

JUMPING

EDUCATION SYSTEM

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Education System for FEI Jumping Officials

Introduction

The FEI Education System is designed to ensure that all FEI Jumping Officials can fulfil the requirements of their job descriptions, are up-to-date with the current FEI Rules and Regulations, and master the officiating know-how in their discipline. Its goal is to guarantee that FEI Officials apply a consistent approach to the Jumping matters, deliver high-quality officiating and provide a true level-playing field to competitors at all International equestrian Shows, while keeping the Welfare of the Horse as paramount in their practice at all times.

The FEI Education System offers function-specific career pathways, structured with a gradual four-level system. National Jumping Officials, upon successfully completing their initial transfer-up process, will be listed as Level 1 FEI Jumping Officials (Judge, Steward or Course Designer), and in case of an equivalency agreement with their NF, as Level 2 FEI Officials. They may later evolve up the pathway to higher levels.

Competencies

To officiate at a given function and level, FEI Jumping Officials must hold the relevant FEI Official Certificate, which ensures they currently have the following required competencies:

- ✓ Knowledge of FEI Rules and Regulations
- ✓ Knowledge of the Sport, the Discipline, the Horse and its wellbeing
- ✓ Experience in the Discipline and the function
- ✓ Interpersonal and communication skills
- ✓ Fitness level required to correctly perform all duties relevant to the role
- ✓ English language proficiency

Competency-based Evaluation System

In order to assess, educate, certify and monitor competencies of FEI Jumping Officials throughout their career, the FEI has implemented the Competency-based Evaluation System (CES). The CES ensures that both during the transfer-up and the maintenance phases of a given function/level, Officials have the required competencies to officiate at international level.

The transfer-up consists of:

- Requirements: to ensure candidates have the minimum level of knowledge and experience before starting their education.
- Education with examination(s): in line with the job description to prepare Officials in taking and assuming their roles and duties.
- Certification: to validate Officials' competencies for a given function and level.

The maintenance consists of:

- The annual CES Online Assessment
- The triennial CES Maintenance Course
- The annual CES Officiating Review¹

Maintenance is mandatory for all FEI Jumping Officials and their status is reviewed annually by the FEI on 15 December.

¹ The CES Officiating Review will be applied on 15 December 2026, by decision of the FEI Board on 18 June 2025.

All Officials are required to take their assessments and examinations personally.

The FEI reserves the right to verify (by whatever method the FEI may choose) that an assessment/examination has been personally completed by an individual Official. If the FEI concludes that the assessment/examination has not been personally completed by the relevant Official, the FEI can take such action as it deems necessary including, but not limited to the invalidation of the assessment/examination and/or the opening of disciplinary proceedings.

For more information about the Education System and the CES:

Please refer to the Annex "**FEI Education Processes**" (published [HERE](#)) covering the specificities of equivalency, entering the system, transfer-up, maintenance and re-entering the system. For more information about the terminology used in the FEI Education System, please refer to the Annex "**FEI Education Terminology**" (published [HERE](#)).

Minimum Requirements for Eligibility to become an FEI Official

For their application to be considered, FEI Jumping Officials must:

- ✓ Have an appropriate level of English, both written and spoken
- ✓ Be minimum 18 years old
- ✓ Be in good standing with their National Federation
- ✓ Be familiar with and accept the FEI General Regulations, FEI Jumping Rules, FEI Veterinary Regulations and Annexes, and other relevant FEI Jumping manuals and guidelines
- ✓ Accept all applicable Codes and Codes of Conduct
- ✓ Be formally recommended by their National Federation

National Federations are responsible for informing the FEI Jumping Department of any Official who is not in good standing with the National Federation.

Show Participation

Lists of FEI Jumping Officials are available on the FEI website for the use of Organising Committees and other interested Stakeholders, and are updated on a daily basis.

FEI Jumping Officials must abide by the applicable Codes of Conduct and commit to act according to the principles, Rules and Regulations of the FEI.

The duties of FEI Jumping Officials are outlined in the FEI Jumping Job Descriptions. However, these documents do not substitute FEI Rules and Regulations.

