Masters Européen (finale)
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https://mastersiberique.com/

1 – PREAMBLE

The European Iberian Masters (a branch of the MCI, a French non-profit association) is responsible for organizing the annual European Masters (or Final) of dressage, of which it is the owner. The Final is exclusively reserved for purebred horses with full papers of Purebred Spanish Horse (PRE) or Pureblood Lusitano (PSL), coming solely from the selections of the various MCI Europe circuits. Any association wishing to participate in the European MASTERS is deemed to have read and accepted the general conditions and regulations.

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2 - DEFINITIONS

• **MASTERS DU CHEVAL IBÉRIQUE (MCI)** : The combination of all circuits, qualifiers, and the Masters within a single year.

• **Circuit:** A group of qualifiers whose results are taken into account to establish a ranking for selection to the Masters (final). A circuit can be national or regional.

• **Round / contest:** A set of different dressage tests generally taking place over the same weekend.

• **Masters / Finale:** The final event bringing together the competitors selected from the various participating MCI circuits. In Le Mans, France, from November 10th to 14th, 2027

• **Qualification Season:** The period of competitions taken into account to determine the number of places in the final for each circuit. It begins on January 1, 2027, and closes on October 17, 2027.

• **European Masters or MCI-Eu**: The grouping of all national associations organizing a selection for the Masters (final). Each country may have either one national circuit or several regional circuits.

• **Competitor:** Designates a rider-horse combination. A rider may ride as many different horses as they wish during the qualification season. They will form a new competitor combination with each new horse.

• **Qualifying Result:** The minimum percentage (%) a competitor must obtain to validate their result for qualification to the European Final.

3 - DROITS de PARTICIPATION.

The MCI-Eu recognizes only one association per country authorized to organize selections on its own territory and to participate in the Masters..

To date, the recognized and approved MCI circuits (along with their year of origin) are as follows:

- For France (1997) : MCI-FRA = Masters du Cheval Ibérique
- For Italy (2001): AIMCI Associazione Italiana Masters Cavallo Iberico New association since 2026
- Pour la Belgique (2005) : MCI-BEL = MCIB-MIP : Masters du Cheval Ibérique - Masters van het Iberische Paard
- For Spain (2009): MCI-ESP new association currently being formed for 2027
- For Great Britain (2015): Le MCI-GB = Iberian Dressage Masters
- For the Czech Republic (2015): MCI-CZE = New association since 2026
- For the Netherlands (2018): MCI team NL => New association since 2025
- For the Portugal (2026): Le MCI-POR : association being created

Any new membership application of a country must be requested from MCI (France) owner of the European final

4 - 2027 TESTS

Le MASTERS du CHEVAL IBERIQUE *Européen* (MCI-Eu) includes several tests of different levels.

- 8 compulsory dressage tests in increasing order of difficulty : *PRIMERA, NOVILLA*, *GOLEGA*, SEVILLA, *LISBOA*, *MADRID, MAGISTRALE*, *REYALE*
- 6 freestyle tests to music (RLM): *CARMENCITA*, *FLAMENCA*, *LUSITANIA, FANDANGO, BAILARINA* et *IBERICA.*

