

Rules for	<b>Nordic Baltic Championship (NBCH)</b>
Date	Valid from 2019
Discipline	Vaulting
Event	Squads, Pas-de-Deux and Individuals
Invited countries	Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden and the Baltic nations (or countries)
General	<p>The Nordic Baltic Championships (NBCH) follows Rules for Nordic Baltic Championships. If no NBCH rules are specified, current FEI rules for vaulting apply. This includes but is not limited to: equipment, age limits, starting possibilities (number of starts for each horse).</p> <p>NBCH is held every year following a rotation between the Nordic countries. The current order is: Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway. If a country wishes to abstain from hosting, then the NBCH moves to the next country. It is up to each nation to decide the date. Combined NBCH and National Championships are allowed, but they must be scheduled, so that the NBCH follows NBCH rules. It is possible to combine the NBCH with a CVI, but again the event must be scheduled, so that the NBCH follows the NBCH rules. It is possible to arrange NBCH classes as 'open' classes, where athletes of non-nordic or baltic nationalities can participate, but separate result lists and prize giving must be prepared for NBCH participants only.</p> <p>All NBCH athletes must qualify according to the rules of their national federation (NF). All vaulters, lungers, and horses must be registered with the FEI, if the event is run as a CVI or international event. In case of a national event, the rules of the hosting NF regarding registration will be followed. The specific requirements must be stated in the Schedule for the event. All vaulters, lungers, and horses must have a national license according to the rules of their NF. All of the above must be declared at the Entry.</p> <p>The Schedule should be made public at least 3 months prior to the event.</p> <p>The Nordic Countries acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the Horse must be paramount.</p>
Championship Competitions	<p>SENIOR SQUAD - FEI Championship rules for seniors (from 7 y)</p> <p>JUNIOR SQUAD - FEI Championship rules for juniors (7-18 y)</p> <p>SENIOR PAS-DE-DEUX - FEI Championship rules for seniors (from 16 y)</p> <p>JUNIOR PAS-DE-DEUX - FEI Championship rules for juniors (from 14-18 y)</p>

	<p>SENIOR INDIVIDUAL – Option 1: FEI Championship rules (from 16 y) or Option 2: CVI3* rules (from 16 y). This must be clearly stated in the Schedule.</p> <p>JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL – FEI Championship rules (14-18 y)</p> <p>CHILDREN INDIVIDUAL - Option 1: FEI CVICH1* rules (12-14 y) or Option 2: FEI CVICH2* rules (12-14 y). Note different compulsories. This must be clearly stated in the Schedule.</p> <p>In Norway all participants must be at least 13 years old.</p> <p>In Sweden all participants must be at least 8 years old.</p> <p>In all individual classes, separate classes for Male and Female should be organised. In case of less than 3 entered Male or Female athletes per age class at the Entry, Male and Female will compete against each other in the same class. This must be clearly stated in the Schedule, and announced by the organisers after the Entry.</p> <p>It is optional for the organisers to offer national classes. This should be stated in the Schedule of the event.</p>
Qualification	Squads, Pas-de-Deux, and Individuals must have qualified according to the rules of their NF at the Entry.
Entries	Athletes wishing to compete in the NBCH must follow entry qualifications as decided by their NF. Entry forms must include the following information; athlete(s) name, gender, date of birth and FEI ID number (if applicable). Senior vaulters are allowed to take part in both Squad, Pas-de-Deux and Individual competitions. Junior/Children vaulters are allowed to take part in two competitions; Squad and Individual, or Squad and Pas-de-Deux, or Individual and Pas-de-Deux. Each vaulter may only take part in one squad, in one age class of individuals, and in one Pas-de-Deux. It is not permitted to function both as a Vaulter and Lunger in the same class.
Horses	<p>Horse Inspection is mandatory for all horses taking part in the NBCH. The Horse Inspection should comply with FEI rules. National rules regarding Horse Inspection must be specified in the Schedule if they differ from the FEI rules, but they can never be less stringent than NBCH/FEI rules prescribe.</p> <p>Ponies and horses compete on equal terms.</p> <p>Horses must have a vaccination for equine influenza (booster) not older than 12 months and with the required initial vaccination programme, when the competition starts (Horse Inspection). Current FEI rules (see FEI Veterinary Regulations for further information) are a primary course of 2 vaccinations 21-92 days apart, and first booster within 6 months and 21 days of 2<sup>nd</sup> initial vaccination. Horses may compete after 2<sup>nd</sup> primary vaccination until first booster. No horse may compete within 7 days of a vaccination. If NF vaccination rules regarding the 3-step initial vaccination programme differ from the current FEI rules, then this must be clearly stated in the rules and regulations of the respective NF. It is the responsibility of the Person Responsible for the horse to obtain this documentation and present it to the organisers/Ground Jury prior to the Horse</p>