Level 1 Jumping Judges

Requirements

National Judges wishing to be listed as Level 1 Judges must:

- ✓ Be formally recommended by their National Federation
- ✓ Achieve an English proficiency grade of A2 or higher
- ✓ Complete the online Jumping Foundation Course

National Judges from NFs with Equivalency wishing to be listed as a Level 1 Judge must:

- ✓ Be formally recommended by their National Federation
- ✓ Achieve an English proficiency grade of A2 or higher
- ✓ Complete the online Jumping Foundation Course

Education

For National Judges:

- ✓ Pass a Transfer-up Level 1 Course for Judges with examination

If an examination is not passed, the Official is given the opportunity of a re-attempt after one year.

For National Judges from NFs with Equivalency:

- ✓ Pass an online Transfer-up Level 1 Course for Judges with examination and an online interview or pass an in-person Transfer-up Level 1 Course for Judges with examination

If an examination is not passed, the Official is given the opportunity of a re-attempt after one year.

Status

On passing the Level 1 examination(s) and fulfilling all requirements, participants are listed as Level 1 Judges in the FEI Database.

Roles at FEI Shows

According to FEI Jumping Rules Art. 259, Level 1 Judges may take on the following role at FEI Shows:

- ✓ Ground Jury Member

Maintenance

To maintain status, Level 1 Judges must:

- ✓ Pass a CES Online Assessment every year
- ✓ Pass a CES Maintenance Course every three years

Level 2 Jumping Judges

Requirements

Level 1 Judges wishing to be listed as Level 2 Judges must:

- ✓ Achieve an English proficiency grade of A2 or higher
- ✓ Have been listed as FEI Level 1 Judges for a minimum of one year
- ✓ Have officiated as Level 1 Judges at least at six (6) International Shows

National Judges from NFs with Equivalency wishing to be listed as Level 2 Judges must:

- ✓ Be formally recommended by their National Federation
- ✓ Achieve an English proficiency grade of A2 or higher
- ✓ Complete the online Jumping Foundation Course
- ✓ Pass the online Level 1 Judges Equivalency Examination

Education

For Level 1 Judges:

- ✓ Pass a Transfer-up Level 2 Course for Judges with examination

If an examination is not passed, the Official is given the opportunity of a re-attempt after one year.

For National Judges from NFs with Equivalency:

- ✓ Pass a Transfer-up Level 2 Course for Judges with examination

If an examination is not passed, the Official is given the opportunity of a re-attempt after one year.

Status

On passing the Level 2 examination(s) and fulfilling all requirements, participants are listed as Level 2 Judges in the FEI Database.

Roles at FEI Shows

According to FEI Jumping Rules Art. 259, Level 2 Judges may take on the following role at FEI Shows:

- ✓ Ground Jury Member

Maintenance

To maintain status, Level 2 Judges must:

- ✓ Pass a CES Online Assessment every year
- ✓ Pass a CES Maintenance Course every three years
- ✓ Have officiated as Level 2 Judges at least at one (1) International Show in the last three years*

*Condition not applicable to Equivalency Officials for the initial three years of officiating.

Level 3 Jumping Judges

Requirements

Level 2 Judges wishing to be listed as Level 3 Judges must:

- ✓ Achieve an English proficiency grade of B1 or higher
- ✓ Have been listed as FEI Level 2 Judges for a minimum of two years
- ✓ Have officiated as Members of Ground Jury at a minimum of 10 International Shows in the last three years

Education

- ✓ Pass a Transfer-up Level 3 Course for Judges with examination

If an examination is not passed, the Official is given the opportunity of a re-attempt after one year.

Status

On passing the Level 3 examination(s) and fulfilling all requirements, participants are listed as Level 3 Judges in the FEI Database.