These are 2027 tests of the - F.F.E. - F.E.I. or MCI

- PRIMERA: Level Young Horse 4–6-year-olds **=>** Snaffle bridle, spurs optional
- NOVILLA: Level Young Horse 4–6-year-olds **=>** Snaffle bridle, spurs optional
- GOLEGA: Level 1 = Elementary
- CARMENCITA: Level 1 = MCI freestyle **=>** from 2027 optional Spanish walk (minimum 10 m)
- SEVILLA: Level 2 = Medium/Advanced Medium
- FLAMENCA: Level 2 = MCI freestyle **=>** from 2027 optional Spanish walk (minimum 10 m)
- LISBOA: Level 3 = F.E.I. JUNIORS INDIVIDUAL **=>** New test in 2027
- FANDANGO: Level 3 = MCI freestyle **=>** from 2027 optional Spanish walk (minimum 10 m)
- MADRID: Level 4 = F.E.I. Prix ST GEORGES **=>** New test in 2027
- LUSITANIA: Level 4 = MCI freestyle **=>** from 2027 optional Spanish walk (minimum 10 m)
- MAGISTRALE: Level 5 = F.E.I. INTERMEDIATE II B **=>** New test in 2027
- BAILARINA: Level 5 = MCI freestyle **=>** from 2027 optional Spanish walk (minimum 10 m)
- REYALE: Level 6 = F.E.I GRAND PRIX **=>** New test in 2027
- IBERICA: Level 6 = MCI freestyle **=>** from 2027 optional Spanish walk (minimum 10 m)

  In a snaffle or double bridle (a snaffle is mandatory for young horses); spurs are optional for all compulsory tests and for all freestyle.

See the texts and specificities of each test on the MCI France website : https://mastersiberique.com/

5 - ORGANIZATION OF SELECTIONS.

Each MCI association is free to organize the selection process within its own country (including the number of circuits, number of rounds, method for awarding points for the selection ranking, determination of the minimum number of rounds, and the minimum percentage-based results required to qualify for the Masters or national final, etc.), **provided that the following points are strictly observed:**

1/ Schedule a **minimum of 4 selection (round)** competitions per year.

2/ **Proposing at least all MCI-Eu tests,** during the selection 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 FEI test
- The freestyles are specific to the MCI

3/ **Maintain an up-to-date competition calendar** and a provisional ranking for each dressage test following every event. These results must be made public, either by being posted directly on the national association's website and by their transmission, immediately following each competition, to MCI France, which will ensure they are published on the MCI Europe page of its official website.

4/ **Ensure regulatory compliance:** no national regulation should contain articles that contradict this document, particularly with regard to the number of places allocated in the final (in accordance with Article 6).

5/ **The minimum percentages required** for qualifying results may be set freely, provided that the following threshold values are respected:
• Primera & Novilla : minimum 69 %
• Golega & Sevilla : minimum 64 %
• Lisboa : minimum 63 %
• Madrid : minimum 62,5 %
• Magistrale : minimum 61,5 %
• Reyale : minimum 60,5 %
• For all freestyle tests (tests ridden to music), the minimum qualifying score is set at 66%.

6 - NUMBER OF PLACES IN FINAL BY CIRCUIT

1**/ The number of places allocated** in the final per test, depends for each circuit on the number of different competitors who participated in the year in the selections of the test in question.

Reprises	Nombre de concurrents différents ayant participé pendant la saison de qualification, par reprises										
PRIMERA - NOVILLA	1 à 4	5 à 7	8 à 11	12 à 15	16 à 20	21 à 25	26 à 31	32 à 37	38 à 43	44 à 50	+ de 50
GOLEGA - CARMENCITA SEVILLA - FLAMENCA	1 à 4	5 à 9	10 à 14	15 à 20	21 à 26	27 à 33	34 à 40	41 à 48	49 à 56	57 à 65	+ de 65
LISBOA - FANDANGO MADRID - LUSITANIA	1 à 3	4 à 5	6 à 8	9 à 11	12 à 15	16 à 20	21 à 25	26 à 30	31 à 36	37 à 45	+ de 45
MAGISTRALE - REYALE - IBERICA	1 à 2	3	4 à 5	6 à 7	8 à 9	10 à 11	12 à 13	14 à 15	16 à 18	19 à 21	+ de 22
Nombre de places en finale pour le circuit considéré	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**

Example 1: If France has 28 different competitors in the Sevilla , it falls within the range of 27 to 33 entrants and thus obtains 7 places in the final for this test.
Example 2: If Italy has 11 different competitors in the Sevilla, it falls within the range of 10 to 14 entrants and thus obtains 4 places in the final for this test.

