ACES Dressage Challenge
Rules 2026

The Competition is held from **January to December** in accordance with the FEI Rules for Dressage Events, 26th edition, effective 1st January 2025, and 2025 FEI Dressage World Challenge Rules (please www.inside.fei.org > Rules > Dressage) for Category A classes, **with exceptions for Category B,** and FEI General Regulations, Pony Regulations and Veterinary Regulations currently in force.
The ACES Challenge is an initiative to promote the Dressage Discipline in Africa as a parallel, complementary and supportive product to the FEI DRESSAGE WORLD CHALLENGE This competition has therefore been designed for ultimate promotion to the FEI DWC levels. Further, its formation creates the foundations necessary to sustain and to ensure the longevity and future pool of athletes for the FEI DWC and higher competition.
Rules are subject to changes/ modification due to technical and or logistical reasons.

1. PRINCIPLES
1.1 Category A is open to a maximum of **40** starters in total (see FEI art. 2.13). Category B is open to a maximum of 40 starters in total.
In the case of Category A and Category B having the maximum number of starters, Category A and Category B need to be held over two days, with Category A on the first day.
1.2 The ACES Challenge consists of:
Category A
● Intermediate I Class
● Prix St-Georges Class
● Senior II Class
● Senior I Class
● Youth Class
Category B
● Elementary LEVEL- Medium tests 2011
* Novice-LEVEL– FEI Children Preliminary Test B
● Preliminary LEVEL- FEI Children Preliminary Test A

FORMULA
● Day 1: Judges' arrival
Horse Inspection (evening prior to the competition day **or** on the morning of the competition only in the case where a horse has to be re-presented.)
● Day 2: Competition Classes: (Category A and B tests may be ridden on the same day provided there are a maximum of 40 starters in total):
Intermediate I - FEI Intermediate Test – edition 2009, update 2022
Prix St-Georges - FEI Prix St-Georges Test – edition 2009, update 2022
Senior II - FEI Junior Team Competition Test – edition 2009, update 2022
Senior I - FEI Children Individual Competition Test – edition 2020, updated 2022
Youth - FEI Children Team Competition Test – edition 2020, updated 2022
Elementary - edition 2011- Medium tests 2011
Novice Class – FEI Children Preliminary Test B
Preliminary - FEI Children Preliminary Test A
*Video Session **OR** General Discussion*
Note: The order in which the classes are scheduled is not imposed. However, we suggest that the Youth Class be scheduled first so the younger Athletes can watch the senior Athletes perform which would be beneficial for them.

In any case, a progression through the levels is preferable.

● Day 3: If applicable Category B classes with a maximum of 40 starters in total (See 1.1)

OR

ACES Dressage Challenge, category A and B.

If an OC opts to have the ADC, all classes, on a separate day, they need to inform ACES for administration purposes.

● Day 4: Judges' departure

2. PARTICIPATION

2.1 The ACES Challenge Competition is open to National Federations still in the ongoing progression of Dressage Development.

2.2 The competition will be held between 1st January to 31st December of each year between the National Federations who are members of ACES and the FEI, with one ACES Challenge per year per National Federation.

2.3 The Competition is open to the following age groups from the 1st January of the year in which they reach said age:

Category A

FEI Intermediate I – 16 yrs of age and above
FEI Prix St-Georges – 16 yrs of age and above
FEI Challenge Senior II – 16 yrs of age and above
FEI Challenge Senior I – 16 yrs of age and above
FEI Challenge Youth – 12 yrs to 16 yrs of age

Category B

Elementary Level - Children up to 11 yrs, Juniors 12yrs to 16yrs, Adults 17 yrs and above.
Novice Level - Children up to 11 yrs, Juniors 12yrs to 16yrs, Adults 17 yrs and above.
Preliminary Level -Children up to 11 yrs, Juniors 12yrs to 16yrs, Adults 17 yrs and above.

2.3.1 MANDATORY UPGRADE:

Category B: Preliminary, Novice and Elementary levels.

