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## **ARTICLE 1. GOVERNING BODY – ISSEA**

- A. The International Saddle Seat Equitation Association (ISSEA) is the governing body, which is composed of countries that are uniting with the common goal of promoting and growing the Saddle Seat Equitation discipline on an International level.
- B. Refer to the Constitution of ISSEA for complete details regarding the organization and activities of ISSEA.
- C. The ISSEA is not associated in any way with the selection of Team members to the Saddle Seat World Cup Event (hereinafter referred to in this document as the World Cup).

## **ARTICLE 2. OPERATIONS**

- A. ISSEA will not interfere with the sport policy or local sport of any country to the extent that those policies do not conflict with ISSEA rules and with the exceptions listed below.
  - 1. Any competitor in the World Cup must be a national of the country which is entering such competitor. A competitor who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as he or she may elect.
  - 2. In the event that two or more countries do not have sufficient numbers to support a team, those countries may join together to form a multi-nation team. The term of such team will be exclusive to that World Cup year alone. If the rider count is insufficient to fill a team, the remainder of the team may be filled by a qualified rider from any participating nation. Riders on this team must be nationals of the countries putting forth the multi-nation team.
- B. The World Cup Competition is a not-for-profit event.
- C. ISSEA will control all matters concerning International competitions of the Saddle Seat Equitation discipline in matters such as, but not limited to:
  - 1. Rules governing the World Cup competition;
  - 2. Selection of venues for future World Cup competitions;
  - 3. Act as liaison with organizations such as the Olympic Committee; and
  - 4. Establish a framework for the selection and appointment of Judges for the Saddle Seat World Cup competition.

- D. The ISSEA Office-Bearers and General Assembly members in attendance (or country representative named by proxy) shall act as the World Cup Rules Committee during the World Cup along with an appointed Steward or equivalent. The Steward will be on hand in an official advisory capacity to interpret and enforce ISSEA rules and give counsel as to customary international procedure regarding, but not limited to, sportsmanlike conduct, judging standards, class conduct, shoeing regulations, and officials' conduct.
- E. If for any reason a competing country's representative is unavailable, or fails to guarantee to the ISSEA their country's participation within six months of the next World Cup competition, ISSEA may appoint a replacement representative.
- F. Any problem unique to this competition will be acted upon immediately by the World Cup Rules Committee.
- G. All World Cup Rules Committee decisions will be final. (for Committee definition, see Article 2.D.)

### **ARTICLE 3. CLASS CONDUCT**

- A. Six (6) appropriate individual workouts per competition will be furnished by the Organizing Committee to each country's representative a minimum of one month prior to the World Cup event. Two of these workouts (per section) will be randomly drawn at the draw of horses to be used in the World Cup competition.

The following tests are not permitted:

- 1. Ride without stirrups for a brief period of time, no more than one minute at the trotting phase.
  - 2. Exchange horse, no more than three pairs of riders to exchange.
  - 3. Backing
- B. A meeting of ISSEA's General Assembly and all coaches/managers of the participating countries will be held prior to the beginning of the competition. This meeting will be for the purpose of discussing the procedures of the event and will provide an opportunity to field and answer questions.
  - C. The World Cup competition will be structured as follows:
    - 1. There will be a three and five gaited section of competition.
    - 2. There will be two Phases of the competition, referred to as Phase I and Phase II.
    - 3. Each Phase will consist of two segments
      - a. Rail work: athletes will work at a walk, trot, and canter (five gaited will include slow gait and rack) both directions of the ring. The competition manager will divide athletes into groups of sizes deemed manageable with regard to the horses being used for the competition. Sections may be divided at the discretion of the hosting nation and the World Cup Rules Committee.

