

# Fitness Inspection “Trot-Up”

## For FEI Sanctioned events CDIs

Below are (highly edited) rules for the Fitness Inspection. (FEI Veterinary Regulations, Art. 1034, 1037 and the FEI Stewards Manual). The aim of the standardised horse inspection protocol is to ensure the “fitness to compete”.

- The **person responsible** should present the horse unless prior permission to have a substitute lead the horse has been granted by the inspection panel (seek permission via the FEI Steward).
- Horses presented in either a snaffle or double bridle with ID number clearly shown;
- Horses are not permitted to wear bandages or blankets/rugs or equivalent.
- No Horse may be presented with its identity concealed in any manner by application of paint or dye for example, **(e.g. no dye or paint on horses or hooves)**
- A whip of up to 120cm may be carried by the handler.
- Handlers should be suitably dressed for handling horses (*OC suggests suitable shoes for running*)
- Earplugs are allowed at the Horse Inspections (refer FEI Dressage Rules).
- The inspection must take place on a firm, level and clean but not slippery surface,
- The horse must be presented in front of the Veterinary Commission/Delegate and Member(s) of the Ground Jury. (see Fig. 1).
- The Veterinary Commission/Delegate must check the identity of the horse and note any obvious sign of injury or disease.
- The horse must be walked (approx. 10 paces) and trotted on a loose rein (30-40 m) with the handler on the left (see illustration). The Veterinary Commission/Delegate and/or the Member(s) of the Ground Jury must note any signs of lameness.
- If necessary, walk and trot may be repeated. Unless special permission is given by the Veterinary Commission/Delegate and/or the Members of the Ground Jury.
- Before the horse leaves the inspection site, the Member of the Ground Jury must announce the decision of the inspecting panel and will announce whether the horses have been accepted, not accepted, or referred to the Holding Box.

