

# IBERIAN DRESSAGE MASTERS

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## BRITISH QUALIFIERS AND EUROPEAN MASTERS (FINAL)

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# MCI of GB – Rules and Regulations 2018

## 1 – INTRODUCTION

The Iberian Dressage Masters (MCI GB) is responsible for organizing qualifiers at various venues throughout the UK which is exclusively for Iberian horses (PRE & PSL). MCI GB operates as a National Circuit and these qualifiers will give members the opportunity to represent GB and qualify for the prestigious MCI European Championships which will be held on an annual basis. This year GB are hosting the finals which will be held at Addington manor on 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Any Member wishing to participate in the MCI qualification series is deemed to have read and accepted these Terms and Conditions.

1.2 MCI GB comprises 15 tests ranging from Young Horse up to Grand Prix levels and includes 5 Freestyle to Music classes:

PRIMERA – Preliminary - Young Horse 4-6 year olds  
NOVILLA – Novice/Elementary 4-6 year olds  
MALAGA – Novice/Elementary 4-6 year olds (Non Qualifier)  
GOLEGA - Elementary  
SEVILLA – Medium/Advanced Medium  
EVORA – Advanced Medium (Non Qualifier)  
LISBOA – Advanced Medium  
MADRID – Prix St George  
MAGISTRALE – Intermediate B  
REYALE – Grand Prix

### Plus 5 x FREESTYLE TO MUSIC:

CARMENCITA - Elementary  
FLAMENCA – Medium/Advanced Medium  
FANDANGO – Advanced Medium  
LUSITANIA – Prix St George/Inter I  
IBERICA – Grand Prix

## 1.3 MEMBERSHIP

All competitors and their horses must be a member of the Iberian Dressage Masters to compete in the MCI qualifiers, especially if the aim is to qualify for the European Masters Championship. Membership to the Iberian Dressage Masters (MCI GB) will be renewed on the 1<sup>st</sup> January of each year.

Annual membership fees are available on the website and you can join online.



## 2 – DEFINITIONS

### IBERIAN DRESSAGE MASTERS (MCI GB):

The IDM is the GB branch of the MCI-EU and is responsible for the organisation of all qualifiers held in the UK for the MCI European Championships.

Circuit = All tests from which results are taken into account to establish a ranking in GB to determine the final selection for competing at the European Masters final. A circuit can be National or Regional

Round / Contest = Set of different tests generally taking place on the same weekend.

Masters / Final = The annual European Championship for finalists that have qualified from each country in Europe

Qualifying Season = Commences on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (21 days before the date of the final. This qualification season will determine the final number of places in the final available for each level.

The European Masters / MCI-EU: Brings together Associations of countries that have organized the qualifications for selection of the Masters (final). Each country can have either a National circuit or several Regional circuits.

Competitor = A rider and horse. A competitor is defined for the qualifying season. A rider can ride as many different horses as he/she wishes. Each combination of horse and rider will be defined as a new competitor.

## 3 - PARTICIPATION RIGHTS AND RULES

The MCI-Eu recognises only one Association per country whom is allowed to organize qualifiers and the selection process on its own territory and participate in the Masters Final:

To date, the following MCI circuits, and year of creation, have been recognized and approved:

For France : le MCI-FR (1997) = Masters du Cheval Ibérique

For Italy: le MCI-IT (2001) = Master Cavallo Iberico Italia

For Belgium: le MCI-BE = MCIB-MIP (2005) Masters du Cheval Ibérique - Masters van het Iberische Paard

For Spain: le MCI-ES (2009) = Master del Caballo Ibérico

For Great Britain: Le MCI-GB (2015) = Iberian Dressage Masters

For the Czech Republic: Le MCI-CZE (2015) = Iberské mistři koní

For Portugal: The MCI-POR (2018) = association being created

For the Netherlands: MCI-NED (2018) = association being created

For Sweden: The MCI-SWE (2018) = association being created

Any new membership application of a country must be requested from MCI France



#### 4 - DRESSAGE TESTS 2018

4.1 Le MASTERS du CHEVAL IBERIQUE Européen (MCI-Eu) comprises : 13 tests from Young Horse to Grand Prix, including 5 Freestyle to Music classes specific MCI