- b. Pattern work to be executed individually. Each *element* will be scored.
4. The above segments will be scored by a panel of judges (refer to Article 7, Scoring).
5. Each segment will count equally, and each Phase will carry equal weight in the final calculation.
6. Athletes will compete on not less than two horses during the competition.
7. If these above guidelines are followed, all points from both Phases will be considered valid.
8. Substitution of horses
  - a. There will be NO SUBSTITUTION of horses unless a horse is sick, injured or a safety risk.
  - b. The Judges and /or the World Cup Rules Committee may rule on the safety risk of a horse. A rider may, in this circumstance, complete the competition on a reserve horse.
  - c. When a horse is eliminated because it is a safety risk, if there are still horses remaining in the pool, the team can redraw in order to replenish their quota of horses.
  - d. The official Veterinarian will be the only person authorized to validate a horse's soundness, sickness or injury and declare that horse withdrawn.
9. The Judges and/or the World Cup Rules Committee may rule on the safety risk of a rider. In this circumstance, a rider may be excused from competition. That elimination will result in a zero score.
10. Time outs
  - a. A competitor is entitled to request a time-out for a period not to exceed five minutes in aggregate in order to make obvious adjustments or to repair broken equipment or to rectify a similar condition. Should a rider require a second time-out (also five minutes), that rider must use a reserve horse. Failure to do so will result in elimination from that segment.
  - b. One time-out (five-minute) per horse per segment can be used for shoeing. If a shoe cannot be replaced, the horse's liaison may agree to let the horse continue without the shoe. If a horse cannot continue, refer to rule 11a.
  - c. During a timeout, the farrier if applicable, a groom, one representative for the horse and one representative for the rider (as appointed by the Country) may enter the arena and assist with the time out.
  - d. **During the initial day of the competition, coaches are granted the privilege to call for a 5-minute timeout session for a horse necessitating saddle and/or bridle adjustments for the betterment of the horse. During this designated timeout period, the riders have the option to a) continue with a walk against the rail, or b) halt their activity. ALL TEAM COACHES associated with the concerned horse must be present and collectively agree to the proposed changes. The horse's trainer will promptly execute the required changes, if any. This timeout provision is exclusive to day 1 of the competition. The implemented adjustments must be maintained for the entirety of the competition.**

11. FALLS. The fall of horse or rider does not necessarily cause elimination but is penalized at the Judge's discretion.
12. Rider Attire  
As this is an open breed competition, the following rules regarding attire will apply:
  - a. Riders must wear informal attire for all segments and phases of the World Cup Competition, regardless of the time which the competition is being held. (Exception: In extreme weather, the World Cup Rules Committee may allow riders to adjust their attire accordingly). Informal attire is defined as: jacket with collars and lapels of the same conservative color with matching jodhpurs, a collared shirt, tie, vest, and complimentary gloves, jodhpur boots, and derby or soft hat (protective headgear may be worn without penalty).
  - b. Blunt end (unrowelled only) spurs and/or riding crops are optional and should be cleared with the hosting nation.
13. Tack
  - a. Bridle: Entries shall be shown in full bridles (curb and snaffle) or snaffle bridle with two reins. The horses will use the same bridle for the entire event, regardless of which rider is competing.
  - b. Saddle: Flat English-type. Forward seat, Western and side saddles are prohibited.
14. Coaching during competition
  - a. Allowed during rail performance
  - b. Not allowed during pattern work
15. Warm up
  - a. Horses may be hand-walked for two (2) minutes in the warm up area before the riders mount, at the discretion of the owner/trainer.
  - b. Riders will be given a five (5) minute warm-up prior to the start of their rail work segment.
  - c. Riders will be given a one (1) minute warm-up, of rail work only, prior to their individual pattern, which will start when the rider before them starts their pattern.
  - d. **The trainer of a horse, or any other designated person, is mandated to warm up the back-up horse while other riders execute their first direction on the rail. If the back-up horse is needed within 5 minutes since the gate has opened, the official will call a normal 5-minute timeout in the arena, during which the back-up horse would be properly warmed up. Otherwise, after the 5-minute warm up, the rider must dismount, and the back-up horse is to be brought to the waiting area. The back-up horse must be positioned in the chute at the commencement of the rail work session. Riders are expressly prohibited from warming up the back-up horse.**

#### D. Practice sessions

1. Two practice sessions, limited to twenty (20) minutes each, will be scheduled prior to the start of the competition, with times provided to each team coach.

