



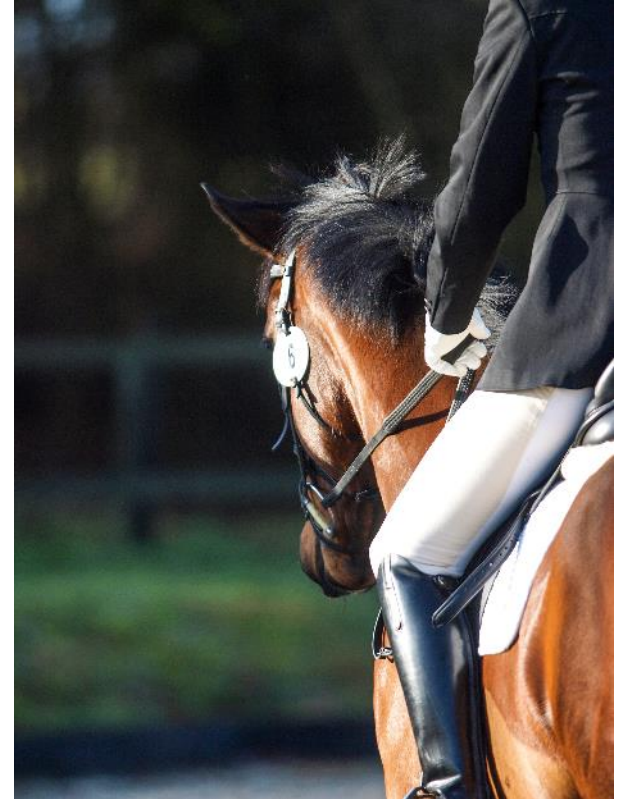
Pony Measuring

CURRENT SYSTEM

- Measurement at events
- Max. height at events 150cm without shoes
- Events selected by the FEI Veterinary Department
- Team of 2 FEI measuring vets
- FEI certified and calibrated measuring sticks
- Two measurements possible at event
- Appeal measurement within 40 days (148cm)

ISSUES OF CURRENT SYSTEM

- Stressful for children
- Height tolerance > too large ponies
- Irrationality - appeal measurements
- Expensive logistics etc.
- Time consuming admin