These are 2018 tests of the - F.F.E., F.E.I. or SHF

PRIMERA:	Level Young Horse 4-6 year olds
NOVILLA:	Level Young Horse 4-6 year olds
GOLEGA :	Level 1 = Elementary
FSM CARMENCITA :	Level 1 = specific to MCI freestyle (new test in 2018)
SEVILLA :	Level 2 = Medium/Advanced Medium
FSM FLAMENCA :	Level 2 = = specific to MCI freestyle
LISBOA :	Level 3 = Advanced Medium (Individual Competition JUNIOR F.E.I.)
FSM FANDANGO :	Level 3 = specific to MCI freestyle
MADRID :	Level 4 = Prix ST GEORGES F.E.I.
FSM LUSITANIA :	Level 4 = specific to MCI freestyle
MAGISTRALE :	Level 5 = INTERMEDIAIRE B F.F.I.
REYALE :	Level 6 = GRAND PRIX F.E.I
FSM IBERICA :	Levels 5 & 6 = specific to MCI freestyle (level GRAND PRIX F.E.I.)

4.2 To qualify for the European Masters (final), each competitor must obtain 3 qualifying scores on 3 different show dates before the end of the qualifying season. The minimum qualifying is dependent upon the level:

4.3 MALAGA and EVORA tests cannot be used to qualify for the European Masters final as they are practice tests and are not subject to qualification status. Competitors will be placed and ranked on the day of the event and presented with a rosette and Trophy or prizes if applicable.

#### Minimum percentages per test:

PRIMERA & NOVILLA – More than 66%
GOLEGA & SEVILLA– More than 64%
LISBOA – More than 63%
MADRID – More than 61%
MAGISTRALE & REYALE – More than 60%
Freestyles CARMENCITA AND FLAMENCA – More than 65%
Freestyles FANDANGO - More than 64%
Freestyle LUSITANIA – More than 63%
Freestyle IBERICA – More than 65%

4.4 The Dressage Test sheets can be found on our website [www.iberiandressagemasters.com](http://www.iberiandressagemasters.com). During the qualifying or selection rounds and at the request of the rider, the help of a caller is allowed (without the caller making any additions or repetition which will result in the penalty of elimination). The MCI France website [www.masters-iberique.com](http://www.masters-iberique.com) also has the tests available on its website, the MCI-EU headquarters website will overrule any other tests.



## 5 - ORGANIZATION OF QUALIFIERS /SELECTIONS

Each MCI Association is allowed to organize qualifiers/selections in their own country. They can determine the number of venues, number of rounds, method of points allocating for the ranking selection, determining the minimum number of rounds and the minimum results (%) to be obtained to participate in the Masters, National finals, subject to respect the following points:

1. Organising a minimum of 3 qualification/selection rounds per year
2. Making available all MCI-EU tests to their members during the qualification season:
  - The Primera, Novilla, Golega and Sevilla may have different texts in selection depending on the country, provided they respect the same level of difficulty
  - The Lisboa, Madrid, Magistrale and Reyale are the FEI tests
  - The freestyles are specific to the MCI
3. Updating a competition schedule and a provisional ranking for each test after each qualifying round. With public results accessible on their website, or communicating them to MCI-EU who will publish them on their website.
4. Not to have in its national rules, points in contradiction with this rules in particular concerning the number of places allocated at the final, according to article 6.

## 6 - NUMBER OF PLACES AVAILABLE TO COMPETE IN MASTERS FINAL PER LEVEL

6.1 The number of places available for each rider combination per test allowed to compete at the final, depends on the number of competitors who participated in the qualifiers during the year to determine the final selections for each test.

