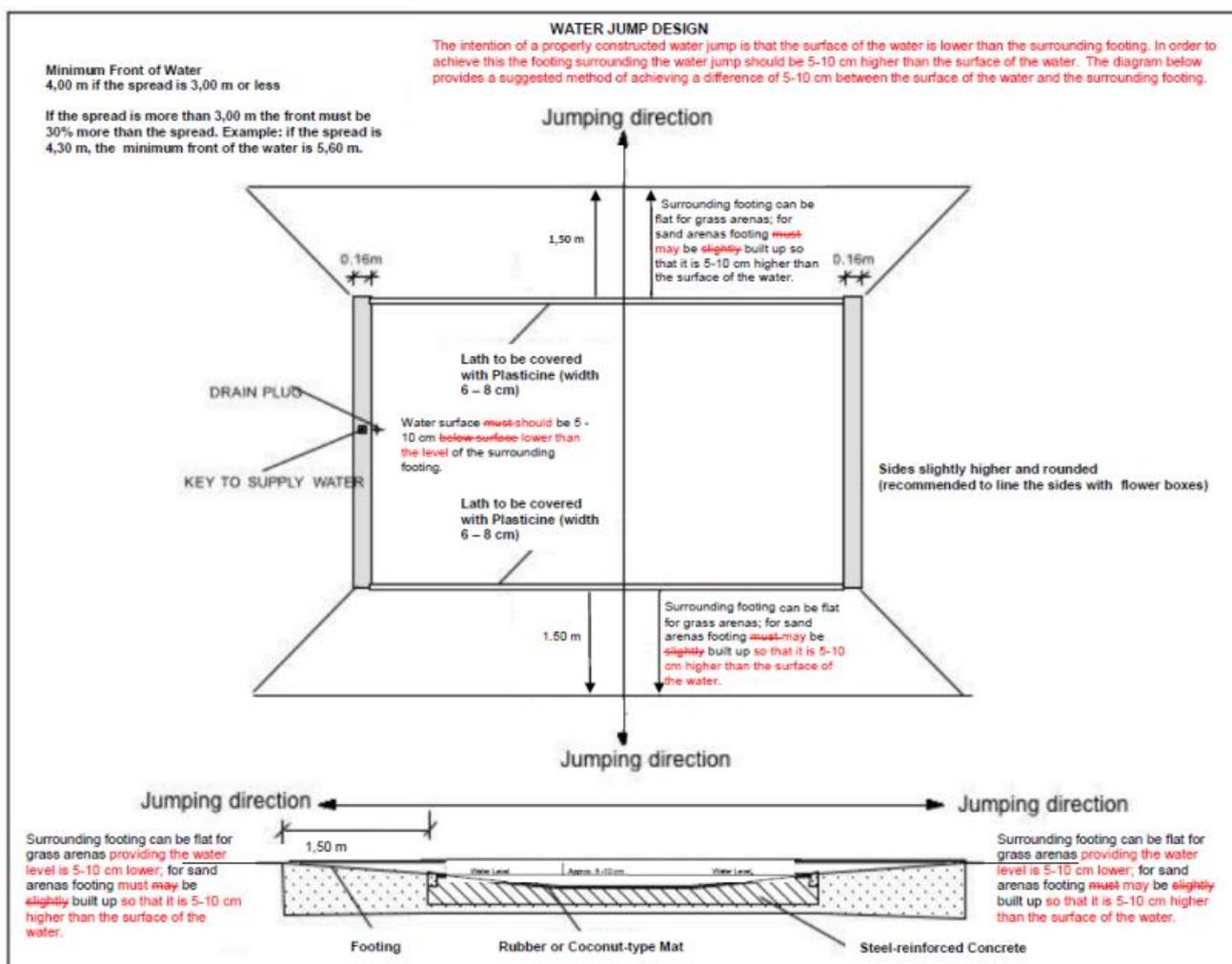


Article 211

CONSTRUCTION OF THE WATER JUMP



Article 240.7.1N The procedure for any misdemeanours is as follows:

- 1st Offence - Official Verbal Warning by the Ground Jury or Stipendiary Steward
- 2nd Offence - Warning letter and possible fine sent from SJI Office
- 3rd Offence - Rider will be 'stood down' for two Show days

Article 243.3N Hitting a horse / pony prior to **or after** the round will result in a caution by the Judge and/or possible disciplinary action.