2/ Host country quota: The national federation of the country hosting the European final is granted an additional allocation of +15% more starting places (calculated based on the total number of places earned, excluding Freestyles/RLM) for its entire team. The host country is free to distribute these additional places across the various competition levels, provided that the provisions of Article 7 are observed.

Exemple : La Grande-Bretagne organise la finale. À la fin de sa saison de sélections, le calcul de ses quotas théoriques hors RLM donne : Primera/Novilla = 3 places ; Golega = 6 places ; Sevilla = 7 places ; Lisboa = 4 places ; Madrid = 5 places ; Magistrale = 2 places ; Reyale = 2 places.

Total = 31 places x 15 % = 4,65, soit 5 places supplémentaires accordées à la Grande-Bretagne

3/ The MCI-Eu regularly informs each national circuit of the evolution of the number of provisional places it will have for the Masters, based on the provisional rankings published.

4/ Final allocation: Three weeks before the Masters, the MCI-Eu communicates the final number of places allocated to each circuit. Any national association that has not complied with the obligations to publish and transmit the results set out in article 5.3 will be deprived of its places for the final.

7 - Sélection pour les MASTERS (finales)

At the close of the selection season, to validate their participation in the Masters (final) in one of the tests, a competitor must fulfil all of the following conditions:

a/ Attendance: Having participated in at least two different selection rounds during the qualifying season (defined in Article 2).

b / Performance in compulsory tests: Must have achieved, in the relevant compulsory tests during the selection rounds, at least **two qualifying results** that meet the thresholds established in Articles 2 and 5.5..

c / Performance in Freestyle tests: Must have achieved, in the relevant freestyle test during the selection rounds, at least **one qualifying result** that meets the thresholds established in Articles 2 and 5.5

d / Ranking: Must be ranked within the quota of qualifying place allocated to their original circuit for the specific test (see the official table in Article 6).

e / Entry limit per horse: A horse may participate in the final of a given test only once. If, at the conclusion of the selection process, a horse qualifies twice for the same test (with two different riders), the owner must designate which rider will compete in the Masters.

f / Entry limit per rider (per test): A rider may participate in the final of a given test no more than once. If, at the conclusion of the selection process, a rider qualifies with several different horses for the same test, they must choose the single horse they wish to enter in the final.

g / Absolute limit per horse: A horse may participate in a maximum of two finals (Masters) within the same calendar year. If a horse qualifies for more than two finals, the owner must select the two tests in which the horse will compete**.**

h / Age limit (Primera & Novilla): To participate in the Primera and Novilla finals, a horse must be no older than 6 years of age during the 2027 calendar year.

i / Handling of withdrawals: In the event that a competitor (horse or rider) withdraws or is declared a non-starter before the Masters, their place will be automatically reallocated to the next highest-ranked competitor from the original circuit who was not initially selected, provided that the time remaining before the start of the Masters allows for such a replacement.

8 - ORGANISATION OF THE MASTERS (FINAL)

Regulations applied to the Masters final is the same as that which governs the tests in the rounds organized by the MCI France plus the following items that complete, replace or cancel some of these articles:

8-1 Introduction : A competitor who has not participated in the qualification rounds on one of the circuits, cannot participate in the final.

8-2 Text of the tests:

PRIMERA, NOVILLA, GOLEGA, SEVILLA = text du MCI France
LISBOA, MADRID, MAGISTRALE, REYALE = textes F.E.I
CARMENCITA, FLAMENCA, FANDANGO, LUSITANIA, BAILARINA et IBERICA = Textes du MCI-Eu

8-3 JUGES

Only official judges (holding at least a St. Georges-level qualification) from each country's national equestrian federation and/or FEI-certified judges are permitted to officiate. Judges score the tests by applying FEI rules and adhering to the specific directives for each movement, as outlined in the test descriptions.