TESTS	Number of Competitors during the qualifying season										
	1 - 4	5 - 7	8-11	12-15	16-20	21-25	26-31	32-37	38-43	44-50	50+
Primera Novilla	1 - 4	5 - 7	8-11	12-15	16-20	21-25	26-31	32-37	38-43	44-50	50+
Golega Carmencita Sevilla Flamenca	1 - 4	5 - 9	10-14	15-20	21-26	27-33	34-40	41-48	49-56	57-65	65+
Lisboa Fandango Madrid Lusitania	1- 3	4 - 5	6 - 8	9 - 11	12-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-36	37-45	45+
Magistrale Reyale Iberica	1 - 2	3	4 - 5	6 - 7	8 - 9	10-11	12-13	14-15	16-18	19-21	22+
<b>Number of Final places</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>



### Examples:

At the end of qualifying season France may have 28 ranked competitors ranked in Sevilla test but only 7 places are available in Sevilla final

In Italy 11 competitors ranked in Golega test but only 4 places in Golega final

6.2 The host country of the final will receive an extra quota of 15% more ranked competitors (excluding freestyle) for their team to be distributed according to their choice between the different levels of test, whilst respecting Article 7.

Example: Great Britain being the host country for 2018 may have the following number of places allocated at the end of the qualifying season: Primera / Novilla = 3, Golega = 6, Sevilla = 7, Lisboa = 4, Madrid = 5, Magistrale = 2, Reyle = 2 totalling 31 competitors. Add an additional 15% = 4.35 = 5 additional competitors for Great Britain.

6.3 The MCI-EU will regularly update the ranking for each Country for each test with the number of places they will have at the Masters Final according to the publication of their provisional results.

6.4 Three weeks before the MASTERS FINAL the MCI-EU will confirm the final number of places allocated for each Association in each level, whoever has not respected point 5.3 cannot have place in the final. If necessary, each Country will be able to continue their final selections up to 15 days before the date of the final to determine the names of their Team.

## 7 - SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE MASTERS (FINAL)

7.1 At the end of the qualifying season/selections, each competitor must fulfill all of the following conditions to be able to participate in the Masters (final) in any one of the tests:

- 1) Be ranked on the original circuit for the particular test (see table above) within the selected number of places.
- 2) A horse can only participate once at the final of the same test/. If at the end of the season a horse is selected twice for the Masters (final) for the same test, the owner must choose which rider he/she wishes to compete his/her horse.
- 3) A rider may not participate twice during the year in the final of the same test (even if the number of points earned is sufficient). If at the end of the season, a rider is selected more than once for the Masters (final) for the same test, the rider will need to choose the which horse he/she wishes to compete.
- 4) A horse can participate in up to two finals (Masters) during the year. If at the end of the season a horse is selected for more than 2 finals (Masters), the owner must choose which two finals they wish to compete in.
- 5) For a horse to participate in the finals of PRIMERA and NOVILLA, the horse must not exceed 6 years of age during that calendar year.
- 6) If a Declaration of withdrawal (horse or rider) for the finals is received by the due date, the next combination that has qualified but not yet selected will be offered this place.





## 8 - ORGANISATION OF THE MASTERS (FINAL)

All regulations apply to the Masters final and they are the same as that which governs the tests in the rounds organized by the MCI-EU plus the following points that complete, replace or cancel some of these articles:

### 8-1 Introduction

A competitor who has not participated in the qualification rounds cannot participate in the final

### 8-2 Text of the tests

PRIMERA, NOVILLA, GOLEGA and SEVILLA = text MCI France

LISBOA, MADRID, MAGISTRALE and REYALE = text F.E.I

CARMENCITA, FLAMENCA, FANDANGO, LUSITANIA and IBERICA = Text MCI-EU

### 8-3 Judges

8.3.1 These are Official Judges (PSG level minimum) of the Equestrian Federation of each country and / or FEI Judges who are all independent of the MCI. Each test will be marked by the Judges according to FEI guidelines and according to each movement of each test as defined with the test description.

8.3.2 The method of judging for the young horse tests PRIMERA and NOVILLA will be judged in the same way as all FEI Young Horse classes. The judging will be based on FEI Young Horse classes: walk, trot, canter, flexibility, suppleness and general impression and not on the execution of each movement.

8.3.3 The judges' decision is final and without appeal. Judges may appeal to members of the Committee of MCI only to help solve a problem of regulation or technique.