Roles at FEI Shows

According to FEI Jumping Rules Art. 259, Level 3 Judges may take on the following roles at FEI Shows:

- ✓ Ground Jury Member
- ✓ President of the Ground Jury
- ✓ Foreign Judge
- ✓ Limb Sensitivity Judge

Maintenance

To maintain status, Level 3 Judges must:

- ✓ Pass a CES Online Assessment every year
- ✓ Pass a CES Maintenance Course every three years
- ✓ Have officiated as Level 3 Judges at least at three (3) International Shows in the last three years

Level 4 Jumping Judges

Requirements

Level 3 Judges wishing to be listed as Level 4 Judges must:

- ✓ Achieve an English proficiency grade of B2 or higher
- ✓ Have been listed as FEI Level 3 Judges for a minimum of four years
- ✓ Be in good standing with the FEI

The following officiating experience has to be achieved in the last 10 years of the application:

- ✓ Have officiated as President of the Ground Jury at a minimum of five (5) CSI4*/5* or CSIO3*/4*
- ✓ Have been appointed and officiated as a Foreign Judge at a minimum of three (3) CSIO5*
- ✓ Have been appointed and officiated as a Member of the Ground Jury (Limb Sensitivity Judge excluded) at one (1) Senior Championship, Games, FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final or Longines League of Nations™ Final

Education

- ✓ Pass the Transfer-up Level 4 Education for Judges with examinations:

First phase:

- Pass problem-solving case studies
If passed, invited to an online interview
- Pass an online interview
If passed, the Official is provisionally transferred up to Level 4 and invited to the second phase

Second phase:

- Pass one (1) three-day in-person course at FEI HQ
If passed, the transfer-up to Level 4 is confirmed

If one or the two phases are not passed, the Official is given the opportunity of a re-attempt after one year.

Status

On passing the Level 4 examination(s) and fulfilling all requirements, participants are listed as Level 4 Judges in the FEI Database.

Roles at FEI Shows

According to FEI Jumping Rules Art. 259, Level 4 Judges may take on the following roles at FEI Shows:

- ✓ Ground Jury Member
- ✓ President of the Ground Jury
- ✓ Foreign Judge
- ✓ Limb Sensitivity Judge

Maintenance

To maintain status, Level 4 Judges must:

- ✓ Pass a CES Online Assessment every year
- ✓ Pass a CES Maintenance Course every three years
- ✓ Have officiated as Level 4 Judges at least at six (6) International Shows in the last three years of which a minimum of three (3) CSI4*/5* or CSIO3* or above

Level 1 Jumping Stewards

Requirements

Applicants wishing to be listed as Level 1 Stewards must:

- ✓ Be formally recommended by their National Federation
- ✓ Achieve an English proficiency grade of A2 or higher
- ✓ Complete the online Jumping Foundation Course

National Stewards from NFs with Equivalency wishing to be listed as Level 1 Stewards must:

- ✓ Be formally recommended by their National Federation
- ✓ Achieve an English proficiency grade of A2 or higher
- ✓ Complete the online Jumping Foundation Course

Education

For National Stewards:

- ✓ Pass a Transfer-up Level 1 Course for Stewards with examination

If an examination is not passed, the Official is given the opportunity of a re-attempt after one year.

For National Stewards from NFs with Equivalency:

- ✓ Pass an in-person Transfer-up Level 1 Course for Stewards with examination

If an examination is not passed, the Official is given the opportunity of a re-attempt after one year.

Status

On passing the Level 1 examination(s) and fulfilling all requirements, participants are listed as Level 1 Stewards in the FEI Database.

Roles at FEI Shows

According to FEI Jumping Rules Art. 259, Level 1 Stewards may take on the following role at FEI Shows:

- ✓ Member of the Stewarding Team at CSI1*/CSIO1* up to CSI3*/CSIO3*

Maintenance

To maintain status, Level 1 Stewards must:

- ✓ Pass a CES Online Assessment every year
- ✓ Pass a CES Maintenance Course every three years

Level 2 Jumping Stewards

Requirements

Level 1 Stewards wishing to be listed as Level 2 Stewards must:

- ✓ Achieve an English proficiency grade of A2 or higher
- ✓ Be listed as FEI Level 1 Stewards for a minimum of one year
- ✓ Have officiated as Level 1 Stewards at least at six (6) International Shows

National Stewards from NFs with Equivalency wishing to be listed as Level 2 Stewards must:

- ✓ Be formally recommended by their National Federation
- ✓ Achieve an English proficiency grade of A2 or higher
- ✓ Complete the online Jumping Foundation Course
- ✓ Pass the online Level 1 Stewards Equivalency Examination

Education

For Level 1 Stewards:

- ✓ Pass a Transfer-up Level 2 Course for Stewards with examination

If an examination is not passed, the Official is given the opportunity of a re-attempt after one year.