If a horse/rider combination has obtained a percentage of 70% or higher in one season/level or 65% or higher over two seasons, they are obligated to upgrade to the next technical level.

Note: Mandatory upgrade does not apply to Children or Juniors

2.4 **As an exception to the FEI General Regulations** "Athletes Living outside their country of nationality" (as defined in the FEI General Regulations) may compete for their country of residence. **They may also be members of their host country's team.**

2.5 The Challenge Competition is open to all Horses and ponies of any origin provided they have successfully passed the Veterinary Inspection. From this point forth, both Horses and ponies will be referred to as 'Horses' and therefore can be ridden in all categories by Seniors, Juniors and children.

~~Horses may compete if they are a minimum of:~~

2.6 Age of horses and ponies

6 years of age for the Preliminary, Novice, Elementary Levels, Youth and Senior II
5 years of age for the Senior I Class
7 years of age for the PSG and Intermediate I Classes.

Only riders of 16yrs + may ride a 5 year old horse in the Category B levels

The age is counted from 1st January of the year of birth in the Northern hemisphere and 1st August for the Southern Hemisphere.

2.7 The FEI Dressage World Challenge classes must take precedence over any other competition (ACES Challenge) organised in its framework and, if applicable, Horses entered in FEI Dressage World Challenge, should not take part in another national/ regional competition organised in the framework of the Challenge if organized at the same time (refer to 2.10).

2.7 Any **Athlete/Horse combination** that has competed at any FEI Events (**CDIs, Regional Games and/or Senior Regional Championships**) in tests higher than Intermediate I may or may not be eligible to participate in the Challenge, under the following conditions:

Competed in CDI2*/CDIO2* (as defined in DRs Art. 407) with a score lower than 65% – The combination will be eligible to compete in the Challenge PSG and/or Intermediate I class again the following year. Competed in CDI2*/CDIO2* (as defined in DRs Art. 407) with a score of 65% or higher – The combination is no longer eligible to compete in any of the hallenge classes at any time. Competed in CDI3*/CDIO3* and above (as defined in DRs Art. 407) – The combination is no longer eligible to compete in any of the Challenge classes at any time.
This only applies to Athlete/Horse **combinations**; therefore, an Athlete can compete using another Horse that did not compete in a Big Tour and a Horse can be ridden by another Athlete (refer to art. 2.10). Other restrictions may apply based on the National Federation's participation criteria. Athletes must consult the National regulations for such restrictions.

2.8 Any **Athlete or Horse** that has participated in an Olympic Games, an FEI World Equestrian Games and/or Senior European Championships is no longer eligible to compete in the Challenge.

2.9 It is the responsibility of the National Federation to select the participants (Horses / Athletes) for this Competition in strict accordance with the participation rules above and make sure that Athletes and Horses comply with these rules.

2.10 An Athlete or Horse is allowed to start **maximum twice** in the Challenge classes, as below:
Starting possibilities:
i. Athlete/Horse combination*:
An Athlete/Horse combination is allowed to start in two different classes but with no more than one level difference, i.e.: Youth - Senior I, Senior I - Senior II, Senior II - PSG or PSG - Intermediate I, Preliminary B - Elementary. An athlete/ horse combination that has entered Category A classes may **NOT** enter Category B classes
ii. Athlete:
An Athlete is allowed to start twice:
- in the same class but with two different Horses
- in two different classes but with two different Horses. (If there is no more than one level difference between the classes)
- Category B ONLY:
*On the same horse but in 2 different levels.
*A rider, at the discretion of the NF, may enter more than one horse in Category B. A horse may only be entered for a maximum of two tests per day.
* A horse/rider combination who is selected for the team and rides more than one horse must declare the team horse and this horse needs to be ridden first
iii. Horse*:
o Once in Youth and once in either the Senior I, Senior II class.
o Twice in the Youth class. With two different riders
– A Horse of 7 yrs of age and above is allowed to start twice:
o Once in Youth and once in either the Senior I, Senior II, PSG or Intermediate I class. - Twice in the Youth class. – A Horse can only be ridden once in each of the following classes: Senior I, Senior II, PSG or Intermediate I. *As an exception to Art.422.1.5, a horse may be ridden twice but it is only recommended in the lower level classes and an adequate break (rest time) is to be given between both tests. If a horse is being ridden twice in the higher classes (Inter I + PSG) a minimum break of 3 hours between tests MUST be scheduled in the programme (running order of classes). This exception ONLY applies if horses are not competing in another event (CDN or CDI) organised within the framework of the Dressage Challenge.
In cases where horses taking part in the FEI Dressage World Challenge are entered to compete in a CDN over the next day, then this exception does not apply and horses may ONLY compete in ONE test per day.