Article 248.7N.7.2 Prize money goes to the owner of the horse and mementoes to the athlete, unless specifically allocated to the owner of the horse. The value **of the memento** of any supplementary prize/prize fund must not exceed the value of the prize/prize fund with which it is associated. All prize fund including monetary bursaries are subject to levies.

Article 254N.A.1.3.2.1 Points requirements for horses: Up to 1.10m - 0 points, 1.20m - 10 points ; 1.30m - 30 points ; 1.40m - 50 points.

Article 254N.A.3.5.2 – This rule has been deleted

Article 254N.A.3.5.3 ~~Any horse who competes internationally at 1.40 or above will automatically become a Grade A with the exception of Young Horse Classes.~~ For any horse that has competed internationally the three height band rule will apply, i.e. if the horse has competed at 1.40 it will therefore be restricted to competing in 1.20, 1.30 and 1.40 classes unless there is a change of owner and athlete where an application for a downband can be made to the National Competitions Committee. In any other exceptional circumstances - an application to downband an animal can be made to the National Competitions Committee. Jumping outside of the permitted height bands will incur a warning / fine etc as appropriate

Article 254N.A.3.5.3.5.3 The owner/rider/agent (entourage) of an animal is responsible for declaring all foreign winnings. If the entourage do not declare their foreign winnings to the National Association they may be subject to a fine.

Article 254N.A.4.4.1 A Show Organiser may limit animals by either age or points, ~~in classes up to and including 1.20m~~

Article 254N.B.1.1.1 ~~In the Pony/Children on Horses categories, only fully paid up members of SJI, resident on the island of Ireland for 6 months of the calendar year, may take up a qualifying place in the RDS. To be eligible to compete in the R.D.S. Qualifiers, both athlete and pony must be fully paid up with S.J.I. and the ponies must fulfil the same criteria for measurement and points applied to Irish registered ponies.~~

Article 254N.B.1.1.2. ~~In order to be eligible to compete in the Young Rider qualifiers for the RDS, athletes who are resident outside of the island of Ireland for more than 6 months of the calendar year must be available for selection for Ireland. The athlete and horse must also be registered with SJI for the current year.~~

Article 254N.C.1.2 An amateur athlete must not have ~~represented their country competed~~ in eventing or Show Jumping at any level **abroad** during the last five years, except in Amateur competitions **or within the relevant height bands.**

Article 255N.3N.3.4 High performance COH athletes jumping at 1.20m must be signed off by HSI High Performance Nominees (2). **This sign off at 1.20m covers athletes to compete on any horse and not a specifically named horse.** Other COH athletes to be signed off by 2 Level 2 HSI accredited coaches.

Article 256N.1.9.4 Spurs can only be used in ponies in the 148cms height category **and in the 138 1.00m, 1.10m and 1.20m**, and must be of blunt metal and no longer than 1.5cms

Article 259N. OFFICIALS

The following Regulations have been taken from the FEI General Regulations –where the number is suffixed by an “N” the FEI regulations have been adapted for SJAJ purposes.

1. The Ground Jury

1.1. A Judge is a Member of a Ground Jury appointed to control a competition or event. The SJAJ Executive Committee lays down the number and category of Judges to be appointed as members of the Ground Jury.

1.2. There are ~~3 4~~ levels of International Judges – ~~Official, International and Candidate International~~ **Level 4, 3, 2, 1** and 4 categories of National Judges – Senior National; National; Judge and Deputy

Judge. The details of the necessary qualifications for each category are laid down by the FEI/SJAI. (See Appendix 9 for Rules for Upgrading of Judges.)

- 1.3. Judges in each category may not fill appointments at a higher level than laid down in the following articles.
- 1.4. Shows are responsible for appointing Judges from the current approved list of SJAI Judges.
- 1.5. The Ground Jury should consist of three judges from any of the SJAI panel of judges. There should always be one judge of the appropriate status.
- 1.6. The following competitions should have a Judge of Senior National Status or above – All Championship classes e.g. R.D.S. Qualifiers, International Trials, National Grand Prix League competitions etc.
- 1.7. Attendance at a Judge's Seminar once every two years is compulsory to remain on current panel.
- 1.8. Arguing, truculence or abuse by an athlete with or towards a judge or show official constitutes unseemly behaviour and (without prejudice to other disciplinary action) renders the offender liable to be disqualified from further participation at the show.
- 1.9. Judges of Deputy Status are not permitted to judge any SJAI competition without being accompanied by a Judge of at least Judge Status.