For National Stewards from NFs with Equivalency:

- ✓ Pass a Transfer-up Level 2 Course for Stewards with examination

If an examination is not passed, the Official is given the opportunity of a re-attempt after one year.

Status

On passing the Level 2 examination(s) and fulfilling all requirements, participants are listed as Level 2 Stewards in the FEI Database.

Roles at FEI Shows

According to FEI Jumping Rules Art. 259, Level 2 Stewards may take on the following role at FEI Shows:

- ✓ Member of the Stewarding Team at CSI1*/CSIO1* or above

Maintenance

To maintain status, Level 2 Stewards must:

- ✓ Pass a CES Online Assessment every year
- ✓ Pass a CES Maintenance Course every three years
- ✓ Have officiated as Level 2 Stewards at least at one (1) International Show in the last three years*

*Condition not applicable to Equivalency Officials for the initial three years of officiating.

Level 3 Jumping Stewards

Requirements

Level 2 Stewards wishing to be listed as Level 3 Stewards must:

- ✓ Achieve an English proficiency grade of B1 or higher
- ✓ Be listed as FEI Level 2 Stewards for a minimum of two years
- ✓ Have officiated as Level 2 Stewards at a minimum of 10 International Shows in the last three years

Education

- ✓ Pass a Transfer-up Level 3 Course for Stewards with examination

If an examination is not passed, the Official is given the opportunity of a re-attempt after one year.

Status

On passing the Level 3 examination(s) and fulfilling all requirements, participants are listed as Level 3 Stewards in the FEI Database.

Roles at FEI Shows

According to FEI Jumping Rules Art. 259, Level 3 Stewards may take on the following roles at FEI Shows:

- ✓ Member of the Stewarding Team at CSI1*/CSIO1* or above
- ✓ Chief Steward at CSI1*/CSIO1* up to CSI5*/CSIO5*
- ✓ Foreign Steward

Maintenance

To maintain status, Level 3 Stewards must:

- ✓ Pass a CES Online Assessment every year
- ✓ Pass a CES Maintenance Course every three years
- ✓ Have officiated as Level 3 Stewards at least at three (3) International Shows in the last three years

Level 4 Jumping Stewards

Requirements

Level 3 Stewards wishing to be listed as a Level 4 Steward must:

- ✓ Achieve an English proficiency grade of B2 or higher
- ✓ Have been listed as FEI Level 3 Stewards for a minimum of four years
- ✓ Be in good standing with the FEI

The following officiating experience has to be achieved in the last 10 years of the application:

- ✓ Have officiated as a Chief Steward at a minimum of five (5) CSI4*/5* or CSIO3*/4*
- ✓ Have been appointed and officiated as a Foreign Steward at a minimum of three (3) CSIO5*
- ✓ Have been appointed and officiated as a Member of the Stewarding Team at one (1) Senior Championship, Games, FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final or Longines League of Nations™ Final

Education

- ✓ Pass the Transfer-up Level 4 Education for Stewards with examinations:

First phase:

- Pass problem-solving case studies
If passed, invited to an online interview
- Pass an online interview
If passed, the Official is provisionally transferred up to Level 4 and invited to the second phase

Second phase:

- Pass one (1) three-day in-person course at FEI HQ
If passed, the transfer-up to Level 4 is confirmed

If one of the two phases is not passed, the Official is given the opportunity of a re-attempt after one year.

Status

On passing the Level 4 examination(s) and fulfilling all requirements, participants are listed as Level 4 Stewards in the FEI Database.