2.11 NFs have the choice to either enter all Athletes into one class or to divide them among all five levels (which is strongly recommended). NFs are completely free in their choice. However, the **maximum number (40)** of Athletes overall for Category A and maximum 40 Athletes for Category B must be respected (refer to 1.1). NFs may make a special request to the FEI in order to increase the number of starters. The request must be submitted **at least one week prior to the start of the Event** in order to be considered.
2.12 Draw for starting order. In accordance with the FEI DRs Article 425.2, for Individual Competitions, a draw should be conducted for each class to determine the starting order. Should an Athlete have more than one (1) Horse, the order of starting may have to be adjusted to ensure that a gap of at least one (1) hour is left between his Horses. If the number of participants is so small that this gap cannot be obtained, the Athlete may decide in which sequence to start

his Horses.

2.13 Clarification regarding Team Horse & Athlete's Participation:
If a Horse and an Athlete have been selected for the Team, the test in which they have been selected must be their irst performance.
As a combination can now ride 2 tests, and a Horse 2 tests, it must be made clear that it **is not allowed to use a round as a 'warm up'** before competing in the test for which they have been selected to represent the Team. Eg. 1 A Horse and Athlete have been selected to represent the Team in the Senior I Level. They are not allowed to ride the Youth test prior to their Senior I Test. As they have been selected at Senior I Level, the Senior I Test must be executed first
Eg. 2 A Horse is being ridden by two Athletes, one of which has been selected for the Team. The Athlete that has been selected for the Team must ride before the Athlete not in the Team.

3. GROUND JURY
3.1 As an exception to Art. 437.1, only two Judges will judge the Competition. National Federations are responsible for the appointment of the two Judges. The Ground Jury must be composed of a President who must be an FEI Foreign Judge (minimum level 1/2* from the FEI list of Dressage Judges: https://data.fei.org/OffListRpts/OfficialsByDisc_D.pdf) plus a "Certified" National Judge. The FEI Foreign Judge
appointed by the NF **must be from the Region**, should this not be the case, the FEI may not contribute towards the travel expense of the FJ as indicated in art. 8.2.

The Intermediate I, Prix St Georges, Senior II and Elementary, Novice and Preliminary will be judged individually with the **President of the Ground Jury** placed along the short side of the arena at "**C**" (see Art. 429.5) and the **Ground Jury Member** at "**E**". **For the Senior I and Youth classes**, the **President of the Ground Jury** will be placed along the long side of the arena at "**E**" and will be responsible for judging the Quality score (see art. 6.2) and the **Ground Jury Member** at "**C**" judging the Technical score.

