

## FEI OFFICIALS

### What are FEI Officials?

An FEI Official ensures that different aspects of the sport are run according to the General Regulations, the Veterinary Regulations and the rules of the relevant equestrian discipline.

### Where can I find an updated list of Officials?

The FEI updates the list of FEI Officials (Judges, TDs, CDs, Stewards, etc.) on a daily basis which can be found here <https://www.fei.org/fei/your-role/fei-officials-lists>.

### How many FEI Officials are there?

Currently, there are approx. 9000 officials in total. Many of them have more than one role increasing the total number up to 15000 officials.

To search for one official or a list of officials by role or discipline, go to FEI Database - Person (<https://data.fei.org/Person/Search.aspx>) then select Officials in Group plus any other criteria and hit the orange button "Search".

### How can I become an FEI Official?

To become an FEI Official, you must be active in equestrian sport at the national level and will need to take an FEI Course for Promotion.

There are different education systems for each official function. You should find out about available FEI courses by consulting the education calendar in the relevant discipline section of the FEI website, then contact your National Federation to make a formal application. The FEI reviews all the submitted applications and, on the basis of the education system criteria, finalises the list of participants for the course. The FEI then communicates this list to the NFs. If you are accepted to the course, you liaise with the course organiser with regard to the logistics.

If you pass the course, all examinations and requirements, your NF will be asked to register you on the FEI Database and issue an FEI ID number. Your status might then be updated on the FEI Database as an FEI Official and your name will start to appear in the relevant Officials List.

### What is the Exchange Programme for FEI Officials?

If an Official wishes to gain experience at a certain event that is not in his/her own country, the FEI may decide to make a financial contribution, in full or part, towards travel and accommodation expenses under the 'Exchange Programme for FEI Officials'. However, there is a limited budget for this support programme and all decisions are taken on a case-to-case basis.

### Do FEI Officials receive a salary?

No. FEI Officials do not receive a salary from the FEI. In some cases, Organising Committees must pay each FEI Official a minimum daily allowance.

## **What are their roles at Events?**

### ***Judge***

A Judge is a Member of a Ground Jury appointed to control a Competition or Event. The number and category of Judges to be appointed as members of a Ground Jury for an international competition or Event are mentioned in the General Regulations and Sport Rules for each discipline.

The principal duty of the Ground Jury is the technical judging of all competitions and the determination of their final results. It is up to the Ground Jury to solve all the problems that could arise during its jurisdiction period.

### ***Course Designer***

Course Designers (CDs) are responsible for laying out and measuring courses and for building and placing all obstacles in the competition arena or area (if applicable to the discipline). When they are satisfied that all aspects of the course are ready, they inform the President of the Ground Jury or the Technical Delegate.

### ***Steward***

The Chief Steward is consulted in matters concerning security, particularly with regard to schooling areas and the exercising of horses. She/he must ensure that the welfare of the horse is respected and that a level playing field is provided for all athletes participating at events. She/he operates in close contact with the Ground Jury, the Course Designer, Technical Delegate and the Veterinary Commission/Delegate during the whole Event. A Chief Steward must be appointed for all international events with an appropriate number of Assistant Stewards under her/his authority.

### ***Technical Delegate***

If a Technical Delegate (TD) is appointed, he approves the technical aspects of the event, such as the design and construction of all obstacles with regard to safety and technical stability. In addition, he is authorised and responsible for checking that all facilities are adequate and that the behaviour of participants is correct.

### ***Official Veterinarian***

There are several different categories of Official Veterinarians (OVs) at events and their roles are to enforce the Veterinary Regulations, safeguard equine welfare and establish fair play amongst the competitors. OVs work very closely with the Ground Jury and Permitted Treating Veterinarians (PTVs), \* see more details. They are involved with maintaining high equine welfare standards throughout the entire event along with additional roles such as sample collection from horses for Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication testing, limb sensitivity examination, and the measuring of ponies. Official Veterinarians are PTVs who have undergone mentoring specifically for this role and must attend FEI Veterinarians' courses every four years. To carry out this role, they must be recommended by their National Federations and approved by the FEI Veterinary Department. Official Veterinarians can work as the single Veterinary Delegate for the Event, or at a larger Event such as a championship, they may be part of a Veterinary Commission consisting of several Veterinary Delegates. At least one member of the Veterinary Commission is the President of the Commission. One member is termed the Foreign Veterinary Delegate.

**\* *Permitted Treating Veterinarian***

A Permitted Treating Veterinarian (PTV) is a veterinarian whose role is to treat any horse that develops an illness or sustains an injury during an event. Veterinarians must obtain approval from their National Federations and pass an examination relating to the Veterinary Regulations before they are able to treat horses at FEI events. The PTV must carry a special ID card at all times when working at an FEI Event.