

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

**EXTRAORDINARY CIVIL WRIT JURISDICTION**

**W.P. (C) No.                      of 2021**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

Ms. Raquel Shefali Fernandez (Minor)

Petitioner

Vs.

Equestrian Federation of India and Anr.

Respondents

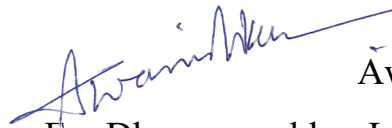
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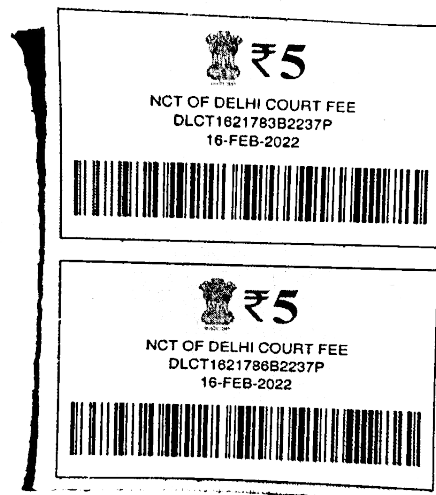
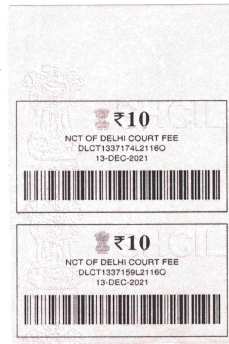
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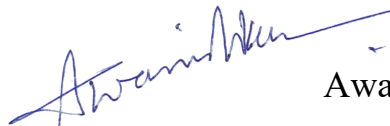
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**Notice of Motion**

Sir/Madam,

The above-mentioned Petition is filed on behalf of the Petitioner is likely to be listed on 16.02.2022 or any date, thereafter. Kindly take notice accordingly.

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**Urgent Application**

To,

The Registrar

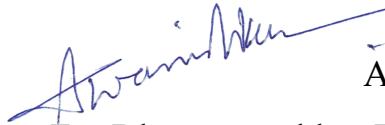
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Dear Sir,

Kindly treat the accompanying application as urgent. The grounds of urgency are:

“an order of urgent nature is being sought”

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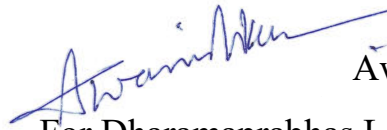
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## Synopsis and List of Dates

Vide the impugned guidelines the petitioner who is an Overseas Citizen of India (hereinafter 'OCI') is denied participation in upcoming Junior National Equestrian Championship, 2021-22 despite she been *interalia*, accorded parity with NRI in 'education fields' by the Govt. Of India vide notifications dated 11.4.2005 and 4.3.2021 which have been issued under S. 7-B(1) of the Citizenship Act. It is important to mention herein the 'education field' is interpreted to include 'sports in Sorab Singh Gill v. Union of India AIR 2010 P&H 83 whereby the Hon'ble High court had held as under:

"18. ... From time immemorial schools have also included sports as part of education. All good schools have invariably included sports as part of education for the overall development of a student and it is, therefore, considered a necessary ingredient of education. Those, talented in sports, have also got admission in the educational institution on such basis thereby reflecting weightage of the performance in sports in the field of education. ...

This also shows that even the UGC regards sports as an integral part of education.

19. Since an NRI is permitted to participate for India in sports events and facilities analogous to de NRIs, have been granted to the Aussie eyes by a notification dated 1142 1005, we are satisfied that petitioner could not be denied such participation”

It is important to note that SLP against Sorab Singh (supra) was dismissed by the Hon’ble Supreme Court while leaving the question of law open.

The impugned guidelines are also in teeth of the regulations of the FEI which is the governing body for equestrian sport in the world. Respondent no. 1 is a member of FEI and thus, all its regulation are binding. It is important to mention herein that of Federation Equestre Internationale (hereinafter ‘FEI’) recognises the ‘right to access to sport’ of the minor athletes on the basis of the country of residence and not nationality. Under Cl. 2 of Article 119 of General Regulations it has the concept of ‘sport nationality’ which can be opted by the petitioner. It is submitted that the option granted to minor athlete by FEI is sought to be taken away by

backdoor vide the impugned guidelines by blocking minor athletes at the intermediate level which is a stepping stone for international events organized by FEI. Furthermore, the impugned guidelines contravenes most of the international covenants/charter/guidelines to which India is a signatory. It fails to appreciate that in so far as sport is concerned the paramount consideration ought to be welfare of the child. Creating hinderances right at the level of participation particularly for minor athletes is actually a stumbling block for the sport itself.

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| 11.4.2005 | Vide notification dated 11.4.2005 the Petitioner is conferred parity with Non -Residents Indian in respect of facilities available to them in respect of economic, financial and educational fields.   |
| 4.3.2021  | Vide another notification dated 4.3.2021 the Central Govt. further specified the rights conferred to OCI card holder whereby interalia, they were given parity with NRI in respect of all other economic, financial and educational fields not specified in the said notification. |
| 27.9.2020 | Petitioner had qualified for 2nd Regional Equestrian   |

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| and<br>4.10.2020 | Leagues held on 27-09-2020 and 04-10-2020 respectively   |
| 8.12.2020        | Petitioner was denied participation by Respondent no. 1. Petitioner challenged her denial of participation by way of a writ petition before this Hon'ble Court.  |
| 9.12.2021        | vide order dated 9.12.2021 the said petition was dismissed as withdrawn while giving liberty to the petitioner to file another petition.   |
| 2021             | <p>Respondent no.1 has published its technical guidelines which interalia, set out the Rules for JNEC. It is worthwhile to note that as per its preamble, the said guidelines must be read in conjunction with FEI General Regulations. Clause 9 of Article 503 of Technical Guidelines mandates that Riders holding valid Indian passport are permitted to participate in JNEC. Thus, the petitioner cannot participate in JNEC as she is an OCI cardholder.</p> <p>xii) It is important to note that though the impugned guidelines are issued for the year 2021 but they will</p> |



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|            | <p>be in vogue until replaced by another guidelines in 2022. Moreover, Respondent no. 1 has been customarily publishing such guidelines only in the second half of the relevant year. Thus, the petitioner legitimately expects that the guidelines for the year 2022 to be issued likewise. Nonetheless, till the issuance of new guidelines for the year 2022, the impugned guidelines will be in vogue and will continue to govern the events of 2022 also. The REL shall be hosted in February 2022.</p> |
| 20.12.2021 | Hence the writ petition  |

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(Original CIVIL Writ Jurisdiction)

Writ Petition (C) No.     of 2021

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...Petitioner

Versus

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Respondent no. 1

2 Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

Through Secretary

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Respondent no. 2

**A WRIT PETITION UNDER ARTICLE 226 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PARYING *INTER ALIA*, FOR QUASHING OF TECHNICAL GUIDELINES 2021 ISSUED BY RESPONDENT NO. 1 WHEREBY IT HAS MANDATED THAT ALL RIDERS MUST HAVE INDIAN PASSPORT WHICH TANTAMOUNTS TO REFUSAL OF PARTICIPATION TO OCI CARDHOLDERS IN THE JUNIOR NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIP, 2021-22**

**To,**

The Hon'ble Chief Justice and  
all his other companion Judges;

**MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:**

1. Vide the impugned guidelines the petitioner who is an Overseas Citizen of India (hereinafter '**OCI**') is denied participation in upcoming Junior National Equestrian Championship despite she been *interalia*, accorded parity with NRI in 'education fields' by the Govt. Of India vide notifications dated 11.4.2005 and 4.3.2021 which have been issued under S. 7-B(1) of the Citizenship Act. It is important to

mention herein the 'education field' is interpreted to include 'sports in Sorab Singh Gill v. Union of India AIR 2010 P&H 83 whereby the Hon'ble High court had held as under:

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It is important to note that SLP against Sorab Singh (supra) was dismissed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court while leaving the question of law open.

2. The impugned guidelines are also in teeth of the regulations of the FEI which is the governing body for equestrian sport in the world. Respondent no. 1 is a member of FEI and thus, all its regulation are binding. It is important to mention herein that of Federation Equestre Internationale (hereinafter 'FEI') recognises the 'right to access to sport' of the minor athletes on the basis of the country of residence and not nationality. Under Cl. 2 of Article 119 of General Regulations it has the concept of 'sport nationality' which can be opted by the petitioner. It is submitted that the option granted to minor athlete by FEI is sought to be taken away by backdoor vide the impugned guidelines by blocking minor athletes at the intermediate level which is a stepping stone for international events organized by FEI. Furthermore, the impugned guidelines contravenes most of the international covenants/charter/guidelines to which India is a signatory. It fails to appreciate that in so far as sport is concerned the paramount consideration ought to be welfare of the child.

Creating hinderances right at the level of participation particularly for minor athletes is actually a stumbling block for the sport itself.

3. Following facts are necessary for a just adjudication of the matter:

i) Petitioner is a minor and wishes to pursue a career in equestrian sports. Though she is registered as a Overseas Citizen of India under S. 7-A of the Citizenship Act (hereinafter '**Act**'), she has been living in India since she was of 6 years. True copy of the OCI certificate of the Petitioner is annexed hereto and marked as **Annexure-P/1**.

ii) The Petitioner's father is a famous athlete and was a national champion in "hurdles" about 15 years ago. He is still a record holder of the third best time on the 100 m hurdles in the Indian interstate championship. However, after a severe spine injury, the Petitioner's father could never participate in any sport and has been suffering from severe depression since then.

iii) The Respondent No. 1 is recognised as the National Sports Federation for Equestrian Sport in India by Respondent no. 2. It is declared as public authority by the Central Govt. in

National Sports Development Code of India, 2011. It is funded by the Central Govt. It is also a recognized body of Federation Equestre Internationale (hereinafter 'FEI') which is consortium of all national federation in the world. It is the sole authority for conducting all National and International Equestrian disciplines recognized by FEI. Under Cl. 4 of Article 1 of Statute of EFI all events in general are governed by FEI rules. True copy of the relevant portion of Constitution/Statute of Respondent no. 1 is annexed hereto and marked as **Annexure-P/2**.