Roles at FEI Shows

According to FEI Jumping Rules Art. 259, Level 4 Stewards may take on the following role at FEI Shows:

- ✓ Chief Steward and Overall Chief Steward at all levels of International Competitions

Maintenance

To maintain status, Level 4 Stewards must:

- ✓ Pass a CES Online Assessment every year
- ✓ Pass a CES Maintenance Course every three years
- ✓ Have officiated as Stewards at least at six (6) International Shows in the last three years of which a minimum of three (3) CSI4*/5* or CSIO3* or above

Level 1 Jumping Course Designers

Requirements

National Course Designers wishing to be listed as a Level 1 Course Designer must:

- ✓ Be formally recommended by their National Federation
- ✓ Achieve an English proficiency grade of A2 or higher
- ✓ Complete the online Jumping Foundation Course
- ✓ Have officiated as Assistant Course Designers at three (3) International Shows with a Mentor Course Designer Level 2 or above, with positive recommendations

National Course Designers from NFs with Equivalency wishing to be listed as a Level 1 Course Designer must:

- ✓ Be formally recommended by their National Federation
- ✓ Achieve an English proficiency grade of A2 or higher
- ✓ Complete the online Jumping Foundation Course

Education

For National Course Designers:

- ✓ Pass an in-person Transfer-up Level 1 Course for Course Designers with examination
If an examination is not passed, the Official is given the opportunity of a re-attempt after one year.

For National Course Designers from NFs with Equivalency:

- ✓ Pass an in-person Transfer-up Level 1 Course for Course Designers with examination
If an examination is not passed, the Official is given the opportunity of a re-attempt after one year.

Status

On passing the Level 1 examination(s) and fulfilling all requirements, participants are listed as Level 1 Course Designers in the FEI Database.

Roles at FEI Shows

According to FEI Jumping Rules Art. 259, Level 1 Course Designers may take on the following roles at FEI Shows:

- ✓ Assistant Course Designer
- ✓ Course Designer (build up to 140cm)

Maintenance

To maintain status, Level 1 Course Designers must:

- ✓ Pass a CES Online Assessment every year
- ✓ Pass a CES Maintenance Course every three years

Level 2 Jumping Course Designers

Requirements

Level 1 Course Designers wishing to be listed as a Level 2 Course Designer must:

- ✓ Achieve an English proficiency grade of A2 or higher
- ✓ Have been listed as FEI Level 1 Course Designers for a minimum of two years
- ✓ Have officiated as Course Designers Level 1 at 12 competitions with 135cm or above, and four (4) competitions with 140cm or above
- ✓ Have officiated as Assistant Course Designers at three (3) CSI2* or above with a Mentor Course Designer Level 3 or above, with positive recommendations

National Course Designers from NFs with Equivalency wishing to be listed as Level 2 Course Designers must:

- ✓ Be formally recommended by their National Federation
- ✓ Achieve an English proficiency grade of A2 or higher
- ✓ Complete the online Jumping Foundation Course
- ✓ Have officiated as an Assistant Course Designer at one (1) CSI2* or above with a Mentor Course Designer Level 3 or above, with positive recommendations

Education

For Level 1 Course Designers:

- ✓ Pass an in-person Transfer-up Level 2 Course for Course Designers with examination
If an examination is not passed, the Official is given the opportunity of a re-attempt after one year.

For National Course Designers from NFs with Equivalency:

- ✓ Pass an in-person Transfer-up Level 2 Course for Course Designers with examination

If an examination is not passed, the Official is given the opportunity of a re-attempt after one year.

Status

On passing the Level 2 examination(s) and fulfilling all requirements, participants are listed as Level 2 Course Designers in the FEI Database.

Roles at FEI Shows

According to FEI Jumping Rules Art. 259, Level 2 Course Designers may take on the following roles at FEI Shows:

- ✓ Assistant Course Designer
- ✓ Course Designer (build up to 145cm)

Maintenance

To maintain status, Level 2 Course Designers must:

- ✓ Pass a CES Online Assessment every year
- ✓ Pass a CES Maintenance Course every three years
- ✓ Have officiated as Level 2 Course Designers or Assistant Course Designers at least at one (1) International Show in the last three years*

*Condition not applicable to Equivalency Officials for the initial three years of officiating.