2. If a rider has to substitute his/her horse from the general back-up pool only due to circumstances beyond the rider's and/or competition committee's control, that rider only will have the chance to an additional twenty (20) minute practice session, and not any other rider of that team and/or the whole team involved. Exception: Even under such circumstances, no additional practice session will be allotted to a team if the substitution occurs either during competition or in too close proximity to the start of competition to make holding such practice time feasible.
3. Beginning with the first official day of the competition, which is established by the latest arrival date as determined and publicized to all participants by the hosting nation, teams may not engage in private practice sessions. Private practice session is further defined as any group session not included in the official schedule of events as established by the hosting nation.
4. The practice sessions are closed sessions - no parents/supporters and/or competitors allowed. (Exception: Coaches and managers of other teams and trainers of horses being used may attend.)

#### E. Pre-Competition Training Allowance

1. Recognizing the unique training requirements of each horse, trainers are permitted to engage in morning training sessions prior to the start of the competition, exclusively for horses demonstrating a genuine need.
2. The names of these horses must be formally submitted prior to the start of the competition to the competition committee. This training activity is permissible up to 2 hours before the commencement of the competition.
3. It is imperative that trainers approach this opportunity with the sole intention of benefiting the horse and rider, without compromising the energy levels of the horse.
4. The team(s) responsible for selecting the horse must be fully apprised of this training arrangement, and ALL team coaches must be informed of the training time of the horse and will have the option to be present while the horse is trained.

- F. Team members may compete in classes outside of the World Cup at the competition where the World Cup is being held provided those classes are after the Event.

### ARTICLE 4. TEAMS

#### A. Riders.

1. Each country's three and five gaited section will consist of up to six (6) riders, all six (6) will compete.
2. A rider must be at least 14 years of age as of the first day of practice before the World Cup competition to be eligible to ride in that World Cup competition. Countries may impose an age limit on riders participating on their team.
3. Each team member must meet the specifications for amateur status as dictated by their own national policy.
4. Riders must be citizens of or domiciled in the Country they are representing. Exception: see Article 2A.2.

5. **Each country participating in the World Cup will be required to pay an entry fee of \$1000.** Each rider participating in the World Cup will be required to pay an entry fee of \$250 per section shown (three and/or five gaited) which includes \$50.00 groom tip. Such fees will be due 30 days prior to the competition.
  6. Each rider (or their parent for minors under 18) will be required to sign waiver forms provided by the hosting nation one month prior to the World Cup Competition.
  7. Saddles are to be provided by each rider. Specific arrangements can be made prior to the World Cup with the Event Committee Chairman of the host nation, but the nation requiring assistance in locating saddles will need to compensate host nation for use of borrowed saddles.
  8. Teams must be declared to ISSEA six months prior to the World Cup Competition including the names of each rider and section they will be competing in, names of coaches and other support staff attending with the team. *(For the 2024 World Cup, teams are to be declared by October 15, 2024)*
- B. Coaches/Managers/Assistants.
1. Teams may have at least one coach per section (three and five gaited) and may choose to have additional representatives assisting the team.
  2. Team awards will be limited to two positions per section (three and five gaited) of each team.
- C. Each country's team should be prepared to appear at presentations in uniform apparel, which easily identifies the nationality of that team. Participation in the World Cup constitutes acceptance by team members and coaches to abide by the procedure, rules and judgments of ISSEA and the World Cup Rules Committee.

## **ARTICLE 5. HORSES**

- A. Horses for Competition
1. Will be carefully selected from breeds that are used for and trained in Saddle Seat Equitation.
  2. Should be carefully selected for their soundness, their safe manners and their training/suitability as either 3- or 5-Gaited Equitation horses.
  3. Countries hosting the event will make every effort to provide a minimum of six horses for each section, as well as several reserves in case of emergency. In the event there are not six horses/team for each section, the number of horses/team will be evenly distributed amongst the team members keeping fairness and horse welfare in mind.
  4. Breeds and Crossbreeds which are recommended, but not limited to consist of the following: American Saddlebred, Arabian, Friesian, Morgan, National Show Horse and South African Boerperd.
  5. Each horse will use its own bridle and girth.
- B. Draw of Horses
1. In a lottery style drawing to be held at a designated time, the riders/coaches from each of the teams will draw six horses for each day of competition.