- iv) May it be noted that under Cl. 6 of Article 100 of General Regulations of FEI all its statues, General Regulation, Rules etc is applicable to events/competitions as set forth in Chapter 1. Article 101 in Chapter 1 of General Regulations relates to National Events which stipulates that 'Foreign athletes' may take part in National Event under Article 119.
- v) Article 119 of General Regulation of FEI relates to nationality of Athletes. Under Cl. 2.1 read with Cl. 3.3 of Article 119 the petitioner (minor athlete) *must decide* her/his own National Federation and her nationality.

Moreover, under Article 3.1 a minor athlete can chose his/her nationality every calendar year. True copy of relevant part of General Regulations of FEI is annexed herewith as **Annexure-P/3**.

vi) Vide notification dated 11.4.2005 the Petitioner is conferred parity with Non -Residents Indian in respect of facilities available to them in respect of economic, financial and educational fields. A true Copy of notification dated 11.4.2005 is annexed herewith as **Annexure-P/4**.

vii) Vide another notification dated 4.3.2021 the Central Govt. further specified the rights conferred to OCI card holder whereby *interalia*, they were given parity with NRI in respect of all other economic, financial and educational fields not specified in the said notification. A true copy of the notification dated 4.3.2021 is annexed herewith as **Annexure-P/5**.

viii) It may be noted that the Petitioner has been regularly participating in Regional Equestrian Leagues (hereinafter 'REL') and other domestic equestrian events since many years and has performed extremely well. She had qualified



for 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Equestrian Leagues held on 27-09-2020 and 04-10-2020 respectively. It is pertinent to mention herein that as per the requirements of the Respondent, all athletes who qualify in two REL automatically qualify for the JNEC. the requirement is to qualify in 2 RELS in a season to participate in a season to be allowed to the JNEC. This needs to be done either with the same horse on 2 different locations or with two different horses on the same location.

- ix) It is pertinent to mention herein that the JNEC, 2020 was scheduled in December, 2020. However, the petitioner was denied participation by Respondent no. 1 vide letter dated 8.12.2020.
- x) The petitioner challenged denial of her participation in JNEC through W.P. (c) no. 10503 of 2020. However, vide order dated 9.12.2021 the said petition was dismissed as withdrawn while giving liberty to the petitioner to file another petition. A true copy of the order dated 9.12.2021 passed by the High Court of Delhi in W.P. (c) 10503/2021 is annexed herewith as **Annexure-P/6**.

xi) In 2021 Respondent no.1 has published its technical guidelines which *interalia*, set out the Rules for JNEC. It is worthwhile to note that as per its preamble, the said guidelines must be read in conjunction with FEI General Regulations. Clause 9 of Article 503 of Technical Guidelines mandates that Riders holding valid Indian passport are permitted to participate in JNEC. Thus, the petitioner cannot participate in JNEC as she is an OCI cardholder. A true copy of the technical guidelines of Respondent no. 1 for 2021 is annexed herewith as **Annexure-P/7**.

xii) It is important to note that though the impugned guidelines are issued for the year 2021 but they will be in vogue until replaced by another guidelines in 2022. Moreover, Respondent no. 1 has been customarily publishing such guidelines only in the second half of the relevant year. Thus, the petitioner legitimately expects that the guidelines for the year 2022 to be issued likewise. Nonetheless, till the issuance of new guidelines for the year 2022, the impugned guidelines will be in vogue and will continue to govern the events of 2022 also. The REL shall be hosted in

February 2022. EFI had published the calendar for 2022-23 on 05.02.2022 whereby REL is scheduled between 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> March at Auroville, Tamilnadu. The true copy of the REL calendar dated 05.02.2022 published by EFI is annexed herewith as **Annexure-P/8 (colly)**.

xiii) It is pertinent to mention herein that since equestrian sport is an individual sport, there is no embargo in the number of athletes who can compete in an equestrian event. Thus, even if the Petitioner is permitted to participate in JNEC, the same would not tantamount to automatic elimination of another eligible athlete. Furthermore, even assuming, without admitting, that the Petitioner is not eligible to represent India in an international event due to her OCI status, the same cannot be ground to prevent the Petitioner from participating in the national championship.

4. In view of the above, it is evident that there is no legitimate ground for the Respondent to prevent the Petitioner from qualifying the RELs participating in upcoming JNEC and the impugned technical guideline is *per se* arbitrary and illegal.

5. In these circumstances, being aggrieved by the wholly arbitrary, illegal and unlawful technical guidelines the petitioner has preferred this writ petition on following grounds:

**GROUNDS**

- A. Because the impugned technical guidelines issued by Respondent no. 1 is indirectly and illegally exclude the petitioner who is an OCI holder despite she being *interalia*, granted parity with NRI in 'education fields' by the Govt. of India vide the notification dated 4.3.2021 issued under S. 7 B (1) of the Act. It is well settled that 'sports' is an integral part of education. Please refer Sorab Singh Gill v. Union of India AIR 2010 P&H 83.
- B. Because the impugned guidelines infringe Fundamental Right of the petitioner guaranteed under Article 14 of the Constitution of India as it is manifestly arbitrary being vague, disproportionate, capricious and unreasonable. It arbitrarily denies 'equal access to sports'.
- C. Because impugned guidelines are also in teeth of the regulations of the FEI which is the governing body for equestrian sport in the world. Respondent no. 1 is a member of

FEI and thus, all its regulation are binding. It is important to mention herein that of Federation Equestre Internationale (hereinafter 'FEI') recognises the 'right to access to sport' of the minor athletes on the basis of the country of residence and not nationality. Under Cl. 2 of Article 119 of General Regulations it has the concept of 'sport nationality' which can be opted by the petitioner. It is submitted that the option granted to minor athlete by FEI is sought to be taken away by backdoor vide the impugned guidelines by blocking minor athletes at the intermediate level which is a stepping stone for international events organized by FEI.

- D. Because the impugned guidelines contravene most of the international covenants/charter/guidelines to which India is a signatory. It fails to appreciate that in so far as sport is concerned the paramount consideration ought to be welfare of the child. Creating hinderances right at the level of participation particularly for minor athletes is actually a stumbling block for the sport itself.
- E. Because the Respondent has acted with malice while issuing the impugned guidelines without any reason as a similar denial of participation was challenged by the petitioner in W.P(c)

10503/2020. It is important to note that the OCI cardholders were allowed participation by Respondent no. 1 until recently. Please refer Ravi Yashwant Bhoir v. District Collector, Raigad [(2012) 4 SCC 407], wherein at para 47, it has held as follows:

“47. This Court has consistently held that the State is under an obligation to act fairly without ill will or malice in fact or in law. Where malice is attributed to the State, it can never be a case of personal ill will or spite on the part of the State. “Legal malice” or “malice in law” means something done without lawful excuse. It is a deliberate act in disregard to the rights of others. It is an act which is taken with an oblique or indirect object. It is an act done wrongfully and willfully without reasonable or probable cause, and not necessarily an act done from ill feeling and spite.”

F. Because vide the impugned guidelines the petitioner has been denied the opportunity of selecting her nationality which she is otherwise entitled to select on attaining majority under FEI Regulations. It is submitted that Under Cl. 4 of Article 1 of

Statute of FEI all events in general are governed by FEI rules. under Cl. 6 of Article 100 of General Regulations of FEI all its statutes, General Regulation, Rules etc is applicable to events/competitions as set forth in Chapter 1. Article 101 in Chapter 1 of General Regulations relates to National Events which stipulates that 'Foreign athletes' may take part in National Event under Article 119. Article 119 of General Regulation of FEI relates to nationality of Athletes. Under Cl. 2.1 read with Cl. 3.3 of Article 119 the petitioner (minor athlete) must decide her/his own National Federation and her nationality when she attains majority.

- G. Because the impugned guidelines contravenes Article 21 of the Constitution of the petitioner as she is being right to sports which is a facet of right to life.
- H. Because there is no embargo in the number of athletes who can compete in an equestrian event. Thus, even if the Petitioner is permitted to participate in JNEC, 2021-22, the same would not tantamount to automatic elimination of another eligible athlete.
- I. Because, even assuming, without admitting, that the Petitioner is not eligible to represent India in an international event due to her OCI status, the same cannot be ground to prevent the

Petitioner from participating in the national championship. If she is not eligible to represent India, her points in the national championship may be ignored and the best eligible candidates may be chosen to represent India.

- J. Because Cl. 6.2 of Article 119 of the General Regulations of FEI further makes it clear that a minor athlete may compete for his/her country of residence in the equestrian events regardless of the country where the Event is organized. Since the Petitioner is currently residing in India from last 6 years, she may participate in regional and national events.
  - K. Because the impugned guideline is against the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child particularly Article 31.
  - L. Because the impugned guidelines also violates children's rights in sport principles formed by UNICEF which primarily aims to protect sports rights of child.
  - M. Because even otherwise the impugned technical guidelines are arbitrary and illegal and liable to be set aside.
6. The grounds mentioned above are without prejudice to each other and the Petitioner craves leave to add to, alter or modify the same if deemed necessary.



7. The Petitioner has no other alternative and efficacious remedy except to approach this Hon'ble Court by way of the present writ petition.
8. This Hon'ble Court has jurisdiction to entertain the present petition as the impugned guidelines are issued by Respondent no. 1 which is a state within the meaning of Article 12 of the Constitution.
9. The Petitioner has not filed any other writ petition before this Hon'ble Court or before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India or any other High Court based on the cause of action set out in this writ petition.
10. This Petition is made bona fide and in the interest of justice.