In cases where the FEI Dressage World Challenge is organized in the framework of an Equestrian Sport Educative Event, the President of the Ground Jury will be appointed by the FEI Solidarity Department. **NB:** National Federations not offering Category A may still register to participate in the ACES Challenge. The NF must appoint an FEI Foreign Judge, L1/2* and a Certified National Judges from their Region. These costs will be borne by the National Federation.
Ground Jury

Event Type	President of the Ground Jury In "C"	Member of the Ground Jury In "E"	Appointment of Officials	Finance
FEI World Dressage Challenge – With PSG and Inter I Classes	FEI Foreign Judge minimum Level 1/2* (from the FEI Dressage Judges' list)	National Certified PSG Judge* (from the National Dressage Judges' list)	NF	NF/FEI**
FEI World Dressage Challenge – Without PSG and Inter I Classes	FEI Foreign Judge minimum Level 1/2* (from the FEI Dressage Judges' list)	National Certified Advanced Judge* (from the National Dressage Judges' list)	NF	NF/FEI**
ESEE + FEI World Dressage Challenge	FEI Foreign Judge minimum Level 1/2* (from the FEI Dressage Judges' list)	National Certified Advanced Judge* (from the National Dressage Judges' list)	FEI Solidarity: FEI Foreign Judge NF: National Certified Judge	FEI Solidarity (NF must apply for an ESEE through the FEI Solidarity Application Procedure)

**Should the NF not have a qualified National Judge available, an FEI Judge must be appointed (National FEI Level 1/2* accepted). Upon equest to the FEI, a qualified National judge from another NF may be appointed.*

***The FEI will cover the travel expense in Economy Class (maximum EUR 1'500.-) of the President of the Ground Jury (FJ) and a per diem of EUR 150.- for three days (Art. 8.2).*

3.2 After each competition, the President of the Ground Jury is responsible for establishing a running record as to the results and placing of the individual Athletes. This running record must be sent to ACES (dressage.aces@gmail.com) immediately following the last competition

In the events where delegates from the ACES Judge's Exchange programme were present, the Foreign Judge must submit the assesments to dressage.aces@gmail.com no longer than 2 weeks after the competition.

3.3 FEI Judges may not have been GJM at the same Event for more than 3 consecutive years without taking at least a 1 year break from the Event.

3.4 According to Art. 2 of Codex for FEI Dressage (FEI DRs Art.448), a Judge must. avoid any actual or perceived conflict of interest. A Judge must have a neutral, independent and fair position towards Athletes, owners, trainers, OCs and other Officials and integrate well into a team. Financial and/or personal interest must never influence or be perceived to influence his way of judging.

It is the responsibility of the Judge to be in good health and fit to officiate throughout the duration of the Event. Activities which will lead to or may lead to a "conflict of interest" when officiating at an FEI WCHA-D event, include, but are not limited to:

· Training a participating Horse/Athlete for more than **three** (3) days in the **twelve** (12) month period prior to an FEI WCHA-D Event or any training of a Horse/Athlete during a period of **three** (3) months before an FEI WCHA-D Event.

· Acting as Team Chef of National teams at international level or being responsible/co-responsible for selecting teams and/or individuals.

· To be owner/part-owner of Horses taking part in the Event.

· Being in a situation of financial dependence or gaining financial profit from owners, Athletes, trainers, OCs or other related persons or organisations.

· Having a close personal relationship with an Athlete or owner.

· Nationalistic judging.

A Judge has the responsibility to notify the FEI in writing of any of the above or other possible conflicts of interest or situations that may be perceived as such.

3.5 Marking (FEI Dressage Rules Art. 432)

All half marks from 0.5-9.5 may also be used both for movements and the collective mark, at the discretion of the Judges.

3.6 **Stewards: for all competitions organised, regardless of the level, it is the responsibility of the Organiser to appoint a Chief Steward as per the FEI Dressage World Challenge 2025 Rules**.

4. HEADGEAR, DRESS, SADDLERY & ARENA

4.1 Protective Headgear: according to Art. 427.1 Dressage Rules, a properly fastened Protective Headgear has to be worn by all Athletes (as well as any other person) at all times while mounted. Any Athlete (as well as any other person) violating this provision must immediately be prohibited from further riding until the Protective Headgear is properly in place.