2. They may observe these horses previously as the horses complete their owner-specified daily workout and make temporary assignments of horses to each team member.
3. Coaches will be furnished a biography of each horse selected for their team. Whenever a trainer or groom is present to supply background personally, the coaches may utilize that resource. Recommended settings for equipment for each horse will be provided in the biographies furnished to the coach.
4. An official will be provided to act as a liaison between the owner / trainer of each horse and the team coach for any matter relating to health or training measures.
5. No rider may compete on a horse, which they have owned, trained, ridden or shown within six months prior to the World Cup. If such a horse is drawn, it must be used for another member of that team.
6. Coaches may experiment with various horse / rider combinations during the practices.
7. ONE HOUR PRIOR TO THE COMPETITION, final assignments of horse / rider combinations must be submitted to the official World Cup horse show office. Exceptions to this rule may be granted by majority agreement. Teams must declare horse/rider combinations for each segment within one hour prior to competition.
8. The hosting country's rules regarding Drugs and Medications must be strictly enforced.
9. Any substance must be administered by the donated horse's trainer, designated agent or veterinarian. Such administration should be disclosed to the team riding the horse.
10. No one from the competing teams may enter a pool horse's stall without express permission of that horse's trainer or designated agent.
11. Adjustments are allowed. Any changes (i.e., new bit) must be made to a horse after working through the horse's trainer or designated agent.
12. After the draw, horses cannot be moved without the consent of the team's manager.

## **ARTICLE 6. OFFICIALS**

### **A. Judges.**

1. The selection of judges should be fair with all affiliated members to be involved.
2. There will be three judges officiating the World Cup unless the ISSEA Assembly approves additional judges as indicated below.
3. Judges must not judge two consecutive World Cup competitions.
4. Judges from Medal (Gold, Silver, and Bronze) Winning Countries
  - a. Each medal winning country from the preceding World Cup event will nominate a minimum of one judge (two are suggested) for the upcoming World Cup.
    - i. Judge must be from the country for which they have been nominated
    - ii. The judges they nominate must be senior licensed judges in saddle seat equitation for a minimum of 5 years.

- iii. These countries will be responsible for paying for the flight of the judges they nominate, but not accommodations.
  - iv. A medal winning country may advise that no nominee is agreeable for submission, in which case ISSEA will make a determination as to how to proceed.
  - v. The ISSEA Assembly will review and the nominations and qualifications of the judges submitted for approval
5. Other participating countries may also submit a nominee.
    - a. The nominated judge may be from another country.
    - b. Any judge so nominated MUST have fundamental experience and knowledge of Saddle Seat Equitation
    - c. The country who nominates must supply proof to the ISSEA Board that the judge nominated has the necessary knowledge and experience – preferably at the international level – so as to be deemed qualified to judge a World Cup event.
    - d. Countries under this category agree to pay all expenses for their nominated judge including: flight, hotel, transportation and stipend.
  6. As a way to encourage countries' ability to put forth qualified judging nominees in the future, any participating country may petition ISSEA for approval to send a learner judge to the event. Scores given by the learner judge shall not be considered official and will not be publicized outside of ISSEA.
  7. Judges must not have had client relations with any riders within 30 days of the World Cup Competition. Such involvement includes: coaching, training or sale of horses; regardless of whether funds are directly paid to the judge.

**B. Steward**

1. There will be a Steward or equivalent at the World Cup. The Steward will be on hand in an official advisory capacity to interpret and enforce ISSEA rules and give counsel as to customary international procedure regarding, but not limited to, sportsmanlike conduct, judging standards, class conduct, shoeing regulations, and officials' conduct.

**C. Veterinarian**

1. The official veterinarian shall be a licensed graduate of an accredited veterinary school in good standing in his/her locale of practice.
2. The contact information for the veterinarian will be provided to the coaches of each country at the draw.
3. The veterinarian may be on call, but must be called on for evaluation if a country questions the soundness of a horse after they have practiced or competed on said horse.