8.3.4 The ranking established by the judges is the final ranking for the test.

8.3.5 Ground Jury: Each country will provide at least one judge per 20 qualified competitors', it is advisable to provide FEI judges and / or at the minimum level of Grand Prix. Then if necessary the jury will be completed by judges of the country hosting the final.

#### For example:

France has 52 competitors in final = 3 judges from France

Italy has 26 competitors = 2 judges from Italy

Czech Republic has 8 competitors = 1 judge

Belgium has 37 competitors = 2 judges

Great Britain has 44 competitors = 3 judges etc etc

Giving a total of 11 judges. But if 15 judges are required when Great Britain hosts the final in 2018 then GB will provide 3 additional judges.





8.3.6 Each country is responsible for their judges' travel costs and expenses. The host country organizing the Masters Final is responsible for the charges for the MCI-EU jury (hotels, meals etc).

## 9 DRESS AND TACK

9.1 This rule is subject to change depending upon the current FEI regulations subsequent to this version of MCI-EU rules being printed. The FEI rules will always prevail.

9.2 Horse tack: Horse tack can either be Spanish, Portuguese or classical English. The types of bit must be strictly adhered to as authorized by the FEI for dressage. Martingales and other similar types of training aids are prohibited.

No boots or bandages, blinkers, shields or earmuffs are allowed.

9.3 Dress for Riders: Spanish or Portuguese traditional dress is recommended but the classical FEI dress is acceptable.

9.4 Spurs : Must strictly comply with the FEI regulations.

9.5 Whip/Cane: whips are allowed during the warm-up. Whips or canes are only permitted to be used by the rider who is competing, walking in hand or with the horse on a lunge. Any other person who is authorized to carry a whip must ensure it does not interfere with the training of the horse.

Whip/Cane maximum length is 1.20 meters

Whips are prohibited for all tests in the Masters final (except for PRIMERA and NOVILLA)

9.6 Headphones: During the competition, the use of headphones by riders is allowed only when training in the warm-up. They are prohibited in all the tests.

9.7 No commanders/callers allowed when competing in the Masters final.

### 9.8 Riding Helmets & Hats:

Protective hats are to be worn by all riders at all times when mounted at an MCI GB competition, including exercising, warming up and competing. Top hats or uniform caps are permitted as an exception to this rule for all MCI tests (excluding Young Horse tests where a protective hat should be worn) but only for the warm up directly prior to the competition (which may include riding from horse box park/stable to warm up arena) and the test. It is, however, recommended that riders to whom this exception applies wear protective hats at all times for their own safety. Organisers may require that Under 21 riders are to wear protective hats at all levels, if this is stipulated in the schedule. Organisers may also prescribe venue-specific rules that are stricter than stated if clearly shown in their schedules.



Protective hats must meet one of the following standards; PAS 015, EN1384, BSEN1384 (MCI GB strongly recommends that hats are BSI Kitemarked) ASTM F1163 (2004) with SEI mark SNELL E2001 Australian & New Zealand All AS/NZS 3838 1998 or any new standard that meets or exceeds those stated. Harnesses must be correctly fastened at all times when mounted. Hats and hat covers must be predominately black, navy blue or a conservative dark colour that matches the rider's jacket. Competitors are strongly recommended to check their hats are correctly fitted and replace them if damaged, or following a fall, and are responsible for ensuring their hat meets the required standards above. Riders are also advised to check the wording of any insurance policy they may depend on in case of accident for any specific requirements regarding the wearing of hats.

If a hat comes off during a dressage test, it must be replaced immediately; the rider may dismount or the hat may be handed to them. The test will be restarted at the beginning of the movement during which it came off. There will be no penalty for error of course, but if the hat is not replaced the Judge is to eliminate the competitor. If a rider starts their test without wearing the correct headgear, the Judge is to ring the bell and instruct the rider to dismount and leave the arena. At the discretion of the organiser and the Judge, the rider may restart the test once properly attired. If a rider fails to comply with the instruction, the organiser is to eliminate the competitor from all classes on that day. This will also apply if, as a result of a spotcheck, a rider's hat is found not to comply with the required standard.