Judging for young horses (Primera and Novilla classes): This follows a collegiate judging format modeled after the FEI system, based on 7 overall scores (covering walk, trot, canter, suppleness, general impression, etc.) rather than individual scores for each specific movement.

Finality of decisions: The judges' decisions are final and not subject to appeal. Judges may consult the MCI Sports Committee solely to resolve technical or regulatory issues. The final ranking for each test is determined directly by their scores.

Composition of the judging panel: Each circuit must provide at least one judge for every 25 qualified competitors (the inclusion of FEI and/or Grand Prix-level judges is strongly recommended). The host country shall supplement the panel if necessary.

Exemple : France 62 concurrents en finale = 3 juges venant de France, Italie 26 concurrents = 1 juges venant d'Italie
Tchéquie 8 concurrents = 1 juges, Belgique 47 concurrents = 2 juges, Grande Bretagne 44 concurrents = 2 juges ….
Total 11 juges, si besoin de 15 juges, la pays qui va recevoir la finale fournira les juges supplémentaires.

Expenses: Each circuit is responsible for the travel expenses and allowances of its own judges. The host country covers all local expenses (accommodation and meals).

8-4 Tenue et Harnachement

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

All FEI information on tack (saddle, bit, bridle and snaffle bridle, etc.) is now only available in the FEI TACK APP (FEI Tack, Equipment & Dress - https://tack.fei.org/).

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 or shields are allowed.

Dress for Riders: Spanish or Portuguese traditional dress is recommended but the classical FEI dress is accepted

Spurs : Must strictly comply with the FEI regulations.

Special case of “gooseneck-type” spurs mounted (clipped) on the heel of the boot (see figures). These spurs are admitted to the MCI only for riders in traditional dress.





They must be mounted on the boot or ankle boot, the upper must be either curved or straight, and directed towards the rear and must not go up beyond the heel of the rider. The branches of the spur must be smooth and designed so as not to injure the horse. The branches of the spur must be smooth and designed so as not to injure the horse.

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 prohibited for all tests in final (except for PRIMERA and NOVILLA)

Headphones: only 1 allowed in the warm-up, forbidden in the FOP.
They are prohibited in all tests.
No commanders/callers allowed when competing at the Masters final.

Riding Helmets & hats: The standard riding helmet is accepted with the Iberian outfit and wearing it will not interfere with the points for Freestyle

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.

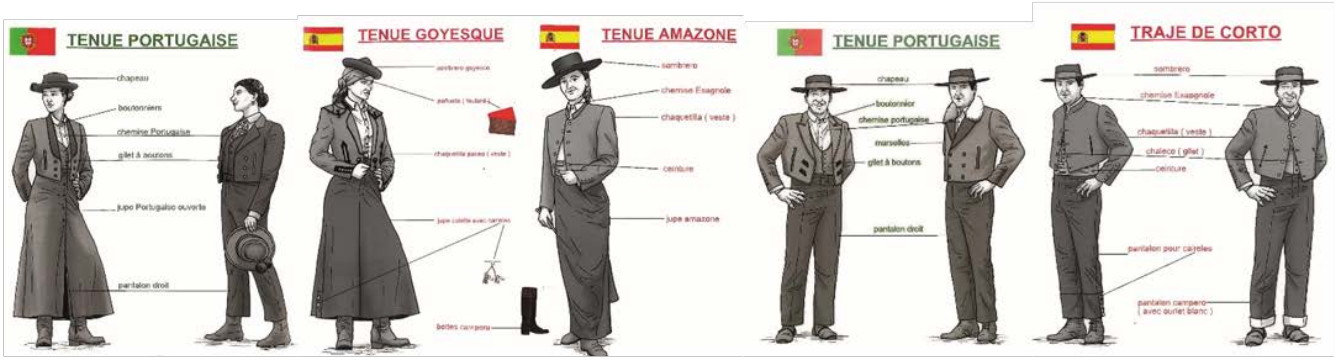
Other riders: when mounted at an MCI competition

- With the young horses, Protective hats are to be worn by all riders at all times, including exercising, warming up and competing
- Other horses, the Protective hats are strongly recommended at all times. Major riders, Top hats or uniform caps are permitted as an exception for all MCI tests 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.