2. GROUND JURY – DUTIES

1. The Ground Jury shall be competent to deal with all Protests and Reports which relate to anything occurring during or in direct connection with an event and are presented within the period of its jurisdiction.
2. The period of jurisdiction of the Ground Jury commences one hour before the beginning of the first competition and terminates half an hour after the announcement of the final result of the **relevant** competition.
3. The Ground Jury may impose the following penalties:
 - 3.1. A Warning;
 - 3.2. A Fine – to be paid to the SJAI.
 - 3.3. Disqualification with one or more horses from the competition.
 - 3.4. In serious cases immediate disqualification during the event with a referral to the **Appeal Committee**.
4. Decisions must be notified in writing to the party concerned.
5. There is no appeal against decisions of the Ground Jury in the following cases:
 - 5.1. Where the question for the decision is a factual observation of performance during a competition or the award of marks for performance. Examples [which are not exhaustive] whether an obstacle was knocked down, whether a horse was disobedient, whether a horse refused at an obstacle or knocked it down while jumping, whether a horse or a horse has fallen, whether a horse circled in a combination or refused or ran out, what time was taken for the round, or whether an obstacle was jumped within the time, whether, according to the Rules, the particular track followed by the athlete has caused him to incur a penalty.
 - 5.2. The elimination of a horse for veterinary reasons.
 - 5.3. Imposition of a warning without additional penalties.
6. The Ground Jury shall refer the following to the Appeal Committee:
 - 6.1. Any case which is beyond its competence.
 - 6.2. Any case, within its competence which it considers deserving of more severe penalties than the Ground Jury may impose.
 - 6.3. Any matter concerning alleged acts of abuse of horses, the decision of which is not immediately required for the purpose of judging the competition, and which, having regard to its primary duty to judge the competition, it deems more appropriate to be dealt with by the ~~Appeal~~ **Appropriate** Committee **or a higher authority**.

3. THE APPEAL COMMITTEE

- ~~1.1. The Appeal Committee must consist of a President and at least two members.~~
- ~~1.2. An Appeal Committee must be appointed for all Championship Classes e.g. RDS qualifying competitions, International Trials, Grand Prix Leagues etc.~~
- ~~1.3. Where practical a show will appoint in advance an Appeal Committee consisting of three SJAI judges on the Senior National Panel or above. This Committee must be reconstituted ad hoc if a member thereof is not available or is related to a party interested in the result of the objection.~~
- ~~1.4. In the absence of an Appeal Committee, where a valid appeal is presented, three officials of the SJAI e.g. senior judge, senior course builder and field steward, must ensure that the appeal is heard and they shall be deemed to be an appeal committee for this purpose.~~

~~2. The Appeal Committee shall deal with the following:~~

~~2.1. Appeals against decisions of the Ground Jury. In these cases the decision of the Appeal Committee is final.~~

~~2.2. Protests addressed to the Appeal Committee or referred to it by the Ground Jury and all cases which are beyond the competence of the Ground Jury.~~

~~2.3. Reports of passport irregularities.~~

~~3. The Appeal Committee may impose the following:~~

~~3.1. A Warning~~

~~3.2. A Fine~~

~~3.3. Disqualification~~

Article 259N.3.1 If necessary the Appeal Committee can be formed ad hoc and should consist of at least 3 officials, one of which must be a Senior Judge and 2 other SJI Officials, for example, Senior Course Designer, Stipendiary Steward, Field Steward, not related to a party interested in the result of the objection.

4. PROTESTS

1. Protests may be lodged against any person or body involved in any capacity at a show or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the SJAI for failure to observe the rules and regulations or violate the common principles of behaviour, fairness or accepted standards of sportsmanship, whether occurring during or in connection with an authorised SJAI event.

2. Protests may only be lodged by the owner, his authorised agent or the athlete of a horse competing in that competition or by an official of the show or the Show Jumping Association of Ireland, with the exception of protests for abuse which may be lodged by any person.

2.1. In Team events, protests may only be lodged by the Chef d'Equipe.

3. Protests must be in writing, signed by the authorised person making the protest and presented personally to the President of the Ground Jury, ~~to the President of the Appeal Committee~~ or the Secretary of the Show, together with any supporting evidence, names of witnesses and the deposit of ~~€30~~ **€50**.

4. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, protests against any of the following matters may only be lodged with the Ground Jury and within the following time limits, and a decision by the Ground Jury in these matters is a prerequisite to a right of appeal ~~to the Appeal Committee~~ **to a higher authority**.

4.1. Protests concerning the eligibility of an athlete or a horse: as soon as possible after circumstances become known, and at the latest, within 14 days after the date of the competition.

4.2. Protests concerning the conditions of the arena, an obstacle, or the plan or length of the course for a competition: immediately after the official inspection of the course or before the start, or continuation, of the competition.

4.3. Protests concerning irregularities or incidents during a competition, or the classification of a competition: not later than 30 minutes after the announcement of the results.

5. Any person making a protest should, if possible, secure witnesses to the incident and any other form of evidence, and either bring them to the body before the protest is lodged, or obtain written statements from them, duly signed, together with their names and addresses.

6. Upon receipt of an objection, the President of the Ground Jury and one other person with relevant experience, not involved in the judging of the competition, must deal with it as soon as possible. All interested parties must receive a fair hearing and be allowed to state their case and the facts.
7. In the case of all formal protests the decision of the Ground Jury should be given in writing to the Organising Committee and copies to each interested party
8. In a competition where there is a Jump-Off or a second round, where the protest concerns the athlete's score, a quick decision may be needed. If this is not possible, the horse in question should be allowed to jump in its proper order without prejudice to the ultimate resolution of the protest. The situation should be explained to the athlete and announced over the public address system before the horse jumps.
9. In all cases, the Ground Jury and Appeal Committee must act fairly, patiently and reach an impartial decision in a sporting spirit, remembering that generosity shown to one athlete may result in unfairness to another.
10. If the protest is overruled, the protestor's deposit is forfeited to the show. If the protest is upheld the deposit must be returned to the protestor.

5. APPEALS

1. Any person may lodge an Appeal with a legitimate interest against any decision made by any person or body authorised by the SJAI, provided it is admissible.
2. An Appeal is not admissible:
 - 2.1. Against decisions by the Ground Jury in cases covered by Article 259N.2.5.1-3
3. Appeals to the Appeals Committee must be made in writing, signed and accompanied by supporting evidence in writing or the presence of one or more witnesses and must be lodged not later than 1 hour after the decision of the Ground Jury.

6. PROCEDURES FOR APPEALS

1. If the athlete is dissatisfied with the ruling of the Ground Jury on the protest he has the right to appeal, with the exception of cases as covered in Article 259N.2.5.1-3
2. When preparing to hear an appeal, the Appeal Committee should first read carefully the decision of the Ground Jury.
3. They hear the appellant and his witnesses followed by other interested parties and other witnesses.
4. The Ground Jury and the Appeal Committee are entitled to take into account what they have seen happening but interested parties must be invited to comment on the facts before a decision is reached.
5. The decision of the Appeal Committee is then given, in writing, to the acting Show Official and copies to each interested party.
6. The decision of the Appeal Committee is final.

7. VETERINARY OFFICIALS

1. There must be at least one veterinary official present or on call while jumping is in progress. This includes practice jumping.

8. COURSE DESIGNERS

1. The course designer is responsible for designing the course, supervising the building of the obstacles, including the practice obstacles, and measuring the course.
 - 1.1. There are 2 categories of International Course Designers – International and Candidate International and 4 categories of National Course Designers –Senior National; National; Regional and Assistant. The details of the necessary qualifications for each category are laid down by the FEI/SJAI [see Appendix 10]
 - 1.2. Course Designers in each category may not fill appointments at a higher level than laid down in the following articles.

1.3. Shows are responsible for appointing Course designers from the current approved list of SJAI Course Designers.

1.4. The appropriate number and level of Course Designers required in relation to the number of rings at a show is as follows:

One arena – Course Designer of at least Regional Status

Two Arenas – 2 Course Designers of at least Regional Status or one Course Designer of National Status or above with two Assistant Course Designers.

1.5. The following competitions must be built by a Course Designer from the International or Senior National panel: All R.D.S. Qualifiers, International Trials and National Grand Prix League Shows.