The standard riding helmet is accepted with the Iberian outfit and wearing it will not interfere with the points for Freestyle.

9.9 Minor riders: Whatever the level, protective hats are to be worn by all riders at all times when mounted at an MCI competition, including exercising, warming up and competing.

9.10 Other riders: when mounted at an MCI competition

- Young horses : protective hats are to be worn by all riders at all times, including exercising, warming up and competing
  
- Other horses : protective hats are strongly recommended at all times. Experienced riders, top hats or uniform caps are permitted as an exception for all MCI tests except in the warm up directly prior to the competition (which may include riding from horse box park/stable to warm up arena) and the test.

9.11 Any Rider in default may be disqualified without refund of their registration or entry fees.

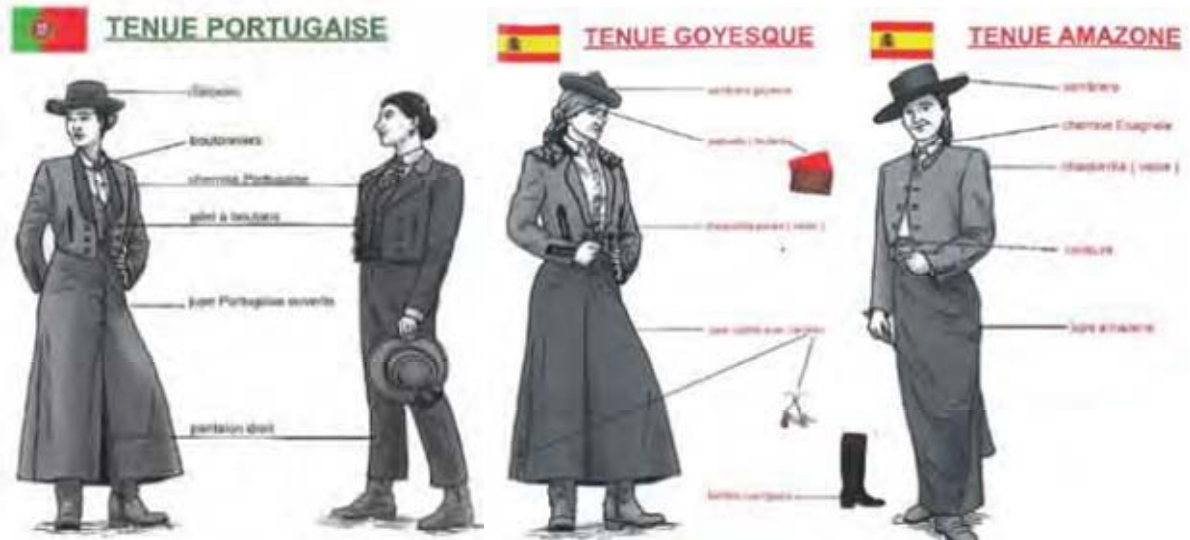
9.12 These rules must be adhered to for insurance purposes.

9.13 Freestyle Dress Code Points:

- Spanish or Portuguese Dress: 10, 12, 14 or 16 points based on traditional outfits.
- Classic Dress: 8, 9 or 10 points
- Plaited Tail : 1 point
- Plaited Mane: 1 point
- Traditional Saddle: 2 points
- Spanish or Portuguese Dress : Standards or traditional outfits – see below



Illustrations by Sellerie RIOJA:





10 Points  
FOLK DRESS



12 Points

PART DRESS



14 Points  
with classical boots and trousers



16 Points  
FULL DRESS

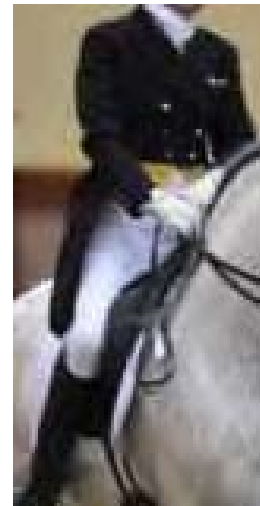
Classic dress:



8 Points



9 Points



10 Points



## 10 – RANKING SYSTEM OF THE EUROPEAN MASTERS (FINAL)

### 10.1 Individual Masters (13 titles)

Each test will result in a ranking of first to last qualifying competitor. Competitors ride individually and under the rider Nationality team colours. In the case of a draw/tie between competitors, the competitor wearing traditional dress will be ranked the winner. If there is still a tie, the highest overall score will decide the final ranking. If a tie still exists the competitors will be ranked equally.