### **PRAYER**

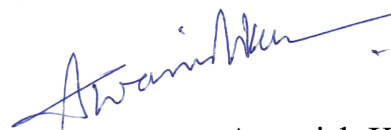
In the circumstances, it is most respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to:

- a) Quash technical guidelines of 2021-22 issued by the Respondent **no. 1** whereby the Petitioner has been restrained from participating RELs and the JNSC 2021-22.

- b) Issue a writ of Mandamus commanding Respondent no. 1 to allow the petitioner to participate in all REL and JNEC. The next REL will likely take place in February 2022.
- c) Direct the Respondents to give 'equal access to participate in RELs and subsequent JNEC by including the OCIs cardholders as eligible candidate in their rules/guidelines.
- d) Pass any other order or direction that this Hon'ble Court deems fit in the facts and circumstances of the case.

**AND FOR THIS ACT OF KINDNESS THE PETITIONER AS  
IN DUTY BOUND SHALL EVER PRAY.**

Through



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For Dharmaprabhas Law Associates  
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Place: New Delhi

Date:20.12.2021



4. That the annexures are true copies of their respective originals.

*[Handwritten signature]*

**DEPONENT**

**VERIFICATION:**

I, Mrs. Fernandez-Van Hoecke Gerda Huguette Emma, aged about 52 years, Roman Catholic, Wife of Denzil Fernandez, resident of Villa 5 Esteem Northwood, Blueberry Street, Ramanashree California Gardens, Yelahanka Bangalore 560064, Karnataka the deponent named above on this 18 day of December 2021 that the contents of above para 1 to 4 are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. No part thereof is false and incorrect. Nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

*[Handwritten signature]*

**DEPONENT**



*[Handwritten signature]*

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**1 8 DEC 2021**

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2 इस प्रमाणपत्र में कोई परिवर्तन न किया जाए या किसी भी प्रकार से इसे क्षतिग्रस्त भी न किया जाए।

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**FERNANDEZ DENZIL**

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### EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF INDIA

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**EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF INDIA**

**ARTICLE 000 - INTRODUCTION**

1. The Equestrian Federation of India was constituted in 1967, and is duly registered with the Registrar of Societies under the Societies Registration Act (Act xxi of 1860). Hereinafter referred to as EFI.
2. The registered office of the EFI is located at C/o "B" Squadron 61 Cavalry Cariappa Marg, Delhi Cantt - 10 (India) in the State of Delhi. Tele cum Fax No : **+91-11-25683601, 25683602** Website **www.efinf.org**.
3. The EFI Emblem is a Striking Horse-head in the Indian Tri-colour within a Chakra (wheel).
4. The EFI Flag consists of the Tri-Colour Logo of the Federation on a White Satin a contemporary splash of the Indian Flag.

**CHAPTER I**

**PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES**

**ARTICLE 001- PURPOSES**

1. EFI is a recognized body of Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) and will be the sole authority for conducting in INDIA all National and International Equestrian disciplines recognized by them.
2. To encourage and develop Equestrian sport in Olympic/FEI disciplines and Equestrian sport peculiar to India and Asian region and improve the standard of



performance of Indian riders in various international events.

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3. To promote interest in riding, breeding of required type of horses, their training, care veterinary control and medication.
4. To establish and publish rules and regulations for conduct of National Events and events peculiar to Asia region. All events in general will be governed by FEI/EFI rules.
5. To allot, approve programmes for equestrian competition held under the aegis of EFI in India and exercise control over their technical organization and actual conduct.
6. To encourage holding of competitions, provide technical know-how and promote highest standard of organization.
7. To organize coaching camps, clinics in judging, course designing, technical delegate, steward and veterinary control of all equestrian disciplines approved and recognized by FEI/EFI.
8. To organize training and appoint adequate number of judges, course designers, technical delegates, stewards and veterinarians in various equestrian disciplines in order to get them empanelled with FEI.
9. To promote understanding and co-operation between various State associations, its members, and give them support and strengthen their authority, prestige and improve equestrian standards throughout the country.
10. To assist Organizing Committee of local Horse Shows by extending technical know-how, in terms of appointment of judges, etc.



## GENERAL REGULATIONS

### INTRODUCTION

#### Article 100 - General Regulations and Sport Rules

1. The General Regulations (GRs) are established so that individual Athletes and teams of Athletes from different National Federations (NFs) may compete against each other under fair and equal conditions with the welfare of Horse as paramount. At multi-disciplinary FEI World and/or Continental Championships, the Organiser must provide similar benefits and conditions to all participating Horses and Athletes, for example in relation to transport, accommodation, meals etc.
2. The GRs and Sport Rules govern the conduct of all International Equestrian Events organised by NFs or by or on behalf of the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI).
3. The GRs are published under the authority of the General Assembly.
4. Sport Rules are published under the authority of the General Assembly whereas Sport Rules for Series, Olympic Regulations for Equestrian Events at Olympic Games, and Paralympic Regulations for Equestrian Events at Paralympic Games are published under the authority of the Board.
5. To be considered by the Board for proposal to the General Assembly as an added FEI Discipline and to be governed by these GRs, the activity in question must be practised by a minimum of thirty (30) NFs from at least four (4) geographical groups with a total participation of a minimum of ten thousand (10,000) Athletes. It must also involve a true collaboration between Athlete and Horse at an advanced standard of training, respect the classical equestrian ideas, exemplify the FEI standards of sportsmanship and fully respect the Horse's welfare.
6. FEI Statutes, GRs, and Sport Rules apply to International Events and/or Competitions as set forth in Chapter I.
7. Responsibilities of NFs:
  - 7.1. To ensure that the welfare of the Horse is paramount and that it is never subordinated to competitive or commercial influence.
  - 7.2. To ensure that all clubs and societies affiliated to NFs and all OCs abide by the GRs and Sport Rules when organising International Events or Competitions.
  - 7.3. To ensure the implementation by OCs, of the Statutes, GRs and Sport Rules, and to be responsible for ensuring the payment of prize money in instances in which an agreement has been entered into by and among the FEI, the NF and the OC. OCs shall take measures as may be necessary to cover their financial and legal liabilities, such as guaranteeing the prize money.
  - 7.4. To ensure that any Event is correctly managed by OCs, and to ensure the implementation of draft schedules approved by the FEI.

## **CHAPTER I - EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS**

### **Article 101 - National Events (CN)**

1. A National Event (CN) is limited to national Athletes who shall take part according to the regulations of their NF. Foreign Athletes may only take part, subject to the appropriate laws if applicable, as specified under paragraphs 2 and 3 below or under Article 119.
2. Individual foreign Athletes, other than "Athletes Living Outside their Country of Nationality" (Article 119.6), may take part in CNs provided they have obtained written permission from their own NF and from the NF of the OC concerned. Permission must state the exact period for which it has been granted and the home NF of individual foreign Athletes shall indicate their level in writing so that they are entered in Events of appropriate level.
- 3.
- 3.1 Not counting "Athletes Living Outside their Country of Nationality" (Article 119.6), a CN with more than 4 NFs and/or more than fifteen (15) foreign Athletes is allowed if it would be within the requirements of a CIM. If a CN under such conditions takes place, there will be no ranking or qualification points earned.
- 3.2 Any other CN with more than four (4) NFs and/or more than fifteen (15) foreign Athletes (not counting "Athletes Living Outside their Country of Nationality" as per Article 119.6) is not allowed. If a CN under such conditions takes place, there will be no ranking or qualification points earned. Furthermore, after consultation with the NF, the OC can be subject to further sanctions and eventually to a fine in an amount commensurate with the violation and taking into account the circumstances of the violation and possibly up to the total prize-money paid out at such Event, if any.
- 4 All other Events in which foreign Athletes may take part must be classified as CIs.

### **Article 102 - International Events (CI)**

1. An International Event (CI) must be organised under the FEI Statutes, GRs and Sport Rules, including any specific invitation rules that may be established by the relevant Technical Committee and may be open to Athletes of all NFs.
2. CIs are primarily for individual Athletes. However, Competitions for teams not representing a nation or country of not more than four (4) members may be organised, but they may never be described as "Nations' Cups".
3. All Athletes invited or nominated for an International Event must be entered by their NFs. All foreign Athletes selected by their NFs, in accordance with the relevant Sport Rules and as specified in the schedule, must be accepted by the OC. OCs shall not accept any other entries.
4. Schedules for CIs must state the total number of foreign Athletes and Horses which are invited.
5. Consideration should be given to inviting Athletes from regions other than the region where the CI is held.
6. CIs shall be classified according to the amount of prize money offered and/or to other criteria established by the relevant Technical Committee, and approved by the Board.
7. A NF shall not be allowed to host or to organise a CI outside of its territory.

### **Article 103 - Official International Events (CIO)**

1. An Official International Event (CIO) is an Event to which NFs are invited to send selected representative individuals and teams, and must be organised under the FEI Statutes, GRs and Sport Rules.
2. CIOs must include the official Competition for individuals and teams according to the Sport Rules of the relevant Discipline.
3. In Europe, each NF may only organise one CIO for Seniors in any Discipline in any calendar year, unless otherwise decided by the Board.
4. For other age groups and for Seniors outside Europe, the number of CIOs must be specifically approved by the Board on the recommendation of the relevant Technical Committee.
5. A NF shall not be allowed to host or to organise a CIO outside of its territory.



