

DAY 2: RESHAPING ENDURANCE

The second day of the FEI Sports Forum 2019 will focus exclusively on proposed ways to reshape the discipline of Endurance. It is the first time in the history of the Sports Forum that an entire day will be dedicated to a single topic.

The Endurance Temporary Committee (ETC), led by Dr Sarah Coombs (GBR), will present over three sessions the work it has done since its creation in October 2018, with a particular emphasis on the Committee's philosophy for changing the approach of the athletes and officials to the sport.

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Session 5 – 9.00 – 11.00

Qualification of Horses and Athletes: reducing welfare risks

The first session of the day will focus on the qualification of athletes, both human and equine, in order to reduce welfare risks. The following topics will be discussed during this opening session:

- Horsemanship
- Strategic riding
- Completion rate
- From CEI2* level to Championships
- Qualifications for Championships

The latest findings in the Global Endurance Injuries Study (GEIS), set up in 2015 and one of the largest studies of its kind, will be presented to delegates.

Session 6 – 11.30 – 13.00

Educating Officials and correct application of the rules

The day will continue with a session on education and officials, as follows:

- Recommendations of the Working Group on FEI Officials (see Annex I)
- New Endurance Education System
- Integrity and leadership
- Appointments of Officials
- Reports
- Increased sanctions

Session 7 – 14.00 – 15.30

Improvements and innovations to reshape Endurance

During the day's third session the ETC members will present proposed improvements and innovations to reshape Endurance, dealing with a number of key topics, including:

- Drug abuse
- Hyposensitivity protocol
- Equine Ant--Doping and Controlled Medication strategy for Endurance
- Post Mortem results
- Injury reporting
- Rest periods
- Heart rate and presentation times
- Course design
- Crew points and crew members
- Weights
- Tack and equipment
- Protests

Session 8 – 16.00 – 17.30 (approximately)

Wrap-up by the Secretary General and open Q&A

Questions will be answered throughout the day, but time will also be dedicated to an open dialogue between the delegates, the FEI, and the Endurance Temporary Committee in the final session of the Sports Forum.

No decisions will be made during the Sports Forum, but the extensive presentations and interactions will offer NFs and stakeholders the opportunity to understand the proposed new direction and the way forward in terms of rule changes and governance.

Annex I

Recommendations of Working Group for FEI Officials

- R1** - Introduction of a single Code of Conduct for all FEI Officials.
- R2** - Introduction of job descriptions with checklists for all FEI Officials.
- R3** - Develop a competency-based evaluation system with the goal of replacing the age limit.
- R4** - To have an FEI controlled rolling education calendar.
- R5** - To improve the quality of education material and course delivery.
- R6** – FEI to establish a new course director education program and funding.
- R7** - All Disciplines should make extensive use of the new e-Learning platform FEI Campus.
- R8** - Compulsory NF recommendation only upon entering first level of FEI qualification.
- R9** - FEI to establish a common fund, to support developing Officials in getting more officiating experience.
- R10** - FEI to introduce “rotation” for FEI Officials at FEI events.
- R11** - FEI to create a “Development Pool” for FEI Officials.
- R12** - FEI to extend the number of FEI Officials appointed to FEI Events in all disciplines (incl. Mentoring).
- R13** - FEI to create a top layer of FEI Officials for the professional sport.
- R14** – Establish a new management position within the FEI – Head of Officials System.
- R15** – Develop a harmonised approach to Officials’ per diems etc. across geography and discipline.