### 10.2 Masters National Team (Country)

For the Team ranking, this is calculated by adding the scores accumulated in percentages to 3 decimal points. The top 13 percentages attained by competitors for each Team count but with the following restrictions.

Only the top 13 percentages achieved by the competitors for each team will be calculated by using the results achieved as follows:

- Two young horse results from PRIMERA and/or NOVILLA
- The five best results obtained in the Freestyles: CARMENCITA, FLAMENCA, FANDANGO, LUSITANIA and IBERICA. Although only the top two scores from each Freestyle test count.
- The best six results obtained in the tests: GOLEGA, SEVILLA, LISBOA, MADRID, MAGISTRALE and REYALE.
- The 2 lowest scores are then deducted for an accumulation of 11 results

In case of a tie between teams, the lowest score will be reinstated. If the tie still remains a 14th best result (whatever its origin) will be included in the calculation. If a tie still exists, a 15th result will be included in the calculation and so on until the tiebreaker between the teams.

The top 3 teams will be rewarded on a podium with medals for: Gold, Silver and Bronze

### 10.3 European Champion Title

10.3.1 For the European Champion title, a combined ranking will be established alongside the individual Masters tests, this title will be presented on a podium with medals for the first 3 countries: Gold, Silver and Bronze.

10.3.2 Final places are calculated by adding the average scores of tests achieved in percentages to three decimal points. In case of a tie, the competitor in traditional dress will be ranked ahead. If still tied, the best total points for the set of the highest tests (Novilla or Freestyle) decide the ranking.



10.3.3 There will be 7 European Champion Titles in 2018:

Level Young Horse = PRIMERA + NOVILLA  
Level 1 = GOLEGA + CARMENCITA  
Level 2 = SEVILLA + FLAMENCA  
Level 3 = LISBOA + FANDANGO  
Level 4 = MADRID + LUSITANIA  
Level 5 = MAGISTRALE + IBERICA  
Level 6 = REYALE + IBERICA

10.3.4 Qualification and Participation Conditions for the title of European Champion in Levels 1 – 4:

- 1) Freestyle participation (of the corresponding level) is mandatory as part of the qualification process to compete in a European Champion Title.
- 2) The competitor must qualify and participate in the individual Masters test according to Article 6 of the Regulation.
- 3) If a competitor has not qualified in the Freestyle test, the rider is still allowed to compete and obtain a score in the individual Masters test for the European Championship. Subject to Point 10.3.4.1. In this case, they will not be ranked individually on the corresponding Freestyle Masters.
- 4) A rider may only compete in one Level (between Levels 1 - 4). Riders competing in different individual categories (between 1 - 4), must declare in writing at the time of entry, or at least 48 hours before the start of the first test of the final, which category of the European Championship Title they will compete in.
- 5) A rider who participates in one of the European Championship Levels 1 - 4 is also allowed to compete with a different horse for the title of European Champion Levels 5 or 6 and with a different horse for the title of Young Horse European Champion (providing they have obtained the necessary qualification for each horse according to Article 6 of the Regulation).

If a competitor has not clearly indicated their choice of horse or level when entering the Championship, then the level of the first test he/she rides will define the level of Championship.

10.3.5 Qualification and Participation Conditions for the title of Young Horse European Champion

- 1) The competitor must have obtained their individual Masters qualification in at least one of the two Young Horse tests PRIMERA or NOVILLA, according to Article 6 of these Regulations. They must also be registered in the provisional classifications for the other Young Horse test even if the place does not allow them to access to the individual Masters.