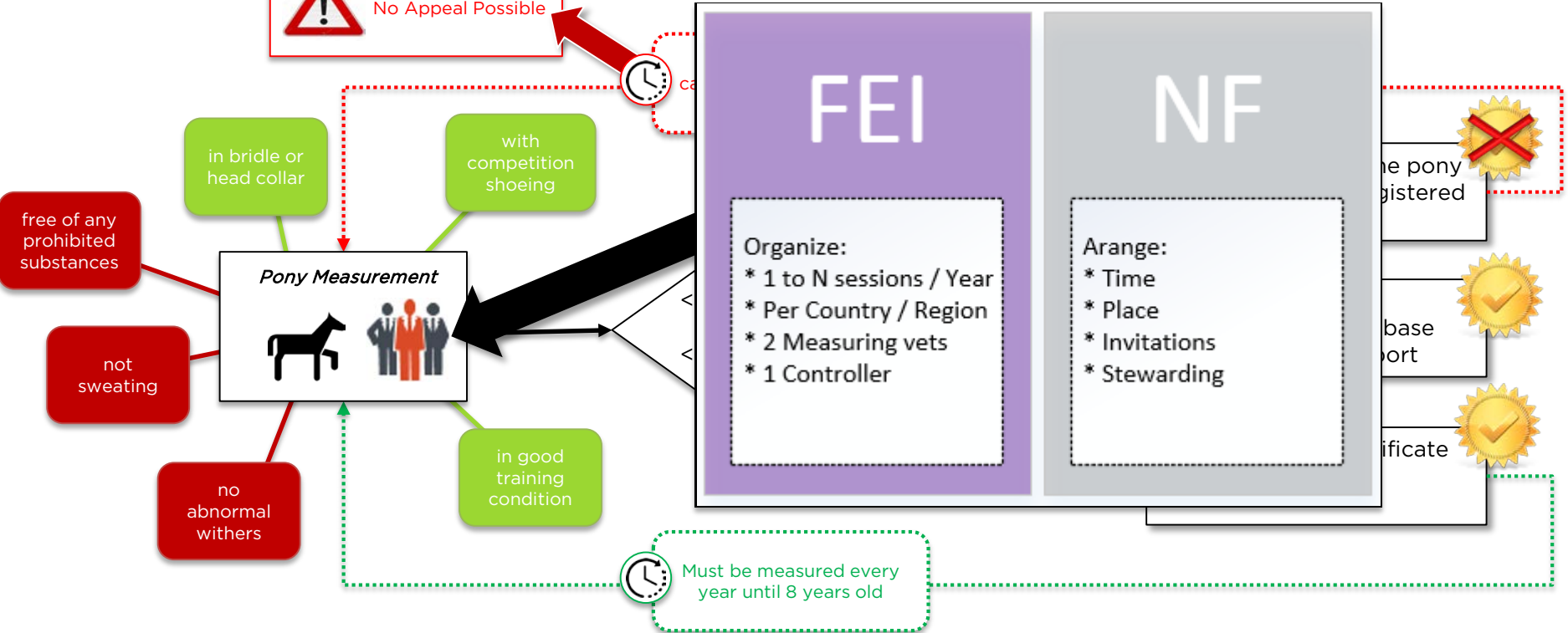




New System Proposal

Objectives: - stop measuring at competition
- measuring sessions every year in each country or region

 No Appeal Possible



FEI MEASURING VETERINARIANS

- Only FEI Measuring Veterinarians will be allowed to carry out measuring
- 2 FEI Measuring Veterinarians/session
- Not allowed to measure in their own country, neighbouring countries or pony that are registered in such countries
- The names of the FEI Measuring Veterinarians of each session to be kept confidential before the measuring session takes place



AGE OF PONIES

- Lifetime certificates will be issued to ponies of 8 years and older
- Ponies younger than 8 years must be measured every year to be eligible for FEI competition



FEI CERTIFIED MEASUREMENT STATIONS

- Europe - at least one measuring station per country
- Certified and flat measuring pad according to FEI Standard
- A place to walk the ponies in hand
- Stables for ponies to urinate after the travel and for drug testing
- Area for lungeing and riding



FEI CERTIFIED MEASURING STICKS

- FEI calibrated measuring sticks with spirit levels
- Calibration every other year by an independent body
- HeightLight laser device ?



Or



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MEASUREMENT SESSION

- Main measuring season from 1 January to 15 March (Optional possible later in the year)
- Trotted up on hard surface to check lameness
- Particular attention to the feet trimming
- Sampling of blood and urine will occur on a random and targeted basis
- Only dry ponies (not sweating) and breathing normally will be allowed to be measured
- Fixed limit of presentation time: 10 min per pony
- Second pony will be allowed to be present as company
- Height limit 148.0cm without shoes / 149.0cm with shoes
- Remark in pony's passport: with shoes/front shoes/back shoes/without shoes

ISSUING OF FEI CERTIFICATE

- The measurement result will be integrated to the pony's profile on the FEI database
- Only ponies with FEI Measurement Certificates will be able to enter FEI pony competitions
- Fee per measurement and per certificate



ADMINISTRATION

National Federations to

- Contact and inform all pony owners, trainers, PRs about the new system
- Administer the registration / invitation to measurement sessions
- Provide measuring stations according to FEI Standards
- Provide stewards
- Provide timetable with the names of the ponies and the PR

The FEI to

- Manage the measuring veterinarians, controller, measuring sticks or laser devices, calibration of measuring sticks
- Issue measuring certificates

TRANSITION PERIOD

- All new pony registrations must go through the new system from 1 January 2020
- Ponies already registered with the FEI will not need a height certificate until 1 January 2023
- During the transition period the FEI will carry out measuring at 3 events: the European Pony Championships, the Nations Cup Final, and the Pony Trophy Final
- If a pony measures out during the transition period they must come back through the new system (no more appeal measurement system)

PREVENTIVE MEASURES

There is a need for additional measures to ensure equine welfare and a level playing field

- Abnormal withers will not be accepted in the new system
- Random DNA samples will be taken at measurement and stored. May be analysed on suspicion of false identity



THANK YOU!