Level 3 Jumping Course Designers

Requirements

Level 2 Course Designers wishing to be listed as a Level 3 Course Designer must:

- ✓ Achieve an English proficiency grade of B1 or higher
- ✓ Have been listed as FEI Level 2 Course Designers for a minimum of two years
- ✓ Have officiated as Level 2 Course Designers at least at three (3) International Shows
- ✓ Have officiated as Level 2 Course Designers at eight (8) competitions with 145cm, out of these four (4) with a Jump-Off
- ✓ Have officiated as Assistant Course Designers at three (3) CSI4*/5* (160cm), with a Mentor Course Designer Level 3 or above, with positive recommendations

Education

- ✓ Pass an in-person Transfer-Up Level 3 Course for Course Designers with examination
If an examination is not passed, the Official is given the opportunity of a re-attempt after one year.

Status

On passing the Level 3 examination(s) and fulfilling all requirements, participants are listed as Level 3 Course Designers in the FEI Database.

Roles at FEI Shows

According to FEI Jumping Rules Art. 259, Level 3 Course Designers may take on the following roles at FEI Shows:

- ✓ Assistant Course Designer
- ✓ Course Designer (build up to 160cm), except Olympic Games, the Youth Olympic Games, Continental Games, the World Championship, the Continental Championship for Seniors, the FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final and the Longines League of Nations™ Final

Maintenance

To maintain status, Level 3 Course Designers must:

- ✓ Pass a CES Online Assessment every year
- ✓ Pass a CES Maintenance Course every three years
- ✓ Have officiated as Level 3 Course Designers or Assistant Course Designers at least at three (3) International Shows in the last three years

Level 4 Jumping Course Designers

Requirements

Level 3 Course Designers wishing to be listed as Level 4 Course Designers must:

- ✓ Achieve an English proficiency grade of B1 or higher
- ✓ Have been listed as FEI Level 3 Course Designers for a minimum of three years
- ✓ Be in good standing with the FEI

The following officiating experience has to be achieved in the last 10 years of the application:

- ✓ Have officiated as Course Designers at a minimum of one (1) CSIO5* or three (3) CSIO2*/CSIOY (145cm) or above in the last six years
- ✓ Have officiated as Course Designer at a minimum of 10 Grand Prix competitions 155cm or above at International Shows in the last three years
- ✓ Have officiated as Course Designer at a minimum of three (3) Grand Prix competitions 160cm at International Shows in the last three years
- ✓ Have officiated as Assistant Course Designers at two (2) CSI5* with a Mentor Course Designer Level 4, with positive recommendations

Education

- ✓ Pass the Transfer-up Level 4 Education for Course Designers with examinations:

First phase:

- Pass problem-solving case studies
If passed, invited to an online interview
- Pass an online interview
If passed, the Official is provisionally transferred up to Level 4 and invited to the second phase

Second phase:

- Pass one (1) three-day in-person course at FEI HQ
If passed, the transfer-up to Level 4 is confirmed

If one of the two phases is not passed, the Official is given the opportunity of a re-attempt after one year.

Status

On passing the Level 4 examination(s) and fulfilling all requirements, participants are listed as Level 4 Course Designers in the FEI Database.

Roles at FEI Shows

According to FEI Jumping Rules Art. 259, Level 4 Course Designers may take on the following roles at FEI Shows:

- ✓ Assistant Course Designer
- ✓ Course Designer (build up to 160cm), including Olympic Games, the Youth Olympic Games, Continental Games, the World Championship, the Continental Championship for Seniors, the FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final and the Longines League of Nations™ Final

Maintenance

To maintain status, Level 4 Course Designers must:

- ✓ Pass a CES Online Assessment every year
- ✓ Pass a CES Maintenance Course every three years
- ✓ Have officiated as Level 4 Course Designers or Assistant Course Designers at least at three (3) CSI/O/W 3* or above Shows in the last three years