**ARTICLE 7. SCORING AND TUBULATION**

It is recorded that the competition consists of 2 Phases (Day 1 and Day 2), with each Phase consisting out of 2 Segments (Rail work and Pattern). The Pattern will consist of numerous elements according to each individual Pattern/work out/ test provided. The 2 Segments will



count equally in a 50/50 ratio to determine the Phase score of Rider and Team, and the 2 Phases will similarly count in equal measure (50/50) for the Team or Individual riders scores.

- A. The Hi-Low scoring system with a three-judge panel will be used and scoring will be numeric throughout. In the event of a team tie, the tie will remain. The scoring matrix to be used in both Phases (Day 1 and Day 2) is as follows:
1. RAIL SEGMENT: Rail work will be evaluated using a numerical system based on a perfect score total of 100 from each judge.
  2. PATTERN SEGMENT: Equal points for each element, proposed to be 10 points per element, with the sum of all element to be the Pattern score.
  3. ORDINAL CONVERSION: The numerical score given by the judges for each athlete at the conclusion of each Segment, (Rail or Pattern) will be converted into an ordinal (placing point/ranking), with each judge's highest numerical score converting to a '1', the next highest a '2', etc.
  4. The Ordinals/placing points for the Rail work and the Pattern are added together to get a combined score or the day.
  5. Convert the combined score into final Ordinal/Ranking for that Phase (Day) to obtain the final ranking of all Riders for that Phase, with the best Rider ranked 1, second best 2, etc.
  6. The 5 best scores of a team according to final ranking for that Phase to be added together to form the Teams score for such Phase. This results in the worst score of a 6 Rider team to be dropped and not taken into account for the Team score per Phase. Where Teams have only 5 Riders, or 5 scores will count towards the Teams score.
  7. The scoring and tabulation process for Phase 1 (Day 1) repeats for Phase 2 (Day 2).
  8. Ties to be broken after each Phase/Day (rail work and pattern) of the competition.
    - (a) In the first instance to break a tie, the combined placing (ranking) of all three judges of that Phase prior to high-low scores being dropped will be used.
    - (b) If still tied after (a) above, the rail scores of all three judges after high-low will be used.
    - (c) If still tied after (b) above, the combined placing (ranking) of all three judges for the rail will be used.
    - (d) If still tied after (c) above, the placing (ranking) of the call judge for the rail will determine the outcome.
  9. The grand total score for each team shall be a combination of the Phase 1 Teams score and Phase 2 Teams score added together. The team with the lowest total ordinal score will be named the Gold Medal Winners, with the next lowest Silver and next lowest Bronze.
  10. Individual workouts are posted for coaches and riders to review and /or practice usually the day before the workout competition.
  11. Individual workout scores are totalled using a scribe and figures are relayed to the Ringmaster. Each rider's total workout scores (not individual workout element scores) from the judges will be announced. Rail work scores are not to be announced. These scores will only be made public following the

announcement of the Medal winners at the Awards Ceremony. Judges' names will be announced in association with the scores being read.

12. Following the first Phase:
  - (a) Each team's Coach/Manager will be provided with a printout of only their team's individual workout and rail scores.
  - (b) The judges are not permitted to have access to each riders' scores following each Phase.
  - (c) Pattern score sheets will be made available electronically to each team representative after each session.
13. During/After the second Phase:
  - (a) The individual workout scores will also be announced, but no distribution or announcement of teams' rail scores will be made.
  - (b) The rail scores are not to be distributed until after the competition and will remain confidential to the scorer and the auditor.
  - (c) Copies of full results to be provided by the host nation to the ISSEA representative for each nation within 30 days of the close of the competition.
14. Awards for the World Cup will be presented to the top three scoring teams - customarily Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. Medals of participation are to be awarded to teams from any non-medal winning country.
15. At the awards presentation, the national anthems of the top three teams will be played. There are no specific regulations on team presentation. The Hosting Country will make a point to follow all countries' customs. All countries must supply in writing all requests for anthem and any national customs to the hosting country at least six (6) months prior to the competition.
16. Team captains are asked to receive the award on behalf of their team.
17. Coaches are asked to be present with their team at the awards presentation.
18. The judging and scoring system can and may be changed within 1 year from commencement of the competition.
19. The 2022 World Cup will allow for an Individual Rider Competition. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to Individual Riders based on the same scoring and tabulation matrix as above.