- 4.1 If the Athlete is under 18 years of age when the entry is submitted, the NF or Chef d'Equipe must nominate a representative for the Athlete.
- 4.2 The representative may be a parent of the Athlete, the Chef d'Equipe, the team coach, the team veterinarian, the Owner or some other responsible adult and shall be communicated to the OC and the NF with the entry.
- 4.3 If the NF and Chef d'Equipe fail to nominate the representative, either parent of the Athlete may be considered as the representative.
- 4.4 The Minor Athlete shall remain the Person Responsible, unless compelling circumstances warrant otherwise.
- 4.5 The representative may represent the minor Person Responsible in all dealings with the OC, the NFs and the FEI Officials, including, but not limited to, witnessing the medication process.
- 4.6 When the representative is from another NF than the Person Responsible's, all communications shall take place through the Person Responsible's NF.
5. The Person Responsible, together with the Chef d'Equipe if present, is responsible for the condition, fitness and management and for the declaring or "scratching" of each and every Horse under his/her jurisdiction.
- 6 The Person Responsible is responsible for any act performed in the stables to any Horse under his/her jurisdiction, by himself or by any other person with access to the Horse, and is responsible while riding, driving or exercising any Horse under his/her jurisdiction. The Person Responsible is not relieved from such responsibility as a result of the lack or insufficiency of stable security.
7. If, for any reason, the Person Responsible is unable or is prevented from caring for the Horses under his/her jurisdiction he/she must immediately notify the Secretary of the OC and the Veterinary Commission.
8. In the context of betting, the Person Responsible and/or any Support Personnel must not, by any manner whatsoever, infringe the principle of fair play, show non-sporting conduct, or attempt to influence the result of a Competition in a manner contrary to sporting ethics. Any violations of the above will be subject to Chapter VIII of the General Regulations and Chapter X of the Statutes.

## **Article 119- Sport Nationality Status of Athletes**

1. General principles:
  - 1.1 The NF of a country where an Athlete has his/her nationality is his/her "own" NF. Proof of nationality is necessary for an Athlete to compete for a country.
  - 1.2 Except as provided in paragraphs 4, 5, 6.2, and 6.3, an Athlete may only compete, at International Events, for his/her "own NF", as defined in paragraph 1.1.
2. Sport nationality and sport nationality changes: Adult Athletes
  - 2.1 An Athlete who is a national of more than one (1) country must decide as of the age of (eighteen) 18 years which of his/her countries of nationality will be his/her own NF for international competition purposes. Thereafter, subject to paragraph 2.2.1, he/she can only represent that NF in international competition. Further changes to his/her sport nationality can only be accomplished through a sport nationality change process, subject to the conditions outlined in this paragraph 2.
    - 2.2 Sport nationality changes:
      - 2.2.1 Basic requirement: an Adult Athlete who is or who becomes the national of more than one (1) country and wishes to compete for his/her new/other country of nationality may apply for a sport nationality change to the FEI in the manner indicated in paragraph 2.2.5 below.
      - 2.2.2 The following additional requirements apply prior to participation in FEI Championships (except FEI Championships for Young Horses) and team competitions at CIOs for Seniors:
        - (i) Subject to the exceptions set forth in paragraph 2.2.3 below, the Athlete must have had legal residence in his/her new country prior to the first competition he/she wishes to compete in under his/her new sport nationality, for either: (a) a minimum of two (2) uninterrupted years; or (b) a total of five (5) years of non-consecutive periods.
        - (ii) The Athlete shall not have taken part in any of the competitions set forth in Article 2.2.2. above for his/her previous NF in the two (2) years prior to the first competition he/she wishes to compete in under his/her new sport nationality.
      - 2.2.3 The residency requirement set out in paragraph 2.2.2 (i) shall be mandatory, except where the Athlete can establish one of the following:
        - (i) the Athlete's entitlement to his/her new nationality was established by his/her birth in that country;
        - (ii) The Athlete's entitlement to his/her new nationality was acquired by virtue of descent or through other means related to family heritage-
        - (iii) the naturalized Athlete was a former national whose loss of nationality was neither voluntary or due to criminal acts; or

- (iv) the naturalized Athlete had to renounce his/her former nationality as a condition of acquiring a new one.
- 2.2.4 Where the naturalized Athlete can establish that he/she is legally married to a national of the new country of nationality, the residency requirement set out in paragraph 2.2.2 (i) shall be reduced to one (1) year of uninterrupted legal residence or three (3) years of non-consecutive periods of legal residence.
- 2.2.5 An application for an Athlete's change of sport nationality must be filed with the FEI Secretary General, through his/her new NF, stating the reason for the change and supported by the Athlete's passport or equivalent document for the new country that he/she wishes to represent. The FEI must inform the current NF that a request for change of sport nationality has been filed.
- 2.2.6 An Athlete shall only be entitled to compete for his/her new NF once the FEI has given its written approval of the change in sport nationality.
- 2.2.7 In special and exceptional circumstances, the FEI has the discretion to grant exceptions, with the agreement of the NFs concerned.
- 2.2.8 Participation in the Olympic and Paralympic Games is also subject to Olympic and Paralympic Regulations (Bye-law to Rule 42, Olympic Charter) and in particular to any waiting period imposed by these regulations. Similarly, participation in Regional and Continental Games is also subject to the regulations of the relevant governing body.
- 3. Sport nationality and sport nationality changes: Minor Athletes
  - 3.1 A Minor Athlete who is a citizen of more than one country can choose each calendar year which NF he/she wants to represent.
  - 3.2 A Minor Athlete may subsequently change his/her NF (only once per calendar year). Such change of NF is subject to the previous NF's, the new NF's and the FEI's approvals if the Minor Athlete has already participated in an international event for another NF since 1 January of that calendar year.
  - 3.3 As of the Minor Athlete's 18th birthday, paragraph 2 above applies. At such time, the Athlete will register with the chosen NF who will, in turn, register the Athlete with the FEI.
- 4. If an associate state, province or overseas department, a country or a colony acquires independence; if a country becomes incorporated within another country by reason of a change of border; or if a new NF is recognized by the FEI, an Athlete may continue to represent the country to which he/she belongs or belonged if that country continues to have an NOC. However, he/she may, if he/she prefers, choose to represent his/her new NF. This particular choice must receive the Approval of the FEI and may be made only once.
- 5.1. An Athlete Living outside his/her country of nationality who: (i) loses his/her nationality; (ii) becomes a refugee; or (iii) whose home country does not have an NF which is a member of the FEI, can compete internationally as if he were a national of the host country in all International Events including Championships, until such time as his/her home country has an NF which is a member of the FEI.
- 5.2 Athletes whose country of citizenship does not have an NF which is a member of the FEI, and whose situation does not qualify under paragraphs 4 and 5.1 above, may receive special authorisation from the FEI to compete in FEI Events under the FEI flag, in exceptional circumstances and on a case by case basis.
- 6. Athletes Living outside their country of nationality:
  - 6.1. An Adult Athlete Living outside his/her country of nationality can have his/her entries processed by his/her "host-NF" for participation in CNs, CIMs as well as CIs if he/she is given permission of his/her own NF and the FEI. The Athlete, while keeping his/her own NF, comes under the jurisdiction of the host NF for the above-mentioned Events and must take part according to the relevant Sport Rules. This administrative facility is not a change of sport nationality. The Athlete will in all circumstances keep his/her "own NF", and always compete under its flag.
  - 6.2 A Minor Athlete may compete for his/her country of residence in the following Events, and regardless of the country where the Event is organised: CIs for Children, Pony Riders, Junior Riders and Young Riders (which excludes CIOs and FEI Championships unless his/her own NF and host NF agree otherwise), and senior CIMs as defined in Appendix E, GRs. In such circumstances, the Athlete will be compelled to inform his/her "own NF" as well as the FEI.
  - 6.3 A Minor Athlete who has always competed for his/her country of residence and not his/her own NF, may apply to the FEI to establish his/her country of residence as his/her own NF once he/she turns eighteen (18), even though he/she is not a national of such country, only if: (i) he/she has never competed under the flag of his/her own NF; (ii) the country of residence, in the FEI's opinion, qualifies as a country where obtaining nationality is overly burdensome; (iii) the Minor Athlete has a valid identity card or residence permit for the country of residence, or other equivalent document; and (iii) the Minor Athlete has been a resident of the country of residence for at least the last five (5) consecutive years. The FEI shall have sole discretion to grant or deny an application presented under this provision, weighing the best interests of equestrian sport against the best interests of the Minor Athlete.

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THE GAZETTE OF INDIA: EXTRAORDINARY

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

## NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, 11th April, 2005

S.O. 542(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-section (1) of Section 7B of the Citizenship Act, 1955 (57 of 1955), the Central Government hereby specifies the following rights to which the persons registered as Overseas Citizens of India under Section 7A of the said Act shall be entitled, namely :—

- (a) grant of multiple entry lifelong visa for visiting India for any purpose;
- (b) exemption from registration with Foreign Regional Registration Officer or Foreign Registration Officer for any length of stay in India; and
- (c) parity with Non-Resident Indians in respect of all facilities available to them in economic, financial and educational fields except in matters relating to the acquisition of agricultural or plantation properties.

[F. No. 26011/2/2005-IC. I]

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स्पष्टीकरण,- इस अधिसूचना के प्रयोजनों के लिए,-

- (1) भारत का प्रवासी नागरिक कार्ड धारक (जिसके अंतर्गत भारतीय मूल का व्यक्ति कार्ड धारक भी है) अन्य देश का पासपोर्ट धारण करने वाला विदेशी राष्ट्रिक है और भारत का नागरिक नहीं है।
- (2) "अनिवासी भारतीय" का वही अर्थ होगा जो इसका विदेशी मुद्रा प्रबंध अधिनियम, 1999 (1999 का 42) के अधीन भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक द्वारा बनाए गए विदेशी मुद्रा प्रबंध (भारत में अचल संपत्ति का अर्जन और अंतरण) विनियम, 2018 में उसका है तथा जो आयकर अधिनियम, 1961 (1961 का 43) के अनुसार "अनिवासी भारतीय" की प्रास्थिति को पूर्ण करता है।

[फा. सं. 26011/सीसी/05/2018-ओसीआई]

प्रमोद कुमार, निदेशक

## MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

### NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 4th March, 2021

**S.O. 1050(E).**— In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 7B of the Citizenship Act, 1955 (57 of 1955) and in supersession of the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs published in the Official Gazette *vide* number S.O. 542(E), dated the 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2005 and the notifications of the Government of India in the *erstwhile* Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs published in the Official Gazette *vide* numbers S.O. 12(E), dated the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2007 and S.O. 36(E), dated the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2009, except as respect things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Central Government hereby specifies the following rights to which an Overseas Citizen of India Cardholder (hereinafter referred to as the OCI cardholder) shall be entitled, with effect from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, namely:—