- 2) For the second test, if the competitor is not qualified in the Individual Masters, they will nevertheless be allowed to compete in the other test to be able to obtain a score for the Young Horse European Championship. Must comply with Point 10.3.2.1
- 3) A rider who competes for the title of Young Horse European Champion can also compete with a different horse for the title of European Champion Title Levels 1 - 4, and a different horse for Levels 5 or 6 (providing they have obtained the necessary qualification for each horse according to Article 6 of the Regulation)

#### 10.3.6 Qualification and Participation Conditions for a title of European Champion Title in Levels 5 & 6

- 1) IBERICA Freestyle participation is mandatory as part of the qualification process to compete in a European Champion Title in either Level 5 or 6.
- 2) The competitor must qualify and participate in the individual Masters for either the MAGISTRALE or REYALE test according to Article 6 of the Regulation.
- 3) If a competitor has not qualified in the individual Masters IBERICA Freestyle test, they will nevertheless still be allowed to compete and obtain a score for the individual European Championship title.
- 4) The same rider can be classified at both Levels 5 and 6. Riders with a horse in each individual Masters category 5 and 6 must declare in writing at the time of their entry, or at the latest 48 hours before the start of the first test of the final, which horse they will compete for the title of European Champion.
- 5) A rider who participates in one of the European Championship Levels 5 or 6, can also compete with a different horse for the title of European Champion Levels 1 - 4 and with a different horse for the title of Young Horse European Champion (providing they have obtained the necessary qualification for each horse according to Article 6 of the Regulation)

If a competitor has not clearly indicated their choice of horse or level when entering the Championship, then the level of the first test he/she rides will define the level of Championship.

## 10.4 Summary

### 10.4.1 A horse can only participate in 2 individual Masters = 2 tests

(For example: 2 imposed tests Sevilla and Madrid, or 1 imposed test and 1 freestyle (Lisboa and Fandango) or 2 freestyles.

10.4.2 A rider can ride only one horse in each of individual Masters, there are a total of 13 different tests (including freestyles) meaning a rider can ride a maximum of 13 horses giving 13 possibility of a title in the individual Masters.



#### 10.4.3 Title of European Champion:

- By competing one horse to achieve an individual Title.
- By competing 3 different horses with 3 possibilities of Titles as follows: 1 x Young Horse plus 1 x Level 1 – 4 and 1 x level 5 or 6.
- A competitor who, as part of the qualification process has never qualified for a Freestyle, cannot compete for any of the titles for the European Championship Levels 1 to 6.

### 11 - COMPLAINTS (OBJECTIONS)

A complaint against a competitor or horse during the final, in connection with their ranking, their organization or their progress, must be dealt exclusively by their own Team Captain.

Composition of the Appeal committee: The President of ground Jury, the President of the MCI-EU (or his representative), the event Director and all the Team Captains.

Any complaint must be made in writing (no verbal complaint is accepted). For the complaint to be admissible, each complaint must be filed no later than one hour after the incident to the President of ground Jury or a representative of MCI.

Any complainant must pay a deposit of €150. This deposit will be returned for justified claims or the MCI-EU will retain the deposit if the case is rejected.

In all cases where there is a complaint, the Appeal committee will be required to adjudicate. The Appeal committee will have all power to address different issues, with reference to these Rules and Regulations as well as National and International regulations, but these Regulations in particular. These decisions are irrevocable, without appeal and immediately applicable.

### 12 MISCELLANEOUS

In the case of a disagreement on the interpretation of the terms and conditions of the competition or the regulations, the interpretive version of the Appeal committee will prevail. MCI-EU reserves the right to modify these Rules and Regulations, under the laws in force at any time and without notice.

All entrants and members of the MCI including all persons with any involvement in any of the competing horses and riders, are deemed to have read these Rules and Regulations and to be in agreement, without any reservation, on all points contained herein.

All participants are reminded to have in all circumstances a loyal conduct towards the MCI, to refrain from any behavior likely to undermine the image of the equestrian sports, to respect the decisions of the judges and referees and the sovereignty sports arbitration, to contribute to the fight against doping by participating in the organized preventive actions and by submitting personally to the controls provided for by the laws and regulations in force



### 13 - INSURANCE AND LIABILITY

Insurance cover for the MCI-EU is for its own insurance purposes and cannot involve the Association beyond the clauses, guarantees and conditions of the contracts concerned

Additionally, any injury or damage to horses or other animals, objects and personal effects are not covered or the responsibility of the MCI-EU.