	<p>Inspection. If this applies to several horses from the same NF, then the documentation only has to be presented once.</p> <p>Entry forms must include the following information; name of the horse, date of birth, breed, country of birth, stud-book initials, FEI ID (if applicable), colour, sex, name(s) of owner(s), and Person Responsible for the horse at the event.</p> <p>Vaulting Horses must be at least seven years old to compete.</p>
Lunger	A Lunger must be at least 18 years old to compete.
Stables, accommodation	<p>Organisers shall arrange stabling with minimum requirements of 3x3 m. It should be stated in the Schedule when the stables will be opened for arrival and latest departure. Availability of bedding, hay, straw, etc. for purchase should be specified. Participants pay their own accommodation, stabling, entry fee, meals, etc. Access to camping (yes/no/fee), power (yes/no/fee), shower facilities (yes/no/fee) should be specified in the Schedule.</p>
Competition arena	<p>Dimensions: minimum 20 m. x 20 m. Height: minimum 5,0 m</p> <p>Preparation according to FEI rules.</p>
Medical Assistance	At least one person trained in emergency medical care should be present by the main arena during the entire competition (while NBCH classes are running). They should be clearly identifiable.
Officials/Judges	<p>A Ground Jury should consist of minimum 4 judges approved by the NF of the organisers. President of the Ground Jury should be appointed.</p> <p>Tables and judging according to FEI rules (including judges rotation). Preferably, judges from the Nordic countries should be invited (as per official agreement between Nordic NFs for all disciplines). If a Nordic country does not provide a judge, another judge will be invited by the organisers and the costs usually covered by the respective Nordic NF will still apply according to the official agreement.</p> <p>Judges should be National Vaulting Judges or FEI Vaulting Judges. Trainee/candidate judges are not allowed.</p> <p>A person with the responsibilities of Chief Steward/Technical Delegate (TD) should be appointed. Additional officials are optional (e.g. appeal committee, foreign judge). It is not permitted to function both as an official (Judge, Chief Steward, TD) and a competitor at the same event. A veterinarian and a farrier should be available within reasonable time, but does not have to be on site.</p>
Timetable	<p>Preliminary programme should be stated in the Schedule of the event including approximate times for Horse Inspection and Chef d'Equipe meeting.</p> <p>Declaration of starters must be announced at the Show Office no later than 30 min. after the end of the Horse Inspection.</p>

<p>Starting order in qualifying round and final round</p>	<p>Draw for starting order according to FEI rules, article 708, at the Chefs d'Equipe meeting (announced in Schedule).</p> <p>In the final round, starting order is reverse order of the results from the qualifying round. If more than one class is running simultaneously, starting order will be determined by total scores from the qualifying round. It is permitted to run in with more than one vaulter/pair, however the starting order will be determined by the lowest scoring vaulter/pair on the horse. Starting order on the horse is decided by the vaulters and declared at Declaration of Starters.</p> <p>If NBCH classes are combined with other classes, all participants in the final round will be ordered as stated above.</p>
<p>Substitutions of entered horses, longers and competitors</p>	<p>Each Vaulter/Squad/Pas-de-Deux may only compete on one horse in each competition. Substitution of lungers, horses, and/or competitors may only take place with the permission of the Ground Jury. The substituted horse, lunger and/or competitor must be on the Entry list. Horse and lunger can be from a different country. The substitute horse must have passed the Horse Inspection. Once a horse or lunger has started the competition, it is not permitted to make substitutions. The compulsory, technical and free tests in all rounds must be performed on the same horse with the same lunger.</p>
<p>Number of participants in the finals</p>	<p>All Squads, Pas-de-Deux and Individuals compete in the first round. In Squad and Pas-de-Deux, 50% (a minimum of 7 per class) go through to the final round. In Individuals, 50 % (a minimum of 10 per class) go through to the final round. In case of <math>\leq 8</math> Squads or Pas-de-Deux or <math>\leq 11</math> individual vaulters, all will qualify for the final round.</p> <p>If a Squad, Pas-de-Deux or Individual is qualified to the finals, but decides not to compete, then this slot is given to the next in the result list. This decision has to be made no later than one hour before the start of the final round in the respective class.</p> <p>If NBCH classes are combined with other classes, the number of NBCH participants in the final round must comprise at least the numbers stated above.</p>
<p>Prize giving/closing ceremony</p>	<p>Prizes, medals and rosettes must be presented in all NBCH classes. All vaulters must participate in the prize giving ceremony. Failure to do so without permission from the Ground Jury will mean that prizes etc. are forfeited. Dress as for the competition or in NF or club attire. Number of prizes and rosettes according to FEI rules.</p>
<p>Approved by all NFs</p>	<p>February 2019</p>
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<p>Disputes</p>	<p>To be valid, all complaints and objections must be made in writing and submitted according to the rules of the organisers NF.</p>