are allowed in accordance with Annex 1 to the regulations.

Spurs used in dressage, working equitation and western disciplines are allowed, provided that they do not have a sharp point and do not hurt the horse's sides

2. The horse's tack

The horse tack must be neat, clean and in accordance with Annex 1 to the regulations, the permitted bridles are described in Annex 4 to the regulations.

Protective boots and bandages are allowed in ease of handling and speed tests. Bell boots are allowed in speed test Ears protectors (ear bonnets) are allowed provided that they do not cover the horse's eyes and are not connected with noseband.

Earplugs are only allowed during decoration

Side reins can be used only during lunging.

Cavassons, Draw reins, standing martingales and Blinkers are forbidden

ART.9. Schooling and riding horses during competitions

1. After approaching to the competition area and for the entire duration of the competition no one except the competitor has the right to ride his horse under pain of elimination
2. The starting numbers, which enable the immediate identification of the horse, are mandatory and are published on the starting lists.
3. Horse's Lunging can be done only on dedicated place, and must not hinder the warm-up of other competitors
4. Riding is not allowed outside the warm-up arena and out of the Paddock Commission under pain of elimination.

5. Maximum number of starts for horse per day:
- a. In LR and Mini-L classes horse may start 4 times per day (in one class under different competitors).
 - ~~b. In L and P classes horse may start 2 times per day (in one class under different competitors).
(e.g. 1 x L + 1 x P or 2 x P).~~
 - b. In L1, L-children, P, C and BO (without bridle) horse may start 2 times per day (in one class under different competitors)
 - c. In C, CC and Masters horse can start only 1 time per day

ART. 10. Music

In CC and Master classes music is obligatory in dressage tests. In other tests music is recommended but will not be evaluated.

In lower classes competitor can deliver the music, but the music will not affect his rating.

ART. 11. Classification and rewarding

1. The method of counting points according to the WAVE regulations applies
2. In the case of an equal number of points in several competitors, the final position is determined by the higher sum of points obtained respectively: 1 - in the dressage test, 2 - in the ease of handling test, 3 – in speed test,
3. All horse-rider pairs who are qualified will be awarded with Rosettes.
4. Cups should be provided for the first three pairs in each class.
5. Any other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the individual event organizers.
6. Competitors who are absent from the decoration ceremony without giving a valid reason and without prior warning the judge will lose their right to the prizes

ART.12. Mini L contests

1. This category is intended for children on ponies (up to 149 cm in horseshoes)
2. the size of the obstacles is adapted to the height of horses and children
3. During this contest The president of the jury may allow slalom on straight line built from 4 poles

ART.13. LR (LEAD REIN) Contests

This category is intended for participants without any age limits (over >2 years old) riding on horses leaded by other person. The rules are completed in app nr 3 to WEP Regulations

ART. 14. Final Provisions

If it is not possible to ensure the technical conditions of the competition in accordance with the provisions of these WEP Regulations, any deviations must be included in the proposal and approved by the body responsible for approving the competition proposal and the President of the Jury of the competition.