4.2 Dress: according to Art. 427.2 Any single colour tail coat or jacket, white or off-white breeches. Stock or tie must be white, off white. Gloves must be white, off white or the same colour as coat. Riding boots must be black or dark colour. In bad weather, the Ground Jury may allow the wearing of light waterproof coat and in extreme heat, Judges may give the option not to wear a jacket. Spurs are optional for DWC tests and must be made of metal. The **spurs** being used must be in accordance with Art.427.4, FEI Dressage Rules. Spurs are permitted/ optional in the Elementary and Preliminary classes.

Black Gaiters or half leather chaps will be allowed for both adults and children. Likewise, Hunting Caps or Jockey Skulls with a black silk cover will also be allowed for both adults and children.

**A Protective Headgear formed as a top hat may be used. Protective Headgear is defined in Appendix A in the FEI GRs.

4.3 **Athletes competing in the Youth class**: Dress according to FEI rules for Pony Athletes, Art. P-17: Dark riding jacket. White or off-white breeches or jodhpurs, white shirt with tie or hunting stock, hunting cap. Gloves must be worn. Riding boots. Neither top hat nor bowler is allowed. Protective Headgear as defined in Art. 427.1, Dressage Rules, must be worn at all times while mounted. No whip of any kind may be used whilst competing. However, one whip of maximum length 1.00m is allowed in the warm-up. **Spurs are optional** but if used, only blunt metal spurs no longer than three and half centimeter (3.5cm) measured from the boot to the tip are allowed. Rowels on spurs are not allowed.

4.4 Saddlery must be as laid down in Art. 428 of the FEI Dressage Rules. For Intermediate I and Prix St-Georges level, a double bridle is optional. For Senior II Level the double bridle is allowed. For Senior I, Youth, Elementary and Preliminary levels, an ordinary snaffle **must** be used (see permitted snaffles and nose-bands in FEI Dressage Rules).

This applies in the practice and competition arenas. For DWC levels, the whip must be dropped before entering the space around the competition arena.

Whip: According to Art. 428.4, it is forbidden to carry a whip of any kind while competing in the arena. As an exception to the rules, a whip may be used in the Elementary, Novice and Preliminary classes with a length of 1.00m for Juniors and children. Whip length for adults are 1.20m. The use of one whip, with a total maximum length of 120 cm for adults ~~and Juniors~~ and 1.00m for juniors and children in the practice area is allowed for all classes. For DWC classes, the whip must be dropped before entering the space around the competition arena or the Athlete will entail a penalty. See Art 430 of the FEI
Dressage Rules.

Gadgets: According to Art. 428.5, martingales, breast plates, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running or balancing reins, nasal strips etc.), and any form of blinkers that interfere with the Horse's vision are, under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden during training, warm-up and competition. See Article 430 of the Dressage Rules.

Additional items such as, but not limited to, Ear hoods and Earplugs, refer to FEI Dressage Rules Art. 428.6.

4.5 Arena: The arena, flat and level, must be 60 meters long and 20 meters wide (Art. 429 FEI Dressage Rules and Annex 6).

5. HORSE INSPECTION

5.1 Any Horse participating must have previously passed a Horse inspection carried out by an FEI Veterinary Delegate to be appointed by the OC in accordance with Art. 1036, , of the current FEI Veterinary Regulations. The Horse Inspection must be undertaken as much as possible in accordance with the FEI General Regulations and FEI Veterinary Rules (see VRs articles 1030-1042).

5.2 All such Horses must be properly registered and identifiable by diagram. Unless there is no national requirement for equine influenza vaccination in the host country and in the country of origin, all Horses must have a valid vaccination certificate. The Inspection must take place on a firm, level and clean but not slippery surface. The Horse must be walked and trotted on a loose rein. A Re-inspection is allowed (FEI Veterinary Regulations: www.inside.fei.org > veterinary > Veterinary Regulations and Education > Article 1040). National Federation Veterinary Regulations to be followed.