- (1) grant of multiple entry lifelong visa for visiting India for any purpose:  
Provided that for undertaking the following activities, the OCI cardholder shall be required to obtain a special permission or a Special Permit, as the case may be, from the competent authority or the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer or the Indian Mission concerned, namely:-
  - (i) to undertake research;
  - (ii) to undertake any Missionary or Tabligh or Mountaineering or Journalistic activities;
  - (iii) to undertake internship in any foreign Diplomatic Missions or foreign Government organisations in India or to take up employment in any foreign Diplomatic Missions in India;
  - (iv) to visit any place which falls within the Protected or Restricted or prohibited areas as notified by the Central Government or competent authority;
- (2) exemption from registration with the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer or Foreigners Registration Officer for any length of stay in India:  
Provided that the OCI cardholders who are normally resident in India shall intimate the jurisdictional Foreigners Regional Registration Officer or the Foreigners Registration Officer by email whenever there is a change in permanent residential address and in their occupation;
- (3) parity with Indian nationals in the matter of,-
  - (i) tariffs in air fares in domestic sectors in India; and
  - (ii) entry fees to be charged for visiting national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, the national monuments, historical sites and museums in India;
- (4) parity with Non-Resident Indians in the matter of,-
  - (i) inter-country adoption of Indian children subject to the compliance of the procedure as laid down by the competent authority for such adoption;

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- (ii) appearing for the all India entrance tests such as National Eligibility cum Entrance Test, Joint Entrance Examination (Mains), Joint Entrance Examination (Advanced) or such other tests to make them eligible for admission only against any Non-Resident Indian seat or any supernumerary seat:
- Provided that the OCI cardholder shall not be eligible for admission against any seat reserved exclusively for Indian citizens;
- (iii) purchase or sale of immovable properties other than agricultural land or farm house or plantation property; and
- (iv) pursuing the following professions in India as per the provisions contained in the applicable relevant statutes or Acts as the case may be, namely:-
- (a) doctors, dentists, nurses and pharmacists;
  - (b) advocates;
  - (c) architects;
  - (d) chartered accountants;
- (5) in respect of all other economic, financial and educational fields not specified in this notification or the rights and privileges not covered by the notifications made by the Reserve Bank of India under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999), the OCI cardholder shall have the same rights and privileges as a foreigner.

**Explanation.— For the purposes of this notification,—**

- (1) The OCI Cardholder (including a PIO cardholder) is a foreign national holding passport of a foreign country and is not a citizen of India.
- (2) “Non-Resident Indian” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in the Foreign Exchange Management (Acquisition and Transfer of Immovable Property in India) Regulations, 2018 made by the Reserve Bank of India under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999) and who fulfils the “Non-Resident Indian” status as per the Income Tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961).

[F. No. 26011/CC/05/2018-OCI]

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\* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**  
+ W.P.(C) 10503/2020 & CM APPL. 33217/2020-Stay  
MS. RAQUEL SHEFALI FERNANDEZ MINOR ..... Petitioner  
Through Counsel (Appearance not given)  
versus

EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF INDIA ..... Respondent  
Through Mr. Viraj Datar, Sr. Adv. with Ms.  
Meenal Duggal, Adv for R-1.  
Mr. Ajay Digpaul, CGSC for UOI.

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE REKHA PALLI**

**ORDER**

**09.12.2021**

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1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that after the filing of the present petition, the respondent has issued fresh guidelines and, therefore, the petitioner instead of pressing the present petition will be assailing the fresh guidelines by way of a substantive petition. He, therefore, seeks to withdraw the petition, which is accordingly dismissed as withdrawn.
2. Needless to state that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the present petition.
3. It is further made clear that any fresh petition, if filed by the petitioner, assailing the guidelines, will be considered on its own merits.

**REKHA PALLI, J**

**DECEMBER 9, 2021**

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# ANNEXURE P/7

# PREAMBLE

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1. The Technical Guidelines 2021 are effective from 01 Jan 2021. The Technical Guidelines 2021 set out the Rules of the EFI for National Dressage, Show Jumping, Eventing, Endurance, Tent Pegging for both Senior and Junior categories. They must be read in conjunction with EFI Statutes, the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) General Regulations, the FEI Veterinary Regulations and all other FEI Rules & Regulations.
2. Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these Technical Guidelines 2021. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the appropriate person - President Ground Jury (PGJ) or a body consisting of Vice President (Technical), Member Discipline and Secretary General to take a decision in a sporting spirit by approaching as near as possible the intension of the Tech Guidelines 2021. Should there remain any omission in these, then such omission shall be interpreted in a manner compatible to the fullest extent with the other provisions, other rules and regulation of the EFI/FEI and sporting spirit in the overall interest of Equestrian Sports. In such a case the decision of President/Vice President (Technical) is final and binding.
3. The Technical Guidelines 2021 have been formulated to keep in mind that the welfare of horse has to be of paramount importance. The EFI is looking at maximum participation of Rider of all age groups and horses of all breeds. The focus is to bring up the stands of horsemanship and to achieve proficiency in the sport.
4. Some common aspect for all disciplines/Events are :-
  - (a) **Conduct of Events.** No two medal will be awarded for same event.
  - (b) **Rider Points.** Validity of Rider Points only from one National to the next or for 12 months from previous Nationals in case the same not held in the following year.
  - (c) **Registration of Riders and Horses.** All riders/horses participating in competitions held under aegis of EFI must be registered with EFI. The rider registration/ identity number have to be renewed before 01 August every year without which Competition entries during the following calendar year will not be accepted.
  - (d) **FEI Events.** Should a foreign rider based in India wish to compete in any FEI Competition (including FEI Jumping World Challenge), the rider will compete under his/her own flag and need to get his/her National Federation's permission (NOC).
  - (e) **Foreign Riders not to form as part of Indian Team.** Foreign Riders will not be the part of Indian Team. A foreign rider can participate in the Indian Chapter of WJC/WDC but they will have to get an NOC from their own Federation and their score will not be counted against India.
  - (f) **National Equestrian Championship.** All athletes holding valid Indian passport are allowed to participate in the National Championship and RELs.
5. These Technical Guidelines 2021 may be amended from time to time after due deliberation by EFI for growth and development of the Sport in line with FEI encompassing such changes and needs of the sport in our country.

Place : New Delhi

Date : 31 December 2020



(Jaiveer Singh)  
Colonel  
Secretary General

**RULES GOVERNING NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**SHOW JUMPING: 2021**

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**Article 201**

**CATEGORIES**

**MAIN COMPETITION**

**SUBSIDIARY COMPETITION**

- |    |   |                                 |
|----|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. | NEC Grand Prix                                      | Puissance                       |
| 2. | NEC Grade I / Advanced Grade                        | Puissance/Six Bar/Power & Speed |
| 3. | NEC Grade II / Intermediate Grade                   | Six Bar/ Puissance              |
| 4. | NEC Grade III / Medium Grade                        | Top Score                       |
| 5. | NEC Novice Grade                                    | Accumulator                     |
| 6. | NEC Preliminary<br>(to be conducted alongwith JNEC) |                                 |
- } **OR** any Subsidiary competition by OCs, if approved by EFI

**Article 202**

**STANDARDS FOR JUMPING COMPETITIONS**

- Min 66% of the jumps will be of full height and spread to include three vertical and three parallel jumps.
- Specification of the Show Jumping Course:-**

| Grade                     | Height |      | Spread Max | Speed Per Min | No of Round | No of Jumps   |
|---------------------------|--------|------|------------|---------------|-------------|---|
|                           | Min    | Max  |            |               |             |   |
| Preliminary               | 0.90   | 1.00 | 1.20       | 325 M         | One         | 12-15 efforts with One double combination.  |
| Novice                    | 1.00   | 1.10 | 1.30       | 350 M         | Two         | 12-15 efforts. Two double combination in each round. Liverpool compulsory.  |
| Grade III/<br>Medium      | 1.10   | 1.20 | 1.40       | 350 M         | Two         | 12-15 efforts with one triple and one double combination or three double combinations in each round. Liverpool compulsory.  |
| Grade II/<br>Intermediate | 1.20   | 1.30 | 1.50       | 350 M         | Two         | 12-15 efforts with one triple and one double combination or three double combinations in each round. Liverpool compulsory.  |
| Grade I/<br>Advance       | 1.30   | 1.40 | 1.60       | 375 M         | Two         | 12-15 efforts with one triple and one double combination or three double combinations in each round. Water jump compulsory. |

| Grade  | Height |      | Spread<br>Max | Speed<br>Per Min | No of<br>Round | No of Jumps<br><b>45</b>  |
|--|--------|------|---------------|------------------|----------------|---|
|  | Min    | Max  |               |                  |                |   |
| Grand Prix   | 1.35   | 1.50 | 1.70          | 375 M            | Two            | 12-15 efforts with one triple and one double combination or three double combinations in each round. Water jump compulsory. |
| <b>Top Score Competitions Max height of JOKER will not be more than 15 cm higher than the maximum height of that grade. The JOKER will compulsorily be a VERTICAL fence.</b> |        |      |               |                  |                |   |

3. **JUMP OFF.** Jump off will be compulsory for all placings if there are two or more competitors placed equally.

### **Article 203**

#### **ELIGIBILITY OF RIDERS**

1. All riders 14 years and above can participate. **Article 502 (JNEC) refers.**
2. A Rider can enter on as many horses in each grade in the NEC. He will be awarded rider points for the first place horse only, subject to the meeting the criteria as given in **Article 211**. The penalty of the other horses will only be counted towards up gradation and medals for the event entered and not towards rider points irrespective of the result. However, a rider has to nominate a team horse before the commencement of the event.
3. If a rider does not nominate his horse for team event before the start of the competition then the first horse ridden in the competition will be deemed as nominated horse and penalties accrued by first horse ridden will count.

