

## SECTION 4: Competition

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Vaulting competitions are recognized both nationally by the American Vaulting Association (AVA), an affiliate of the American Horse Show Association (AHSA) and internationally (by the FEI). For rules, see rulebooks of these respective organizations.

Scoring for vaulting competitions: each exercise or performance receives a score on a range of 0-10 (decimals are allowed).

### A. International

Vaulting competitions at FEI International and AHSA events include three classes: Team (eight vaulters), Individuals, and Pas de Deux. The format in each class includes the performance by every competitor of the compulsory exercises, followed by a kür presentation designed by the vaulters. In team competition the kür presentation may include exercises with two or three vaulters on the horse at one time. In Pas de Deux, two vaulters perform kür. In every case there is a time limit for the kür performances. Competition performance is at the canter to the left.

The following is a description of the types of international vaulting competitions which have been recognized by the FEI since 1981.

1. FEI Team Competition:

A competition open to "Juniors" (up to and including 18 years) in which the six compulsories are performed by each vaulter followed by a five minute team kür.

2. FEI Individual Competition:

A competition open to "Young Riders" (16 and over) in which there are separate Men's and Women's divisions. Each vaulter performs two rounds of six compulsories and a one minute kür.

3. FEI Pas de Deux (Pairs):

A competition open to any vaulters (16 years and over) performing Kür I and Kür II in two separate sections.

### B. National

Officially recognized vaulting competitions within the United States are open to all ages and include four classes, some with several divisions. A combined weight limit of 400 lbs for team competition is observed for 3 vaulters.

1. AVA Team Competition:

Almost identical to FEI Team Competition except that four divisions are offered with no age limits:

A. Most Advanced Level

B. Medium Level

C. Lowest Level at Canter

Trot Team – For beginners or teams that do not yet have trained canter horses.

2. Individuals:

Almost identical to FEI individual competition except that three levels are offered within the Men's and Women's divisions with no age limits:

Gold Level – Open to any canter medalists

Silver Level – Open to all canter medalists except Gold

Bronze Level – Open only Bronze Medalists and lower

3. Pas de Deux:

Open Any two Canter Medalists

Preliminary Two Bronze Medalists or one Bronze and one Silver

Both levels perform as in FEI competitions but no age limit.

4. Two Phase:

An open competition offered for Teams (four members) and Individuals (Men's and Women's Gold, Silver and Bronze/Unrated) in which vaulters perform the compulsory exercises on the horse (however, on the circle to the right), a timed barrel routine (using an apparatus similar to a leather gymnastic "horse").

### C. AHSA

The same as NATIONAL but offered only at the A and B level teams, Gold and Silver individuals and Open Pas de Deux.