## B. HI-LOW SCORING SYSTEM EXPLAINED

This matrix is used for three Judges over the duration of two days

1. The Judges score on the rail is converted to a placing point.
2. The Judges sum test score is converted to a placing point.
3. The placing points for the rail work and the test are added together to get a combined score or the day.
4. Convert the combined score into placing points.
5. The process is repeated for each judge.
6. A table is drawn with each rider's number and all three Judges placings before the Hi/Low.

Rider #	Judge A	Judge B	Judge C
15	1	1	3
16	2	3	1
17	4	4	4
18	5	2	2
19	6	5	7

7. Each riders highest and lowest placing points are cancelled.  
 Rider 15 Cancel 1 & 3 as the highest and lowest placings received  
 Rider 16 Cancel 1 & 3 as the highest and lowest placings received  
 Rider 17 Cancel 4 & 4 as the highest and lowest placings received  
 Rider 18 Cancel 2 & 5 as the highest and lowest placings received  
 Rider 19 Cancel 5 & 7 as the highest and lowest placings received
8. Each riders remaining position for that Phase per Judge is the remainder placing point.

Rider #	Judge A	Judge B	Judge C	
15		1		1
16	2			2
17		4		4
18			2	2
19	6			6

9. The riders placing points are then converted to a final ranking in order from the lowest in first position to the highest for that Phase. Ties to be broken as per above after each Phase.

Rider #	Final Ranking
15	1
16	2
17	4
18	2
19	5

## ARTICLE 8. THE WORLD CUPS

- A. The Three Gaited World Cup Trophy designed and sponsored by the Republic of South Africa, will remain the property of the South African Amateur Saddle Horse Union (SAASU) or its subsequent entity.
- B. It shall be awarded to the high-point team in World Cup competition every two years.

- C. The winning team will retain the trophy for a two-year period.
- D. The winning team's country is responsible for insuring the trophy for its current assessed value.
- E. This trophy is to be presented to the high-point team in the World Cup Saddle Seat Equitation competition, not to an individual winner.
- F. If, after two years, there has not been a new competition, the trophy will return to its permanent home with the SAASU, which will safe- keep the trophy until another competition is held.
- G. The Five-Gaited World Cup Trophy, designed and sponsored by Saddle & Bridle magazine in the United States, will remain the property of Saddle & Bridle, Inc. with management by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF). This trophy shall be subject to the same provisions (B through E, above) as the Three-Gaited World Cup Trophy.
- H. If, after two years, there has not been a new five-gaited competition, the Five-Gaited World Cup trophy will return to its custodial home with the USEF, which will safekeep the trophy until another competition is held.

#### **ARTICLE 9. WORLD CUP EVENT LOGO**

- A. The World Cup event logo is a silhouette of horse and rider, with an interchangeable background to reflect the flag of the hosting nation and the inclusion of the specific event year. Refer to the attached sample, Appendix A, hereby made a permanent part of these Rules.

#### **ARTICLE 10. HOSTING NATION – EVENT COMMITTEE**

- A. The ISSEA shall be advised of the Event Committee members from the next hosting nation along with the identity and contact information of the relevant committee members at least one year prior to the next World Cup competition.
- B. The hosting nation's Event Committee is responsible for the organization of the host country's participation in the World Cup event and shall be reportable to ISSEA.
- C. Copyrights and Exploitation Rights. ISSEA acknowledges and agrees that Hosting Nation owns and retains all copyrights and exploitation rights in and to the World Cup Competition, including but not limited to all rights to video, cable, broadcast, film, internet, photography, and new media, which may be granted to third parties at the discretion of Hosting Nation. ISSEA agrees to accept the photographer and videographer chosen by Hosting Nation so long as Hosting Nation provides ISSEA with written permission from such photographer and videographer granting ISSEA access at no cost to ISSEA to photos and video footage from the World Cup Competition for ISSEA's non-commercial use for promotional efforts and editorial efforts. Furthermore, such photographer and videographer must grant Hosting Nation permission to convey this right to third parties for the purpose of fulfilling Hosting Nation's promotional and

editorial efforts. This required written permission from Hosting Nation's photographer and videographer must be provided to ISSEA prior to the start of the World Cup Competition and such permission must survive the termination of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 11. HOSTING NATION OBLIGATIONS**