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

8-5 Freestyle Dress Code Points:

- Spanish or Portuguese attire: 10 to 16 points maximum, depending on adherence to the standards for traditional dress (half-points are permitted).
- See below (Illustrations from Sellerie RIOJA)Classic Dress: 8,9 ou 10 points
- Plaited Tail : 1 point
- Plaited Mane : 1 point
- Traditional Saddle : 2 points
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Spanish or Portuguese Attire



10 points
Folk dress



maxi 12 points
Partial attire



maxi 14 points
with classical boots and trousers



16 points
full attire and tack (excluding the saddle)

Classic dress :



8 points



9 points

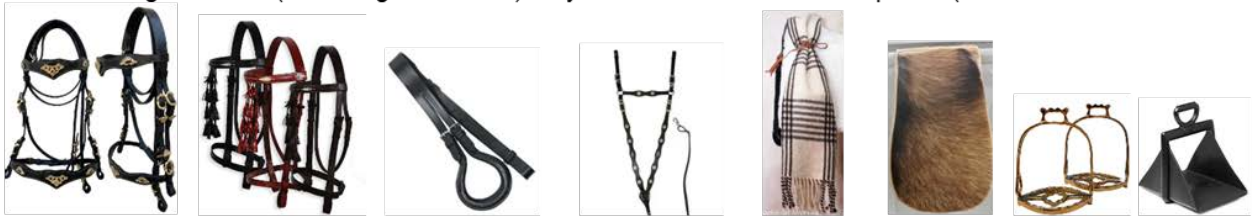


10 points



- Traditional Saddle (2 points)

Spanish or Portuguese tack (excluding the saddle) may earn several additional ½ points (included in the dress score).



Traditional bridle, *mosquero*, crupper, breastplate, *manta*, *xairel*, traditional stirrups.

9 - RANKINGS OF THE EUROPEAN MASTERS (FINAL)

9-1 Masters individuel (soit 14 titres)

Each test is scored separately, ranking competitors from first to last. The top eight competitors in each test are placed and receive an award. Riders compete individually under their own national flags

Tie-breaking rule: In the event of a tie at the end of a test, the competitor who performed their test in traditional attire shall be ranked ahead. If the tie persists, the competitor with the highest total score for collective marks shall be placed ahead. If the tie still remains, the competitors shall be declared equal.

9-2 National Team Masters (by qualifying circuit)

Each approved qualifying circuit (in accordance with Article 3) **forms a team named after the country where the selections took place**. Each competitor earns points for the circuit team through which they qualified, regardless of their own nationality.

The ranking is established by adding the average scores, expressed as percentages and calculated to three decimal places. Only the top 15 percentages from each team are retained, according to the following breakdown:

• A maximum of 3 results from Young Horse classes (Primera or Novilla).

• A maximum of the 5 best results obtained in Freestyle tests (Carmencita, Flamenca, Fandango, Lusitania, Bailarina, Iberica), with a maximum of 2 results per type of Freestyle.

• A maximum of the 7 best results obtained in compulsory tests (Golega, Sevilla, Lisboa, Madrid, Magistrale, Reyale), with a maximum of 2 results per type of test.

• Substracting the drop score: The lowest percentage among these 15 results is then deducted to obtain a final cumulative score based on 14 results.

• Tie-breaking rule: The previously deducted scores are reintegrated into the calculation. If the tie persists, a 16th best result (all categories combined) is added, then a 17th if necessary, and so on until the teams are fully separated.

The top three teams will stand on the podium and receive Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals.

9-3 Titre de Champion d'Europe

A combined ranking is established alongside the Individual Masters classes to award the European Champion titles (podium with Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals for the top three).