### **Article 204**

#### **ELIGIBILITY OF HORSES BY AGE**

1. All horses of 4 years of age and above can participate in Preliminary Jumping unless upgraded.
2. All horses of 5 years of age and above can participate in Novice and Grade III Jumping.
3. All horses of 6 years of age and above can participate in Grade II and Grade I however for Grand Prix the minimum age of horse will be 7 years.
4. All horses age for Asian Trials will be as stated in Asian Games Selection Trials criteria.
5. Riders holding valid Indian Passport are permitted to take part in National Events.

### **Article 205**

#### **ELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPATION OF HORSE**

1. All horses will only participate in the event according to their grades.
2. It is mandatory for the organisers to conduct all Jumping competitions of all grades irrespective of the number of entries, to enable the riders to upgrade their horses.
3. In open competitions for non NEC event/ Regional shows, the standard of the course will be min as per Grade III standards.

**Article 501**

**CATEGORIES**

**YOUNG RIDER** (16 to 21 Years)

|                                   |   |  |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Dressage                          | - | Individual and Team                                      |
| Jumping Normal                    | - | Individual and Team                                      |
| Eventing                          | - | Individual and Team                                      |
| Tent Pegging                      | - | Individual   |
| Jumping ( <b>Take your line</b> ) | - | Individual   |
| Endurance                         | - | All rides upto 40 kms in one day.<br>Individual and Team |

**JUNIOR** (14 to 18 Years)

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| Dressage  | - | Individual and Team                                      |
| Jumping Normal  | - | Individual and Team                                      |
| Jumping Accumulator/<br>Top Score/Knock Out/<br>Fault & Out | - | Individual   |
| Endurance   | - | All rides upto 40 kms in one day.<br>Individual and Team |

**CHILDREN – I** (12 to 14 Years)

|                |   |                     |
|----------------|---|---------------------|
| Dressage       | - | Individual and Team |
| Jumping Normal | - | Individual and Team |
| Accumulator    | - | Individual          |

**CHILDREN – II** (10 to 12 Years)

|                |   |                     |
|----------------|---|---------------------|
| Dressage       | - | Individual and Team |
| Jumping Normal | - | Individual and Team |
| Accumulator    | - | Individual          |

**Note** :- All athletes participate in respective categories as stated above will submit an indemnity bond and age proof alongwith their entries to the OC.

**Article 502**

**ELIGIBILITY OF RIDERS IN NEC / REGIONAL SENIOR EVENTS**

1. In **Dressage and Jumping** a Young rider / Junior rider, **14 years and above**, can participate in a NEC / Regional Senior event in the same show on a appropriately graded horse without effecting their JNEC status.
2. In **Eventing**, a Young rider / Junior rider **16 years and above**, can participate in a NEC / Regional Senior event in the same show, without effecting their JNEC status, but **not** on a horse that is entered in the senior category with another senior rider in the same show.
3. In **Endurance** a YR / Junior rider **14 years and above**, can participate in a NEC / Regional Senior event in the same show, without affecting their JNEC status, but not on a horse that is entered in the senior category in the same show.
4. In **Tent Pegging**, a Young rider / Junior rider **16 years and above**, can participate in a NEC / Regional Senior event in the same show without effecting their JNEC status.

5. FEI World Challenge Children Dressage & FEI International Children's Jumping Competition is open to riders aged 12 to 14 years.

6. Age of the rider would be calculated as on 01 January of a particular year irrespective of the month of birth of the rider and the age which would be valid upto 31 December of that particular year. Eg. DOB 28 June 2009. The child would be considered 12 year old as on 01 January 2021 and would remain 12 years upto 31 December 2021.

7. Since there is an overlap of age in all categories, the rider has the choice to participate in a higher category in the **JNEC in all or number of events as per his/her choice**. However, once a rider decides to participate in a particular higher category he/she can be downgraded **only** the next year in that particular event. Such riders can further upgrade themselves in subsequent JNEC's only once they are in the age bracket of the category to which they upgraded themselves.

8. For participation in **International competitions** the lower age limit is **16 years**.

9. **Riders holding valid Indian passport are permitted to participate in JNEC.**

**Article 503**

**SHOW JUMPING**

**Standards for show jumping competitions.** (Min 50% of the jumps will be of full height and spread to include three vertical and three parallel jumps).

| Grade                | Height |      | Spread<br>Max | Speed Per<br>Min | No. of<br>Round | No of Jumps  |
|----------------------|--------|------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|--|
|                      | Min    | Max  |               |                  |                 |  |
| <b>YOUNG RIDER</b>   | 1.05   | 1.15 | 1.35          | 350 M            | Two             | Max 14 obstacles with a Liverpool and triple combinations in round 2.    |
| <b>JUNIOR</b>        | 1.00   | 1.05 | 1.25          | 350 M            | Two             | Max 14 obstacles with a Liverpool and two double combination in round 2. |
| <b>CHILDREN - I</b>  | -      | 0.90 | 1.05          | 325 M            | One             | Max 12 obstacles with one double combination.                            |
| <b>CHILDREN - II</b> | -      | 0.80 | 0.90          | 325 M            | One             | Max 12 obstacles with one double combination.                            |

**Article 504**

1. All horses above 4 yrs of age can participate. There is no restriction on the grade of horses participating.

2. **Abuse of horses.** As per FEI Rules.

3. **Jump Off.**

(a) Jump off will be for 2nd or 3rd place also if there are two or more competitors placed equally. Specially for CSI Y / CSI B selection competitions. For team event there will be no jump off. Team placing will be decided on the timing of 2nd rounds.

(b) No jump off will be held for Young Riders and Junior Jumping as the 2<sup>nd</sup> round will be against time.





REL 2022 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Morning:

Vet Check (11 AM)

Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> March

Morning:

Dressage - Children I Dressage Test

Show Jumping - Children II (70-80 cm) Show Jumping

Afternoon:

Show Jumping - Junior (100-105 cm) Show Jumping

Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> March

Morning:

Dressage - Junior Dressage Test

Show Jumping - Children I (80-90 cm) Show Jumping

Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> March

Morning:

Show Jumping - Young Rider (105-115 cm) Show Jumping

Dressage - Children II Dressage

Afternoon:

Dressage - Young Rider Dressage



# **Regional Equestrian League March 2022**

3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022

at

**Red Earth Riding School, Auroville**

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# Regional Equestrian League

## March 2022

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS**

1. **GENERAL**

The Regional Equestrian League 2022 for JNEC is being organized from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at Red Earth Riding School in Auroville, Tamil Nadu.

2. **CATEGORIES**

➤ **JNEC Events:**

Children II Dressage & Show Jumping

Children I Dressage & Show Jumping

Junior Dressage & Show Jumping

Young Rider Dressage & Show Jumping

3. **PROGRAMME**

Schedule of Events – See **separate attachment “REL March 2022 Schedule of Events”**.

4. **ENTRIES**

(a) **Entry Fee:**

Entry fee will need to be paid for each competition:

- |      |                        |             |
|------|------------------------|-------------|
| (i)  | Individual Entry:      | Rs 500/-    |
| (ii) | Individual Post Entry: | Rs 1,000/ - |

(b) **Closing Date for Entries:**

Entries will close by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

Entries received thereafter will be regarded as **POST ENTRIES**. No entry will be accepted without an entry fee.

(c) **Payment:**

All entries must be paid in cash, bank transfer or local cheque.

5. **REGISTRATION OF HORSES WITH EFI**

(a) As per EFI rulings ALL horses participating in REL have to be in possession of the new EFI passport. All horses which were registered before

October having registration number ranging from H00001 to H 00684 will need to mandatorily scan a copy of the passport – **Page No: 1, 6,14 & 14 A** or else entry will not be accepted.

(b) Team captains are requested to ensure that their horses are all registered before entries for the Event. The registration Number has to be filled in the entry form as per EFI ruling.

(c) Entries will not be accepted without EFI registration number.

6. **REGISTRATION OF RIDERS WITH EFI**

(a) As per EFI rulings ALL Riders participating in the EFI Events have to be registered with the EFI.

(b) Entries will not be accepted without a valid /renewed/ active EFI registration number.

7. **WITHDRAWAL, CHANGE, TRANSFER OR SUBSTITUTIONS OF ENTRY**

(a) **Withdrawal:**

The Entry fee of a horse entered for any category will not be refunded if the horse does not participate in the class.

(b) **Transfer and Substitutions:**

A horse cannot be transferred from one class to another without paying an additional entry fee for the class to which it is transferred. A horse once entered in any category cannot be substituted by another horse for any reason whatsoever.

(c) **Change of Riders:**

Riders cannot be changed unless the Jury accepts that there are sufficient reasons for change of riders. Once a class has started being judged, no change in rider will be accepted.

8. **SHOW NUMBER**

All horses will display the EFI Registration Number on the bridle during competition and veterinary inspection and whenever taken out of the stable under the saddle.

9. **ROSETTES**

No rosettes will be worn by a horse during judging.

10. **ELIMINATION/DISQUALIFICATION**

The judges are empowered to disqualify the competitors at any stage of the competition for rough handling, excessive brutality or any form of cruelty to animals. Rapping will be severely penalized. Refer to Article 243 FEI Rules for Jumping Events 2009.

11. **WHIPS/SPURS**

12. **DRESS CODE**

When inspecting the course, dress must be neat and tidy. Riders are expected to wear riding boots, white breeches, a white or lightly colored plain shirt, white tie and Jacket must be worn. **Service personnel will be in uniform.** It is compulsory for anyone jumping a horse to wear a properly fastened hard hat with three point retention harness including riders in uniform.

13. **APPEAL**

Appeal can be lodged by competitors within two hours before the commencement of any class and within half an hour after announcement of the result. A fee of Rs 2000/- (Rupees Two Thousand only) should be deposited with the Show Secretary along with the objection. Money will be refunded if the objection is upheld.