In consideration for hosting the World Cup, the hosting nation agrees to the following responsibilities:

- A. To supply the venue for competition and horses for the World Cup event (see Article 5A).
  - 1. Host country should make every effort to provide countries with multiple venue choices for selection of the World Cup.
  - 2. Host country should make every effort to find climate-controlled facilities for the World Cup event.
- B. B. To order the awards for the event. (Exception: the Three-Gaited World Cup and Five-Gaited World Cup trophies must be provided by the winners of the previous World Cup; whose possession the trophies are in).
- C. C. To pay for and arrange rooming accommodations, local transport and a stipend for three Judges. Flights for judges will be the expense of the visiting nation who recommends such judge. Additional judges' expenses will be the full responsibility of the countries who recommend them.
- D. D. To assist with arrangement of rooming accommodations for the visiting nations' teams only. Such information to be provided to visiting nations at least four months prior to the event. (Supporters and Teams to stay at different rooming venues, barring extenuating circumstances).
- E. E. To assist with arrangement of local transport reservation for the visiting nations' teams, provided visiting nations' teams communicate their needs.
- F. To host one meal for the visiting nations' teams during or prior to the competition.
- G. To provide a competition and practice schedule at least two months prior to the event.
- H. To provide general information for accommodations for visiting nations' team supporters at least four months prior to the event, but hosting nation is not responsible for booking.
- I. To provide general information about the locale of the event to visiting nations at least two months prior to the event.

## **ARTICLE 12. VISITING NATION OBLIGATIONS**

Visiting nations and their riders agree to the following stipulations in consideration for their participation in the World Cup Event:

- A. To supply or make arrangements for airfare for their judge recommendation, team members, coaches and assistants / chaperones.
- B. B. To inform official participants from their nation that all personal expenses are the obligation of each individual. Special arrangements should be made for paying these expenses (i.e. unscheduled meals, phone calls, transportation, shopping, entertainment, etc.).
- C. Shall be responsible for payment and making their rooming accommodations.
- D. Shall be responsible for payment of their local transportation. Host country will assist with transportation arrangements as needed.
- E. Shall be responsible for providing and paying for the meals of their respective teams and/or making arrangements with their riders to pay for their meals.
- F. Shall be responsible for any damage done to equipment or to return borrowed equipment for their respective horses, provided that it is not determined the equipment was deteriorating prior to the ride.
- G. To pay a \$1,000 membership fee to ISSEA during the year of World Cup by January 1st.

## **ARTICLE 13: ISSEA OBLIGATIONS**

- A. ISSEA must provide a copy of all rules and regulations to all competing countries/teams.
- B. ISSEA must provide a copy of all rules and regulations to the event announcer.
- C. ISSEA will be responsible for the cost of the awards for the World Cup and should be consulted by the host country as to the expense prior to ordering the awards.
- D. ISSEA will be responsible for providing assistance to the host country for horse transport based on available funds up to \$4,000.

## **ARTICLE 14. OTHER REGULATIONS**

- A. ISSEA and the World Cup Rules Committee reserve the right to amend or add rule(s) or regulation(s) at any time.

- B. All changes for horses, riders, officer positions and rules must be submitted in writing to ISSEA officers and hosting country's officers.
- C. Proxy voting will be allowed in writing 1 day minimum before meeting.
- D. All matters arising in connection with the execution of the World Cup competition that are not specifically addressed herein shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the ISSEA, the World Cup Rules Committee and/or the competition Steward. Resolution of all matters shall be final.

Official Event Logo shall include the hosting country's flag and the ISSEA logo

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