5.3 At least one Member of the Ground Jury must be present and the Vet. Inspection for Category A and Category B classes must take place in principle on the day preceding the Competition. Please refer to FEI Veterinary Regulations, Art. 1036. (See FEI website: https://inside.fei.org/content/fei-veterinary rules)

5.4 It is up to the NF to award a Special prize to the best presented Horse based on the Ground Jury
& Veterinarian's decision.

6.THE CLASSIFICATION
6.1 Individual continental Ranking lists (one for each class/technical level and age group) will be established.

6.2 **The Individual Classification** is decided as follows: the winner is the Athlete having the highest total points converted into percentage, the second the one with the next highest total and so on. **In case of equality of points** for the first, second and/or third places, the highest marks attributed by the President of the Ground Jury will be decisive for the placing. If a further tie exists, the highest collective mark will be decisive.

In case of equality of points for places other than the first three, the Athletes concerned are given the same rank.

The Judging System will be as follow:

Judges' positions Elementary, Novice and Preliminary classes of Category B:

- Technical Judging: President of the Ground Jury at "**C**"

● Quality Judging: Ground Jury Member at "**E**"

Marks:

*As in other Dressage tests, decimals may be used for the **quality marks only**

***Penalty points are to be deducted in accordance with Art. 6.5

*The final score calculation will be made as follow (based on the Children Individual Test):

Technical score in %: GJ Member in "C"	Total Points = 180 (out of 270)	66.667%
Quality score in %: President GJ in "E"	Marks = 24.3 / Quality Score = 6.075	60.750%
TOTAL score in %: (Technical plus Quality divided by two)	66.667 + 60.750 = 127.417 ÷ 2	63.709%
To be deducted / penalty points 1st error of course : 0.5 percentage point 2nd error of course : 1.0 percentage point 3rd error of course : Elimination Other Penalties – Technical faults: 0.5% (percentage points) to be deducted per fault. Please see Art 430.6.2	1st Error: 63.709 – 0.5 = 63.209% 2nd Error: 63.209 – 1.0 = 62.209% Using voice: 62.209 – 0.5 = 61.709% Entering arena with whip: 61.709 – 0.5 = 61.209%	61.209%
FINAL SCORE in % :		**61.209%**

6.3 The **Team Classification** in each country is calculated as follows:

Following the Veterinary Inspection/Trot-Up a NF designates 3 Advanced Team combinations and 4 Rising Star Team combinations. An Athlete and/or a Horse can only be nominated once for the Team Classification.

Once nominated, the names of the Team members cannot be changed and must be submitted to dressage.aces@gmail.com immediately after the draw for the starting order, before the start of the competition.

Two Teams may be nominated for the ACES Dressage Challenge

Rising Stars Team

One horse/rider combination from each level (with coefficient):

– Novice (1.0)

– Elementary (1.0)

– Youth (1 .1)

– Senior I (1.2)

The result is the **sum** of the best 3 combinations

In the event of a NF unable to field 4 team members, a team of 3 will be accepted.

Advanced Team

One horse/rider combination from each level (with coefficient):

– Senior II (1.0)

– PSG (1.1)

– Intermediate 1 (1.2)

The result is the **sum** of the best 2 combinations.

In the event of a NF unable to field 3 team members, a team of 2 will be accepted.

In case of equality of points If teams are equal in marks, the score of the participant in the highest technical level will make the team placing**.**

In case of equality of points for the Rising Star Team the score of the participant in the highest technical level will make the team placing.

6.4 Penalties:

i. "Error of Course" (FEI DR 430.6.1)

● Intermediate I and PSG = First error Two (2) percentage points from the total score per judge