The ranking is determined by adding the average scores of the two relevant tests, expressed as percentages to three decimal places.

Tie-breaking rule: The competitor in traditional attire shall be ranked ahead. If the tie persists, the competitor who achieved the highest total score in the test with the highest degree of difficulty (the Freestyle for Levels 1 to 6, or the Novilla for young horses) shall be declared the winner.

The rider's presence is mandatory at the prize-giving ceremony, failing which they will be disqualified from the championship.

7 European Champion titles in 2027

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

9-3-1 Conditions for participation in the European Championship (Levels 1 to 4)

1 / To be eligible to contend for the European Champion title, a competitor must fulfil the following criteria:

• They must have performed the Freestyle test of the corresponding level at least once during the selections.

• They must have achieved at least one qualifying score in accordance with the thresholds set out in Articles 2 and 5.5.

Failure to meet these requirements will disqualify the competitor from contending for the European Champion title.

2 / The competitor must have qualified for and taken part in the Individual Masters compulsory test of the target level, in accordance with Article 7.

3 / If the competitor has not secured direct qualification for the Individual Masters Freestyle at the level concerned, they are nevertheless authorized to perform their Freestyle test for the sole purpose of obtaining their score for the European Championship combined ranking. This is subject to compliance with Point 9-3-1-1.

4 / Level limits: A rider may only be ranked in a single championship level between Levels 1 and 4. Riders entered in multiple distinct categories within this range must designate in writing either upon entry or at the latest 24 hours before the start of the first class of the final the level in which they wish to compete. In the absence of a written declaration within the deadline, the level of the first test performed in the arena will automatically validate the choice of championship.

5 / Permitted accumulation: A rider entered in a Level 1 to 4 European Championship may compete, with different horses, in a Level 5 or 6 championship, as well as in the Young Horse championship (subject to the qualification requirements under Article 7).

9-3-2 Conditions for participation in the Young Horse European Championship

1 / The competitor must have obtained their qualification for the Individual Masters in one of the two tests (Primera or Novilla) in accordance with Article 7 of the regulations. They must also appear in the official ranking of the selections for the second test, even if their rank did not allow them to be included in the quota of direct qualifiers for the latter.

2 / If the competitor is not qualified for the Individual Masters of the second test, they are authorized to perform it solely to obtain their combined score for the European Championship. This is subject to compliance with Point 9-3-2-1.

3 / A rider participating in the Young Horse European Championship may enter, with different horses, a Level 1 to 4 championship and/or a Level 5 or 6 championship (subject to having obtained the required qualification for each horse in accordance with Article 7 of the regulations).

9-3-3 Conditions for participation in the European Championship (Levels 5 and 6)

1 / A competitor who has not performed a BAILARINA or IBERICA Freestyle test during the selections on one of the circuits cannot contend for the European Champion title at these levels. The competitor must have achieved at least a qualifying result in accordance with the thresholds set out in Articles 2 and 5.5.

Failure to meet these requirements will disqualify the competitor from contending for the European Champion title.

2 / The competitor must have obtained their qualification for the Individual Masters in the compulsory test (MAGISTRALE or REYALE) in accordance with Article 7 of the regulations.

3 / **Level limits**: A rider cannot be ranked in both Level 5 and Level 6. A rider with a horse qualified in each category must designate in writing either upon entry or at the latest 24 hours before the start of the first class the horse selected for the title. In the absence of a written declaration, the first horse entering the arena will definitively validate the choice.

4 / A rider entered in Level 5 or 6 may compete, with different horses, in a Level 1 to 4 European Championship as well as in the Young Horse Championship (subject to having obtained the required qualification for each horse).