14. **MEDICAL COVER**

The Club will as usual provide medical cover for riders at the venue. The Club shall not accept any liability for medical treatment given to a player on the venue or the consequences thereof. It will be the responsibility of the individual/team to give a written undertaking absolving the club of any responsibility in this regard. The Club will only provide first aid emergency treatment as well as evacuation to the hospital where necessary, though every possible available medical cover will be presented.

15. **INSURANCE**

The Organizing Committee recommends units/clubs/associations to take insurance policies for competitors, personnel, grooms and horses for their transportation to Bangalore and during the events. The Organizing Committee will assume no responsibility for any accident or illness due to fall of any horse, competitors, groom/any other member of the team.

16. **RESPONSIBILITY**

The Organizing Committee accepts no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury to any animal or any other property or the exhibitors themselves. Neither the Committee nor the Doctor will be held responsible for any first aid or other medical treatment provided.

17. **CAMPING AND ACCOMMODATION**

(a) The camp opens on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and camp closes on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

(b) All teams that require stables must communicate their final stable requirements before 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022, after which no stable orders can be accepted.

(c) The cost of one temporary stable will be Rs 4,500 for the duration of the

event.

(d) All teams must inform the organizers of their estimated time of arrival well in advance.

(e) All teams should come fully equipped with their own tentage for stabling, and enough grain and fodder for the duration of the show.

(f) The Organizers will try to arrange for bedding straw, fodder, and fans to be made available for sale at retail prices. For grass and straw, please contact Kali (9786076342). For fans, please call Prushoth (9843199654).

Prices:

- Grass: Rs. 60 per kg
- Straw: Rs. 400 per bundle
- Fans: Rs. 250 per fan per day (including transport)

(g) All bio-degradable waste including horse dung is to be properly disposed of in the compost heap.

(h) All plastic and paper waste is to be put into the dustbins provided. Please minimize your use of plastic materials.

(i) No open fires are permitted on RERS grounds.

(j) Cutting of trees, branches, bushes is strictly prohibited.

#### 18. **COGGINS AND GLANDERS TESTS**

All rules and instructions issued from the EFI and Remount Veterinary Directorate, Army Headquarters on the subject will be strictly adhered to by all concerned. All horses must produce a valid negative EIA and Glanders status (CFT or Mallein) certificate before or upon arrival in Auroville. Coggins and Glanders negative certificate with a validity of a minimum of 15 days on arrival and exit of horses from the camp is mandatory.

#### 19 **VETERINARY COMMISSION**

The Veterinary Commission detailed by the Equestrian Federation of India will have full right to examine all the horses participating.

#### 20. **CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence in respect of the event should be addressed to:

**The Show Secretary**

Email: reearthridingschool@gmail.com;

Mobile: +91 76397 91269 (Hilary)

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# AUROVILLE HORSE SHOW



## Equine Educational Seminars with Imtiaz Anees

*Two sessions between 26<sup>th</sup> February & 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 at Red Earth Riding School*

Imtiaz Anees is an Indian equestrian rider who competed in the 2000 Olympics in Eventing. He is a trainer, educator, and competitor, who recently returned to India.

Red Earth Riding School and Imtiaz have teamed up to offer this seminar with the aim of educating young riders and their parents on various aspects of equestrian sport and horse care. The seminar comprises Dressage, Show Jumping, and Horsemanship lessons for all levels of riders.

### 1. Riding Lessons (practical and theoretical)

#### **Dressage:**

The rider can ride any test of their preference and Imtiaz and possibly the rider's own coach will comment on the performance. The test will be video recorded and discussed with all clinic participants. Subsequently, the rider will be guided through the individual movements of the test in a practical session.

The aim of this seminar is to give a deeper understanding of the test and the judging of the test. Ultimately it will hopefully lead to better riding and better marks in the REL of the following week.

#### **Show jumping:**

This part of the seminar is to give a deeper theoretical as well as practical understanding of the "ideal" jumping performance. The rider will be asked to jump a small course and, as in the dressage class, the optimal performance will be discussed. The rounds will be video recorded, discussed, corrected, and repeated. This will improve the understanding of how the lines should be ridden, how to count and ride strides properly, what the perfect positions are at a particular height, etc.

### 2. Stable Management Classes (practical and theoretical)

### 3. Introduction to Parelli-based Natural Horsemanship

### 4. Games with and without Horses for Riders and their Parents

### 5. Group Discussions on How to Improve the Growth of Young Riders in India and Abroad

#### **Venue:**

Red Earth Riding School, Auroville

#### **Dates:**

**Session One:** 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Session Two:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

#### **Pricing:**

3-day clinic - Rs. 15,000 per rider + one non-riding friend/parent

Individual sessions with Imtiaz (riding lesson only) - Rs. 5,000 per rider

*Maximum participants per clinic -10 riders*



## AHS 2022 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March

#### Morning:

REL Vet Check (11 AM)

#### Afternoon:

SJ01 - (AHS) 60 cm Show Jumping (*Clear Round and 14y & below*)

### Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> March

#### Morning:

D01 - (REL / AHS) Children I Dressage Test (*AHS: 14y & below / Open*)

SJ02 - (REL / AHS) Children II (70-80 cm) Show Jumping (*AHS: 12y & below / Open*)

#### Afternoon:

SJ03 - (REL / AHS) Junior (100-105 cm) Show Jumping (*AHS: 16y & below / Open*)

SJ04 - (AHS) 105-115 cm Show Jumping (*Open*)

### Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> March

#### Morning:

D02 - (REL / AHS) Junior Dressage Test (*AHS: 16y & below / Open*)

SJ05 - (REL / AHS) Children I (80-90 cm) Show Jumping (*AHS: 14y & below / Open*)

#### Afternoon:

D03 - (AHS) Freestyle Medium Dressage (*Open*)

D04 - (AHS) Freestyle Elementary Dressage (*Open*)

SJ06 - (AHS) 110-120 cm Show Jumping (*Open*)

### Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> March

#### Morning:

SJ07 - (REL / AHS) Young Rider (105-115 cm) Show Jumping (*AHS: Open*)

SJ08 - (AHS) 120-130 cm Show Jumping (*Open*)

D05 - (REL / AHS) Children II Dressage (*AHS: 12y & below / Open*)

#### Afternoon:

D06 - (REL / AHS) Young Rider Dressage (*AHS: Open*)

SJ09 - (AHS) 85 cm relay (*AHS: 14y & below / Open*)

SJ10 - (AHS) 4 Bar (*Open*)

# AUROVILLE HORSE SHOW



3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Friends,

Please find forthwith the **Auroville Horse Show (AHS) 2022 Prospectus**. It includes general information about stabling and AHS dressage and jumping events.

Please note that in addition to the AHS show jumping events, all REL events can also be entered as AHS events. A rider may count their entry toward the REL (provided they fall within the age category for JNEC events), toward the AHS (in the Open or age category), or toward both, with different fees for each.

For information about Regional Equestrian League (REL) dressage and jumping events, please see the **REL March 2022 Prospectus**, sent along with this AHS 2022 Prospectus.

Due to the on-going Covid-19 pandemic, we expect that you all will take every precaution possible in arranging your travel and to abide by the current government guidelines while taking part in the competition.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions about the logistics of your stay and the events planned. We hope to see your teams participating with us in March!

Warm regards,

**Red Earth Riding School Team**



The Red Earth Riding School is proud to be hosting the Auroville Horse Show (AHS) 2022. The competition will be conducted according to the Rules of the Equestrian Federation of India (EFI). The Organizing Committee welcomes the equestrian community to Auroville to participate in the competitions in the spirit of the sport.

The dates for the competition are: **3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022.**

**1. Entries:**

(a) Please e-mail entries to **redearthridingschool@gmail.com**. Please avoid sending entries by text message. We will send a reply to confirm receipt of your entries.

(b) Refer to Article 12 of EFI Technical Guidelines for *Hors Concours* entries.

**(c) Entry Fees:**

Rs 1000/- per AHS entry for all dressage events.

Rs 1000/- per AHS entry for all jumping events 100cm and below.

Rs 1500/- per AHS entry for all jumping events 105cm and above.

Entries will **not** be accepted without the prescription fee.

(Please refer to the REL and IDDL prospectuses for their entry fees.)

**(d) Closing Date for Entries:** Entries will close on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

**(e) Post Entries:** Post entries for the AHS events will only be accepted up to one hour before each event. No entries will be accepted thereafter. Post entry fee will be: Rs 2,000/- per exhibit for show jumping 100cm and below and dressage, and Rs 3,000/- per exhibit for show jumping 105cm and above. Post entry riders will be required to come first in the start order.

**(f) Description of Horse:** All entries must have the description, EFI registration number and the name of the horse concerned.

**(g) Age-specific categories:** All entries for age-specific categories must be accompanied by birth certificates and the age of the rider must be clearly indicated on the entry form. Entries for this category will not be accepted without an attested copy of the rider's birth certificate.

**(h) Number of entries:** A horse can have no more than 3 entries per day. For dressage and show jumping events 85 cm and below, 2 entries are allowed per horse with different riders. For all show jumping events 90 cm and above, a horse can go no more than once per event. Exceptionally for the 60 cm clear round, 3 entries will be allowed.

## 2. **Withdrawal, Change, Transfer or Substitution of Entry:**

(a) **Withdrawal** – The Entry fee of a horse entered for any event will not be refunded if the horse does not participate in the class unless it is on veterinary grounds and approved by the Vet Commission.

(b) **Transfer and Substitution** - A horse cannot be transferred from one class to another without paying an additional entry fee for the class to which it is transferred. A horse once entered in any event cannot be substituted by another horse for any reason whatsoever once the draw of lots has been done.

(c) **Change of Riders** - Changes of riders will not be considered once the draw of lots for that event has been done.

(d) **All changes referred in Para 10 (b) & (c) will be treated as post entries.**

3. **Cancellation:** The Organizing Committee reserves the right to cancel any class which has less than four entries, or for any other reason at their discretion. In that case, the entry fee will be refunded.