Second error Elimination

● Senior I+II and Youth = First error is zero point five percentage points (0.5%) per judge
Second error one percentage point (1%) per judge
Third error Elimination
ii. Other Penalties – Technical Faults (FEI DR 430.6.2)
0.5% (zero point five percentage points) will be deducted per fault by each Judge, but they these deductions are not cumulative and will not result in Elimination:
– Entering the space around the arena with a whip or with boots/bandages on the Horse's legs or with discrepancy in dress (e.g. lack of gloves) and/or
– Entering the Dressage arena with a whip or with boots/bandages on the Horse's legs or with discrepancy in dress (e.g. lack of gloves). If the test has already started before the discrepancy has been noticed, the Judge at C stops the Athlete and if needed and possible, an assistant may enter the arena to remove the item(s). The Athlete then continues the test, either starting from the beginning (from the inside of the fence) or from the movement where they were stopped. The marks given before they were stopped are not changed;
– Entering the arena before the sound of the bell;
– Not entering the arena within forty five (45) seconds after the bell, but within ninety (90) seconds; - Using voice or clicking the tongue repeatedly
– Athletes not taking the reins in one (1) hand at the salute.
iii. Penalty Percentage Points (FEI DR 430.6.3)
The penalty percentage points are deducted on each Judge's sheet from the total points obtained by the Athlete. In Senior I and Youth Classes of the FEI Dressage World Challenge (Children Tests) penalty percentage points have to be deducted from both judging procedures (technical judges and quality judges).

7. THE PRIZES

7.1 The Organising Committee within each country is responsible for the distribution of prizes in the normal way (at least one prize for each four Athletes).
7.2 Individual prizes will be awarded after conclusion of all competitions to the highest ranked riders

8. THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

8.1 **TWO MONTHS prior to the competition**:
A. CONFIRMATION OF COMPETITIONS DATES to ACES Contact Person, Madelein Champion email dressage.aces@gmail.com.
B. NAME & STATUS OF FEI PRESIDENT OF THE GROUND JURY (FEI FOREIGN JUDGE) AND GROUND JURY MEMBER
Immediately after the competition: Results to be sent to ACES Contact Person.
The ACES Technical Committee will establish the Rankings which will be published on the web site (Enter ACES website)

No later than 14 days after the competition:

Copy of the results signed by the official Judges
Photographs of the competition **with names of all the people featuring on them clearly indicated in English** –
Press clippings relating to the competition.

8.2 The National Federations are responsible for the traveling arrangements of the Judges, as well as for their per diem and accommodation (board and lodging) during their sojourn (as per Annex 7 International Dressage Judges "General Conditions").
(The FEI will reimburse the air travel expense for the President of the Ground Jury (Foreign Judge, see art. 3.1) up to a maximum amount of EUR 1'500.- and the PGJ per diem for three days at EUR 150.- (per day) to the National Federations upon receipt of the proper documentation (flight invoice)) provided the ACES Dressage Challenge is organised at the same time as the FEI Dressage World Challenge. If this is not the case, the National Federations is responsible for all costs.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

9.1 Climate: In exceptional weather conditions and with the authority of the Ground Jury and/or the FEI, the Competition may be held indoors if the competition arena has the proper measurements. The decision to move indoors must be taken at least 24 hours before the beginning of the competition in order to give the OC enough time to set the arena properly.
9.2 Horses Schooling: On no account and under penalty of elimination, may any Horse take part in the Competition which has been schooled by anyone other than the Athlete, mounted in the saddle, in or outside the town where the Competition is held, from 18.00 hours on the day preceding the Competition until the Competition is finished.
9.3 Bell: A bell must be provided for the President of the Ground Jury.
9.4 Copy Rights: any Athlete entered by his or her NF in the ACES Challenge concedes the rights of any photographs of the Athlete and/or Horse and accepts their publication in the FEI and ACES website or relevant FEI and ACES

publications.
9.5 The FEI Dressage World Challenge and ACES Challenge must be organised strictly according to FEI Rules. 9.6 The FEI is entitled to make reasonable amendments to the present rules.
9.6 All trot work for Category A is sitting.

Exceptions for Category B:

✓ Trot movements in Preliminary and Novice classes may be ridden in sitting or rising trot. Trot movements in the Elementary level MUST be ridden in SITTING TROT.
✓ spurs are optional
✓ whips may be carried
✓ A caller may be used