9-4 Summary

A horse may only participate in a maximum of 2 Individual Masters = 2 tests (e.g., 2 compulsory tests or 1 compulsory test + 1 Freestyle)
Examples: (Sevilla+ Madrid) or (Lisboa + Fandango) or (Carmencita + Sevilla)

A rider may ride only one horse per Individual Masters; there are 14 different tests = a maximum of 14 horses possible per rider.

European Champion Title
Per horse: only one title possible
Per rider: a maximum of 3 titles possible (one Young Horse + one from Levels 1 to 4 + one from Level 5 or 6)

10 - Objections and Complaints

The right to lodge an objection against a competitor or a horse during a test, against the classification of a test, or regarding its organization or conduct, belongs exclusively **to the Team Captain.**

• **Composition of the Appeal Committee:** The President of the Ground Jury, the President of MCI-Eu (or their representative), the Show Director, and the Team Captains.
• **Form and Deadlines**: All objections must be submitted in writing (no verbal objections will be accepted). To be admissible, the objection must be lodged with the President of the Ground Jury or the MCI representatives at the latest one hour after the distribution of the test score sheets.
• **Deposit:** The lodging of any objection is subject to a deposit of 150 euros. This amount will be refunded if the objection is sustained, or will be definitively retained by the MCI if it is rejected.
• **Powers:** The Appeal Committee is required to rule on every objection brought before it. It holds full powers to resolve disputes with reference to MCI regulations, as well as applicable national and international federal and legislative texts. Its decisions are final, immediately enforceable, and binding with no right of appeal.

11 –Miscellaneous

In the event of any discrepancy regarding the interpretation of the general show conditions or the regulations, the interpretation of the Appeal Committee shall prevail. The M.C.I. reserves the right to amend these regulations at any time and without prior notice, within the framework of the laws in force.

All participants in the classes, including any person who enters, trains, or rides a horse, as well as any natural or legal person holding any interest whatsoever in the ownership of an entered horse are deemed to be familiar with these regulations and to submit unreservedly to the provisions contained herein and the consequences arising therefrom.

Code of Ethics: Every participant is required to maintain loyal conduct toward the MCI under all circumstances, to refrain from any behavior likely to damage the image of equestrianism, to respect the sovereignty of sports arbitration, and to contribute to the fight against doping by personally submitting to the controls provided for by the laws and regulations in force..

Any Horse Abuse, cruelty or mistreatment is prohibited and will result in elimination by decision of the President of the Ground Jury.

Within the Event venue, the Horse may only be ridden by the Athlete with whom it forms an entered Combination. A person other than the entered Athlete may walk or lead the Horse in hand.

The Horse must keep the same Identification Number assigned upon arrival throughout the entire Event. This number must be worn by the Horse at all times as soon as it leaves its stable, whether ridden or unmounted, from the moment of arrival until the end of the Event, for identification purposes by all Officials. Failure to wear the Identification Number will first result in a warning, and in the event of a repeat offense, elimination by the Event President.

12 - Insurance and Liability

The insurance coverage provided by the Association of the Iberian Horse Masters applies strictly within the framework of its own contracts and shall not bind the association beyond the clauses, limits, and conditions contained therein. Under no circumstances does the organizing committee cover material damage or bodily injury caused to animals, nor the loss or damage of personal belongings and effects.

Competitors (riders and owners) must be personally covered by a valid Third-Party Liability (TPL) insurance, covering the financial consequences of damage caused to others in their capacity as owner or user of equines within the framework of MCI competitions. By validating their entry, the rider certifies on their honor that they hold this extension of coverage.

13 Health Protection: Vaccinations

The mandatory vaccinations prescribed by ministerial or prefectoral decree are compulsory. Equine influenza vaccination is required to participate in any competition and must be recorded in the horse's passport on the official pages provided for this purpose. Vaccination against rhinopneumonitis (EHV) is strongly recommended (it may be mandatory depending on the legislation of the host country, as is the case in France).

