

Session 5 Jumping Youth Development

I – Topics of discussion

The Youth Development Working Group presented their proposals for promoting youth:

- Start promotion of youth at the pony level with the FEI Ponies Jumping Trophy taking place in conjunction with senior FEI World Cup™ events in Western Europe; and
- A Nations Cup Final for ponies is suggested. According to most chefs d'équipe, after the European Championship for ponies there are no more Nations Cups for ponies for the remainder of the season.

A major point to consider with regard to the above:

- Pony measurement is a big issue creating problems.

Another main topic of discussion was Young Riders and U25 and the difficulty for them to get selected for senior Nations Cup events and take part in top level events.

Proposals:

- Nations Cup events for U25; and
- FEI wild cards for U25/Young Riders at CSIO3*/CSIO5* events.

Other proposals of a more general nature:

- Changing the minimum heights for Children and Young Riders;
- Review of the European Championship format in the coming years; and
- Creating places in the invitation system for young talents.

II – Plan of action

Meetings are planned this year with organisers and chefs d'équipe in order to develop new proposals for rule changes to present to the Jumping Committee.

Panellists

Peter Bollen, Member, FEI Jumping Committee

Ludo Philippaerts, Athlete

Lisa Nooren, Athlete

Boy-Adrian Van Gelderen, Athlete

Moderator

Sabrina Ibáñez, FEI Secretary General