4. **Eliminations:** Eliminations may be held for all events depending on the number of entries received.

5. **Reporting for Each Class:** The first five riders in Jumping must report to the Arena Steward at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start of that event. The Arena Steward has full authority to take appropriate action as per existing rules.

6. **Whips/Spurs/Bits:** As per EFI and relevant FEI rules.

7. **Apparel:** Riders are expected to wear a collared club shirt or white dress shirt with tie for all jumping events. White or light colored breeches are mandatory.

8. **Appeals / Objection:** A written appeal/objection may be lodged two hours before the commencement of any class and within half an hour of announcement of the results. A fee of Rs 2,000/ (Rupees Two Thousand only) must be deposited with the Show Secretary, along with the appeal/objection. The deposit will be refunded if the appeal/objection is upheld.

9. **Responsibility:** The Organizing Committee accepts no responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury to any animal or any other property of the exhibitors/competitors themselves. Neither the Committee nor the Vet/Medical doctor will be held responsible for any first aid or other medical treatment provided.

10. **Insurance:** Government horses will be insured according to existing regulation. Private exhibitors may make their own arrangements if they wish to insure their horses.

11. **Abuse/Cruelty to Horses:** Refer to Article 13 of EFI Technical Guidelines 2007.

12. **Camp:** The camp will open 27<sup>th</sup> February and close on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022. All stable requests must be sent before 15<sup>th</sup> February.

Stable fees: Rs 4,500

13. **Self Containment:** All teams must be self-contained, i.e., they should bring their own rations, fodder, tentage, equipment for camping, transport, etc. However, grass and straw can be procured at the camp through Kali (9786076342). For fans, please call Prushoth (9843199654).

Prices:

- Grass: Rs. 60 per kg
- Straw: Rs. 400 per bundle
- Fans: Rs. 250 per fan per day (including transport)

14. **Coggins and Glanders Tests:** All horses must produce valid negative EIA and Glanders status (CFT or Mallein) certificate on arrival in Auroville. Coggins and Glanders negative certificate with a validity of a minimum of 15 days on arrival and exit of horses from the camp is mandatory.

15. **Correspondence:** All correspondence in respect to the horse show should be addressed to:

Email: [redearthridingschool@gmail.com](mailto:redearthridingschool@gmail.com);

Mobile: 7639791269 (Hilary) or 9677746602 (Jacqueline)

17. **Note:** The Organizing Committee may at any time alter/amend any of the above conditions, owing to unforeseen circumstances.

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

(Original CIVIL Writ Jurisdiction)

C.M. No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 2021

In

Writ Petition (C) No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 2021

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

Ms. Raquel Shefali Fernandez (Minor)

Petitioner

Vs.

Equestrian Federation of India and Anr.

Respondents

**An Application under S. 151 CPC for Stay****Most Respectfully Showeth**

1. That the present writ petition is filed challenging the denial of participation to the petitioner in upcoming Junior National Equestrian Championship despite she been interalia, accorded parity with NRI in 'education fields' by the Govt. Of India vide notifications dated 11.4.2005 and 4.3.2021 which have been issued under S. 7-B(1) of the Citizenship Act. It is important to mention herein the 'education field' is interpreted to include 'sports in Sorab Singh Gill v. Union of India AIR 2010 P&H. The contents of the petition may be

read as part and parcel of the application and is not being repeated for brevity.

2. The impugned guidelines are also in teeth of the regulations of the FEI. It is important to mention herein that of Federation Equestre Internationale (hereinafter 'FEI') recognises the 'right to access to sport' of the minor athletes on the basis of the country of residence and not nationality. Under Cl. 2 of Article 119 of General Regulations it has the concept of 'sport nationality' which can be opted by the petitioner. It is submitted that the option granted to minor athlete by FEI is sought to be taken away by backdoor vide the impugned guidelines by blocking minor athletes at the intermediate level which is a stepping stone for international events organized by FEI.
3. Furthermore, the impugned guidelines contravene most of the international covenants/charter/guidelines to which India is a signatory. It fails to appreciate that in so far as sport is concerned the paramount consideration ought to be welfare of the child. Creating hinderances right at the level of participation particularly for minor athletes is actually a stumbling block for the sport itself.

4. The impugned guidelines infringe Fundamental Right of the petitioner guaranteed under Article 14 of the Constitution of India as it is manifestly arbitrary being vague, disproportionate, capricious and unreasonable. It arbitrarily denies 'equal access to sports'.
5. The Respondent has acted with malice while issuing the impugned guidelines without any reason as a similar denial of participation was challenged by the petitioner in W.P(c) 10503/2020. It is important to note that the OCI cardholders were allowed participation by Respondent no. 1 until recently. Please refer Ravi Yashwant Bhoir v. District Collector, Raigad [(2012) 4 SCC 407]
6. Vide the impugned guidelines the petitioner has been denied the opportunity of selecting her nationality which she is otherwise entitled to select on attaining majority under FEI Regulations. It is submitted that Under Cl. 4 of Article 1 of Statute of EFI all events in general are governed by FEI rules. under Cl. 6 of Article 100 of General Regulations of FEI all its statues, General Regulation, Rules etc is applicable to events/competitions as set forth in Chapter 1. Article 101 in Chapter 1 of General Regulations relates to National

Events which stipulates that 'Foreign athletes' may take part in National Event under Article 119. Article 119 of General Regulation of FEI relates to nationality of Athletes. Under Cl. 2.1 read with Cl. 3.3 of Article 119 the petitioner (minor athlete) must decide her/his own National Federation and her nationality when she attains majority.

7. The impugned guidelines contravenes Article 21 of the Constitution of the petitioner as she is being right to sports which is a facet of right to life.
8. Cl. 6.2 of Article 119 of the General Regulations of FEI further makes it clear that a minor athlete may compete for his/her country of residence in the equestrian events regardless of the country where the Event is organized. Since the Petitioner is currently residing in India from last 6 years, she may participate in regional and national events.
9. It is submitted that in view of the above submission the petitioner has a good prima facie case and balance of convenience lies in favour as the impugned guidelines not only contravenes the regulations governing the sport but it is also antithetical to various international conventions/charter to which India is a signatory.

10. It is further submitted that irreparable loss will be suffered by the petitioner if the interim order is not passed in her favour as all the upcoming events are being governed by the impugned guidelines.

11. This application is filed bonafide and in interest of justice.

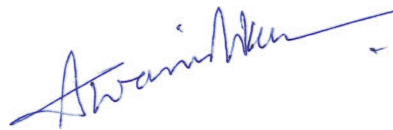
### **12. PRAYER**

In the circumstances, it is most respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to:

- a) Stay the operation of impugned technical guidelines qua the petitioner and consequently allow the petitioner to participate in upcoming REL and JNSC till the disposal of the writ petition.
- b) Pass any other order or direction that this Hon'ble Court deems fit in the facts and circumstances of the case.

**AND FOR THIS ACT OF KINDNESS THE PETITIONER AS  
IN DUTY BOUND SHALL EVER PRAY.**

Through



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petitioner. The application is consonance with my instructions.

**DEPONENT**

**VERIFICATION:**

I, Mrs. Fernandez-Van Hoecke Gerda Huguette Emma, aged about 52 years, Roman Catholic, Wife of Denzil Fernandez, resident of Villa 5 Esteem Northwood, Blueberry Street, Ramanashree California Gardens, Yelahanka Bangalore 560064, Karnataka the deponent named above on this 18 day of December 2021 verify that the contents of above para 1 to 2 are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. No part thereof is false and incorrect. Nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

**DEPONENT**



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KNOW ALL to whom these present shall come that I Fernandez-Van Hoecke Gerda Huguette Emma, mother of the petitioner (who is a minor) above named do hereby appoint:

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- (herein after called the advocate/s) to be my/our Advocate in the above noted case authorize him/them:-
- To act, appear and plead in the above-noted case in this Court or in any other Court in which the same may be tried or heard and also in the appellate Court including High Court subject to payment of fees separately for each Court by me/us.
  - To sign, file, verify and present pleadings, appeals, cross-objections or petitions for executions review revision, withdrawal, compromise or other petitions or affidavits or other documents as may be deemed necessary or proper for the prosecution of the said case in all its stages subject to payment of fees for each stage.
  - To file and take back documents, to admit and/or deny the documents of opposite party.
  - To withdraw or compromise the said case or submit to arbitration any differences or disputes touching or in any manner relating to the said case.
  - To take execution proceedings.
  - To deposit, draw and receive monthly cheques, cash and grant receipts thereof and to do all other acts and things which may be necessary to be done for the progress and in the course of the prosecution of said case.
  - To appoint and instruct any other Legal Practitioner authorizing him to exercise the powers hereby conferred upon the Advocate whenever he may think fit to do so and to sign the powers on our behalf.
  - And I/We the undersigned do hereby agree to rectify and confirm all acts done by the Advocate or his substitute in the matter as my/our own acts, as if done by me/us to all intents and proposes.
  - And I/We undertake that I/We or my/our duly authorised agent would appear in Court on all hearings and will inform the Advocate for appearance when the case is called.
  - And I/We the undersigned do hereby agree not to hold the advocate or his substitute responsible for the result of the said case.
  - The adjournment costs whenever ordered by the Court shall be of the Advocate which he shall receive and retain for himself.
  - And I/We the undersigned to hereby agree that in the event of the whole or part of the fee agreed by me/us to be paid to the advocate remaining unpaid he shall be entitled to withdraw from the prosecution of the said case until the same is paid up.

The fee settled is only for the above case and above Court. I/we hereby agree that once fee is paid, I/We will not be entitled for the refund of the same in any case whatsoever and if the case prolongs for more than 3 years the original fee shall be paid again by me/us.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I/We do hereunto set my/our hand to these presents the contents of which have been understood by me/us on the 18 December of 2021

Identified and Certified the sign of clients and Accepted subject to the terms of the fees.

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Dear Sir,  
PFA copy of petition in the captioned matter.


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Thanks and Regards,  
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