• **Access Protocol to the Final**: All horses entering the stable area must be officially registered. They must present a health certificate dated within 10 days, issued by the official veterinarian of the holding of origin, certifying that the herd has been free from any clinical signs of infectious disease for at least 30 days, and that the horses are up to date with their booster vaccinations.

Pre-competition period: the most recent booster injection must be administered at least 7 days before participating in any competition.

• **Sanction:** Any horse arriving without a compliant health certificate will be denied access to the venue and will not be allowed to participate in the final.

• **Responsibility**: Each rider is responsible for the health formalities required for the entry of their horses into the host country. Competitors must submit to veterinary controls upon arrival at the venue.

• **Specific Requirements for the 2027 European Final in France**: Vaccinations against equine influenza and rhinopneumonitis (EHV) are mandatory.

• The primary course must consist of three injections (the 2nd injection between 21 and a maximum of 60 days after the 1st injection, and the 3rd injection between 120 and 180 days after the second injection). A horse is considered vaccinated and is therefore eligible to compete from the 8th day following the 2nd injection of the primary course.

• Annual booster required at least once every 12 months (one year). A booster every 6 months is highly recommended.

14 - REGLEMENT PADDOCK

The warm-up arena is exclusively intended for the preparation of horses prior to classes; calm and discipline are mandatory to ensure compliance with the general schedule. Competitors must ensure the conformity of their attire and the adjustment of their saddlery before entering the competition arena.

• **Access:** Ridden access to the warm-up arena is strictly reserved for competitors entered in the ongoing class or for an official presentation. Grooms, trainers, or third parties are not permitted to ride horses in the warm-up arena.
• **Trainers:** Trainers are authorized around the warm-up arena, outside the track. Their instructions must be given discreetly and calmly, without disrupting other riders.
• **Technological Equipment:** The use of electronic headsets is tolerated only in the warm-up arena, and only a single earpiece is authorized. It must be removed before entering the dressage arena.
• **Technical Assistance:** Ground assistance from a third party equipped with a whip or a longeing whip to school a ridden competitor is strictly prohibited.
• **Traffic Rules:** Unless explicitly authorized by the stewards, longeing or standing still in the middle of the track is prohibited. Reasonable safety distances must be maintained. Absolute priority is given to the left hand (passing left-to-left).
• **Priority of Movement:** Riders executing movements at faster paces have priority over horses at the walk, halt, or rein-back. The passage, piaffe, and pirouettes take priority over all other figures.
• **Protections:** Boots and bandages are permitted in the warm-up arena but remain strictly prohibited in the competition arena. A pre-warm-up area is available to make final adjustments or to remove protections and rugs.

15 - Code de Conduite FEI

The Fédération Équestre Internationale (FEI) expects all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI Code of Conduct. They must acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

1. **Priority to Welfare:** The welfare of horses takes precedence over all other demands at all stages of their preparation and training. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery, saddlery, and transport.

2. **Fitness and Health**: Horses and competitors must be fit, competent, and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses the management of medication use, the prohibition of surgical procedures that threaten the horse's welfare or safety, the monitoring of pregnancy in mares, and the rejection of any misuse of aids.

3. **Respect for the Animal during Competition:** Competitions must not prejudice horse welfare. This involves constant attention to the quality of competition areas, the nature of the ground, weather conditions, stable compliance, site safety, and the horse's fitness to continue its journey after the competition.

4. **Post-Competition Care and End of Career**: Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive due care after competition and that they are treated humanely when their careers are over. This covers appropriate veterinary care, the management of competition injuries, euthanasia conditions, and retirement care.

5. **Competence of the Entourage**: The FEI strongly encourages all individuals involved in equestrian sport to achieve the highest possible level of knowledge in their respective areas of expertise.

16- OBJECT AND GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF DRESSAGEE

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 a perfect understanding with its rider.

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/submission throughout and without any tension or resistance.

A full copy of the Code of Conduct and the official regulations can be consulted in English on the official FEI website: www.fei.org.

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End of the Regulations.

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