

Session 3 CSI/CSIO Requirements

I – Comments from Stakeholders

Following a detailed presentation of the CSI/CSIO Requirements and the background relating to the entry fee proposal from the Alliance of Jumping Organisers (AJO), stakeholders were invited to provide comments; these are summarised below:

- The AJO believes in a more free-market system with certain parameters on maximum entry fees that may be charged and the possibility for organisers to be rewarded for excellence;
- The proposed Event Classification System (ECS), together with an established range of entry fees that may be charged at each star level could be a valuable tool in giving organisers the freedom to choose; ranking points could be determined based on ECS scores rather than on the prize money offered;
- Different continents/regions operate under different economic models; the North American entry fee model works in the USA but is not suitable for Europe;
- The new CSI Invitation Rules introduced this year have an effect on how the sport is run; consideration should be given to the quota of invitations available to organisers;
- Participation must be accessible; and
- The horse needs to be at the centre of the conversation; the sport must stay popular and should not just be for professional pilots. Spectators want to watch horse stars too, not just riders. A new model for a ranking list based on horse/rider combinations would help riders keep their horses for the sport and give an equal chance to all.

II – Conclusions

The following general conclusions were reached:

- The CSI Requirements need to take into account the different situations in various parts of the world;
- A certain minimum standard is needed, particularly as regards stabling and footing; requirements that affect horse welfare and safety should be standardised worldwide, but not entry fees;
- A glossary of clearly defined terms relating to fees that may be charged should be established, e.g. entry fee, service fee, start fee etc;
- Minimum requirements are needed but there is also consensus for incorporating a system that rewards organisers for excellence;
- Organisers who feel that the invitation quota established in the CSI Invitation Rules is detrimental to their event are invited to consult with their National Federation and present a proposal to the FEI; and

The Chair of the Jumping Committee concluded the session by thanking all stakeholders for their input and stating that while some adjustments to the CSI Requirements are needed in light of the above, these should be kept to a minimum.

Panellists

John Madden, Chair, FEI Jumping Committee, FEI 1st Vice President

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