



GENERAL RULES

General Regulations:

- 00.0.2 The General Regulations, together with the Veterinary Regulations, govern the conduct of all equestrian events organised by Provincial Bodies or Associated Bodies or by or on behalf of SAEA. The General Regulations are published under the authority of the Management Committee of SAEA.
- 00.0.5 Veterinary Regulations are published under the authority of SAEA to protect the health and well-being of horses and to enable them to participate in events under fair and equal conditions.
- 00.0.6 The General Regulations, Veterinary Regulations and Discipline Rules apply to all Recognised Events and/or Competitions
- 00.0.8 Provincial Bodies are responsible for the implementation by Organising Committees of all the SAEA Rules.
- 00.0.9 All Affiliated Bodies and all Organising Committees shall abide by the SAEA Rules when organising Recognised Events and/or Competitions.
- 00.0.10 In cases of doubt about the interpretation of SAEA Rules or their application to particular circumstances, Provincial Bodies should obtain a ruling from the Secretary General.
- 00.0.12 These General Regulations shall be interpreted in accordance with the legal principles for the interpretation of contracts.



SECTION 01

INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL AND RECOGNISED EVENTS

- 00.1.35 OWNER shall mean the person who is registered as the owner of a horse with SAEA or with the Provincial Body or Associate Body concerned regardless of who the true legal owner may be.
- 00.1.36 PERSON RESPONSIBLE shall mean the following persons:
- 00.1.36.1 A competitor who rides or drives the horse during an event and in vaulting, includes the lunger. However the owner may be regarded as an additional Person Responsible if he is present at the event or has made a relevant decision about the horse

SECTION 02

PROTECTION OF COMPETITORS AND HORSES

02.5.0 PERSONS RESPONSIBLE

- 02.5.1 The Person Responsible for a horse has legal responsibility for that horse, including responsibility under the General Regulations and the Veterinary Regulations and, unless otherwise stated, is liable under the Disciplinary System.

It is the obligation of the Person Responsible and of every other person subject to the Constitution, Regulations and Rules to know the Constitution, Regulations and relevant Rules, and lack of such knowledge does not relieve these persons from liabilities under the Constitution, Regulations and Rules



SECTION 02

AGE AND HEIGHT RESTRICTION OF HORSES AND HORSE PASSPORTS

05.5.0 HORSE PASSPORTS

05.5.1 Every horse registered with a Provincial Body shall have an official SAEA (Group IX) Passport as a means of identification, to establish the registered ownership and confirm the height classification. All passports will be issued **without alteration**.

05.5.2 **All passports shall include the full name, address and signature of the owner as registered by the Provincial Body.** The description of the horse and the diagram shall be accurately completed, and the passport shall include a record of all vaccinations, horse inspections and medication control samples.

05.5.3 Provincial Bodies are responsible for issuing passports for all horses registered with them and for ensuring that the passports are correctly completed, as specified in the Veterinary Regulations, **prior to being authenticated by the stamp of the Provincial Body and the signature of an official of the Provincial Body. Provincial Bodies shall retain a photocopy of the identification page and, if applicable, the "Horse Height" page of the passport. (See Rule 05.3.3).** The person responsible for a horse at an event is **responsible for the accuracy of the passport** and for presenting it at the Horse Inspection, except for events on borrowed horses when this is the responsibility of the Organising Committee.

05.5.4 **A horse may only have one passport** (other than an FEI Passport). If a Provincial Body is satisfied that a passport has been lost, it may issue a new one clearly marked "**duplicate**" and bearing the same number as the original passport. The Provincial Body concerned shall record the issue of a duplicate passport.

05.5.5 At CN Status events or CI Status events, Organising Committees shall arrange for each horse to be positively identified at the Horse Inspection. Any case of misleading or inaccurate information in a passport, or if the horse cannot be positively identified, shall be reported to the SAEA Representative who shall report the case to the Secretary General and the Provincial Body concerned giving the number of the passport and the name of the Horse.



- 05.5.6 If any Horse arrives at a Horse Inspection without a passport, or if its passport is inaccurate, it shall not be allowed to compete unless the SAEA Representative gives his approval or unless otherwise expressly provided in the Veterinary Regulations. Only in exceptional circumstances may a horse without a passport be allowed to compete.
- 05.5.7 Fines for **passport omissions or inaccuracies and/or inoculations** not up to date are set out in Appendix GR/B.