

## Courses for Coaches According to the FEI Coach Education Programme Level 2 Course for Coaches

**Location (BUL):** Tsaratsovo, Bulgaria -25 – 30.07.2022 FEI  
Tutor: DIMITRIS DRAKAKIS



Bulgarian equestrian federation with the support of FEI Solidarity committee was a host of a level 2 course for coaches. The course was organized on 25 – 30.07.2022 with tutor Dimitris Drakakis.

We have a great experience with MR. Drakakis now and before. He is a very good tutor with extremely good approach in teaching, always extremely devoted to his work and helpful. So much help about the organization of the daily schedule. Very interesting topics presented with the right way with very clear demonstration and explanation. It was so easy to work with tutor like him. For all the participants was a pleasure to work with Mr. Drakakis and they are always impressed of him! As an organizer I realize that the good tutor is very important part of making the course successful.

Horse riding center "Frigopan" is great venue for competitions and also for organizing this type of events like a course. Two indoor arenas, three outdoor arenas, great facilities for accommodation. Bulgarian equestrian federation is so grateful for the support of the owners of HRC "Frigopan" and HRC "Paldin".

The organization was hard because the lack of horses, because at the same time was organized the FEI Jumping World Challenge Final 2022 in Zhitnitsa which is so close to Frigopan. And in the weekend almost all the horses were there to participate in the national competition which was organized on the same time with the Challenge.

BEF is also grateful to people who participate in the courses as a demo rider, it was so important to have them to have a successful course.

The level 2 course for coaches were so important to develop the level of our coaches. We already had courses in Bulgaria last year for level 1. Since than we start to think to organize level 2. The courses are incredible tool to check the level, to develop and learn new things, to know the right way of coaching. It is also developing the level of the riders, and this inevitably leads to the development of the entire sport.

In this course all the participant understands and see the importance of flat work, working on the exercises for jumping, to have a session planner for every lesson and personal evaluation. They can analyze their mistakes, learn from it and try once again. The practice in the courses is crucial and for sure more practical lessons are more helpful. From day to day, you can see how much participants (coaches) are changing in their lessons and you can see real improvement. The tutor 's directions was exactly in the point, clear and helpful.

The outcome of the participants for the course and the tutor Mr. Drakakis is extremely positive! Bulgarian equestrian federation would like to thank once again for the opportunity to host such a helpful course thanks to FEI Solidarity, and last but not least the dedication of Mr. Drakakis!







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