2. Attendance at a Course Designer's Seminar once every two years is compulsory to remain on current panel.

3. A Course Designer of Regional Status is permitted to build in their own region up to and including a course of maximum height of 1.20m. They are not permitted to build for any qualifiers.

9. STARTERS

1. A starter should be appointed, who shall, subject to the Ground Jury, have complete authority at the entrance to the arena and may stop an athlete from entering the arena improperly dressed or with incorrect saddlery.

10. STEWARDS

1. Safety: A Safety Officer should be appointed by the Organising Committee of a show to ensure that SJAI regulations with regard to Safety of athletes, animals, spectators and the general public are correctly enforced.

2. Stipendiary: The SJAI will appoint Stipendiary Stewards who will be allocated to shows throughout the year.

3. Safety / Stipendiary Stewards should be identifiable by a distinct badge and have access to the entire show grounds for the duration of an event.

11. FIELD STEWARDS

1. The SJAI Regional Secretaries will appoint a Field Steward to each show for the purpose of compiling all necessary documentation.

2. Where there are 4 or more arenas at one particular show 2 Field Stewards may be appointed

Article 259N.4.11 Out of competition objection

For an out of competition objection:

1. Only current members of S.J.I. may lodge an objection which must be in writing, accompanied by a €200 fee

2. The member must present in person to the SJI with ID in order for the objection to be accepted

Article 260.4N At all Shows entries for the first class must close 30 minutes after the published start time of the Show. Thereafter, the entries for subsequent classes must close after the 3rd horse in the class has jumped

Article 260.5N If the arena remains empty for over 10 minutes after the previous animal has jumped the class may be closed. There will be no refund of entry.

Article 260.5.1N If an athlete is involved in another arena and unable to attend a prize giving then they must send a representative or prize/prizemoney may be forfeited.

Article 260.6N The Main Arena will always take precedence over other Arenas. Therefore, it is the duty of the athlete/ person responsible involved in the Main Arena to notify the other Arenas and

make suitable arrangements for his/her other horses. The Ground Juries must be notified and if no arrangement is made the athlete may be refused the option to jump.

Article 261.4.4N All classes (in the Grand Prix arena) prior to any Grand Prix must be declared and pre-drawn. In addition to this all classes before a Grand Prix should conclude one hour prior to the GP start time – this allows sufficient time for the course to be adjusted etc

Article 261.5.5N Start time of a Grand Prix may be brought forward, if necessary, by 30 minutes.

Article 273.4.4.1 Athletes will be placed according to the penalties and time in the jump-off. ~~The remaining athletes will be placed according to aggregate penalties over both rounds and the time incurred in the first round.~~ The athletes of the second round not taking part in the jump-off will be placed according to aggregate penalties over both rounds and the time incurred in the second round; athletes not taking part in the second round are classified according to their penalties and time in the first round.

Article 273.4.4.2 Athletes will be placed according to the penalties and time in the jump-off. The remaining athletes will be placed according to aggregate penalties over both rounds **and the time incurred in the second round.**

Article 301N.1.1 Any animal measured at 148 or previously registered as a pony must be measured out before registering as a horse.

Article 319N.3 A height allowance is made for Ponies being measured in competition who are called by the relevant Committee to attend the Veterinary College. Allowance is as follows - 128 ponies can measure 130 without shoes, 138 ponies can measure 140 without shoes & 148 ponies can measure 150 without shoes

Appendix 7 - No animal to be tied up anywhere on the Showground's apart from inside a Stable, Horse Lorry, Trailer **or a Designated holding area**

Appendix 12 - Stipendiary Stewards must attend a Seminar every 2 years ~~starting with 2014 as the first~~ **(mandatory to remain on the panel**

Appendix 12 - Level 1 Stewards must steward for one year and have officiated at a minimum of 3 shows to be eligible to upgrade to Level 2 and submit Log Book to the Judges Committee

Appendix 12 - Level 2 Stewards must steward for two years and have officiated at a minimum of 6 shows. They must submit their CV and Stipendiary Stewards Log Book to the National Judges Committee for approval prior to submission to FEI.

Appendix 12: If an athlete is uncertain as to whether the boots he/she intends to use during an event are allowed, he/she or his/her representative should show the boots to the Chief Steward for his/her opinion before the boots are used in training or in competition.