Competitors (rider & horse) must be personally insured against the consequences of any civil liability that they may incur due to their participation in the contests of MCI, in their capacity of owner, rider or handlers of equines for all rounds of the competition including the final. By entering a dressage test set by MCI, the rider recognizes and certifies that he/she has taken out the relevant insurance for their own personal requirements.

### 14 - RULES OF THE COMPETITION ARENA AND WARM UP AREAS

The warm up arena/s is provided to work in the horses before the tests. It is therefore necessary to ensure that riders (and their horses) are respectful of other riders. Ensure that the schedule for the day is observed. Ensure before entering the ring that your outfit is correct and your tack properly adjusted.

Arena access is restricted to registered competitors warming up or for competing. It is prohibited for the groom, trainers or others to mount the horse in the paddock, warm up areas or competition arena.

Trainers are not permitted inside the warm up or competition arenas and are only allowed outside of the warm up arena. Verbal comments and training remarks must be made quietly and with discretion from the edge of the arena and without disturbing other riders. Any electronic earbud devices can be used in the warm up arenas or paddock area but must be removed before entering the competition arena. The assistance of a third person with a whip or cane to help the rider is not permitted

Unless with explicit authorization of Stewards of the warm up arenas or paddock areas, it is forbidden to lunge or walk the horse in hand or to stand in the middle of the track. To reduce the risk of accidents, keep a reasonable distance from other horses and follow the priorities. Riders must pass on the left rein and the left rein will always have priority.

Riders practicing transitions and movements other than walk, halt or reinback will have precedence. Passage, piaffe and pirouette take precedence over all other paces and movements. Boots and bandages are allowed in the warm up areas but not in the competition arena during the tests. If possible a pre-paddock will be provided for adjusting the tack or to remove boots and bandages. Do not stop in the middle of the track. If this space does not exist please leave the warm up arena to perform any adjustments and removal of boots and bandages.

Check that none of the tack can harm the horse. Injury from the bridle, spur or hand will result in immediate disqualification, both in the warm up and in the test. Do not hesitate to ask the Stewards of the warm up if you are unsure. Comply with their instructions and treat them with courtesy. They are there to help you.



## 15 - FEI CODE OF CONDUCT

The FEI requires 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:

### Summary of text

1. The welfare of horses takes precedence over all other requirements at all stages of their preparation and their training. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery and saddler/tack and transportation.

2. To be allowed to compete, horses and competitors must be physically fit, competent and in good health. This includes the use of medications, surgical procedures which threaten the safety or well-being of horses, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of aids.

3. Events must not prejudice horse welfare. This involves constant attention to the competition areas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, safety of the site and fitness of the horse for onward travel after the event.

4. Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive the proper attention they are due after the competition and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over. This includes proper veterinary care, competition injuries, euthanasia and retirement.

5. The FEI urges all involved with the sport of Equestrianism to attain the highest possible level of knowledge in their areas of expertise.

### 15.1 ARTICLE 401 FEI : OBJECT AND GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF DRESSAGE

DRESSAGE RULES 25th edition, Including updates effective 1st January 2017

The object of Dressage is the development of the Horse into a happy Athlete through harmonious education. As a result, it makes the Horse calm, supple, loose and flexible, but also confident, attentive and keen, thus achieving perfect understanding with the Athlete. These qualities are demonstrated by:

- The freedom and regularity of the paces.
- The harmony, lightness and ease of the movements.
- The lightness of the forehand and the engagement of the hindquarters, originating from a lively impulsion.
- The acceptance of the bit, with submissiveness/throughness (Durchlässigkeit) without any tension or resistance.

A full copy of this Code and article can be obtained from the Federation Equestre Internationale, Avenue Mon-Repos 24, CH-1005 Lausanne, Switzerland (Tel: +41 21 310 4747). The Code is available in English. It can also be found on the FEI website [www.horsesport.org](http://www.horsesport.org)

End of the Rules and Regulations

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