In addition, athletes are to be made aware that hind boots must be removed and placed again on the horse's legs in the presence of a Steward while in the warm-up arena prior to entering the competition arena for certain competitions. (If bandages are used in place of boots, athletes are not required to remove the bandages in the warm-up arena.) This procedure is compulsory for competitions for which boot and bandage control is mandatory and is at the discretion of the Chief Steward for other competitions.

As an alternative to carrying out this procedure at the time designated by the Steward an athlete may ask his/her groom to take the boots to the in-gate and place them on the horse's legs in front of the Steward prior to the combination entering the arena.

The Steward has the authority to intervene if a boot is deemed excessively tight by instructing that the boot be removed and put on again correctly. [Stewards are to note that it is normal for a horse's gait to be somewhat affected immediately after boots have been removed and re-placed.] If an athlete or his/her groom refuses to remove and re-place the boot(s) when instructed to do so by the Steward, a Warning may be issued to the athlete in question and result in possible elimination.

If it is deemed impossible or unsafe to remove the hind boots in the warm-up arena prior to the combination entering the competition arena, due to an extremely excited or nervous horse, the boots of the horse in question are to be removed by the athlete/groom following the athlete's round upon leaving the arena and inspected by the Steward. This inspection may be carried out during the boot and bandage control if the boot and bandage control is carried out for the competition in question.

This procedure does not replace boot and bandage control after completion of an athlete's round for competitions for which boot and bandage control is mandatory (refer to Art. 244)."

CRITERIA FOR UPGRADING ON SJAI JUDGE'S PANELS

Status	Requirements	Procedure
To Deputy	Have served as a marker for SJ competitions and have a basic knowledge of SJ rules, and an interest in their application. Must be a minimum age of 16. Must attend one day Seminar.	Nomination to Regional Committee. - This to be forwarded to SJAI Office in writing. Confirmation of receipt to be sent to the Region and individual with copy of Log Book.
To Judge	Keep a Log Book as a record of experience of judging commitments - the aim being to identify the variety of competitions and experience in the different aspects of Judging. Have served a minimum of 2 years as Deputy Judge and sit a written assessment . Officiated at a minimum of 8 shows per year, at least 4 different venues per year. (Log book to be submitted with application to upgrade)	Submit a Log Book to the Regional Judges' Committee each year. On review of the individual's Log Book- Recommendation by Regional Judges Committee and approval by Regional Committee
To National	To maintain a Log Book as a record of experience of judging commitments. Have served on the Judge's Panel for a minimum of 2 years as Judge. Officiated at a minimum of 10 shows per year at 4 different venues per year. Have attended an SJAI Judge's Seminar within the past 2 yrs.[Log Books to be submitted with application to sit exam]	Examination on aspect of general Showjumping rules and regulations, normal two round competition and jump off classes; timing of competitions, safety aspects, Course Building etc to include a written and practical aspect [Pass Mark 75%] In the event of borderline cases of 70 – 74% in the written paper, an oral interview with 15/20 questions will be used to re-assess candidates.

To Senior National	To maintain a Log Book as a record of experience of judging commitments. Have served on the National Judge's Panel for a minimum of 2 years . Officiated at 12 shows per year, at 6 different venues per year. Have assisted at RDS Qualifiers, National Grand Prix Competitions or similar competitions. Have attended an SJAJ Judge's Seminar within the past 2 yrs.[Log Books to be submitted with application to sit exam]	Examination on responsibilities as President of Ground Jury; Dealing with problems; timing; Course Building; Protests and Complaints etc to include a written and practical test. [Pass Mark 85%] In the event of borderline cases of 80-84% in the written paper, an oral interview with 15/20 questions will be used to re- assess candidates.
To FEI	Have served on the Senior National Panel for a minimum of 6 years . Officiated at a minimum of 12 National shows per year at a minimum of 6 different venues per year, at RDS Qualifying Competitions, RDS Show, Grand Prix Competitions and other major shows. Assisted in the running of Regional/National SJAJ Judge's Seminars. Fulfil the criteria laid down by the FEI for upgrading.	Application to relevant Region for approval for name to go forward to National Judges Committee. Candidate to supply names for references from 2 current International Judges [at least one of which should be from outside their region or an International Course Designer]. Candidate will be asked to provide a CV reflecting their experience of Judging, Stewarding and/or Course Building. Nomination ratified by National Judge's Committee. When the above criteria are fulfilled, national Judges Committee to forward application to Horse Sport Ireland for processing.