

<b>Committee name</b>	<b>EVENTING Committee Report</b>
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<b>Committee Report</b>	
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	<b>REPORT OF THE FEI EVENTING COMMITTEE 2023</b>
	<p><b>INTRODUCTION</b></p> <p>The Eventing Committee met six times in 2023 by Video conference led by the Chair David O'Connor with the participation of all Committee members and the Eventing Department. The in-person meeting was organised at FEI HQ in June to discuss Eventing 2024 Rules proposals, Education and Risk Management related matters. Other Eventing related meetings organised on-line in 2023 included the 2024 Olympic Games, Risk Management, Officials and Education, Championships and Nations Cup, etc.</p>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>COMMITTEE MEETINGS</b></p> <p>The main points discussed during the 2023 Eventing Committee meetings had been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Olympic Games:</b> Regular updates were provided on the progress of the preparation of the Olympic Games, by the the Course Designer Pierre Le Goupil (FRA)</li> <li>• <b>Risk Management:</b> Measures and recommendations of the Eventing Forum Report had been reviewed including items for discussion such as Future of the Sport, Sanctions related to Horse falls, the role of Organisers, Risk Management Data and Risk Management Studies and the fitting, development and recommendations for use of Frangible Devices.</li> <li>• <b>2024 Eventing rules proposals:</b> See separate Annex to GA.</li> <li>• <b>Education:</b> see below</li> <li>• <b>Eventing Documents supporting Rules:</b> The Cross Country Guide for Officials, Memorandum and Equipment &amp; Tack FAQ had been updated on a regular basis during the year to allow to circulate best practice for Course Design.</li> </ul>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>2024 RULES REVISION: (refer to GA Annex – Eventing Rules)</b></p> <p>All suggestions for modifications received from the National Federations (NFs) and Stakeholders for the 2024 Eventing rules were reviewed according to the FEI rules policy at several meetings.</p> <p>Please refer to the GA annex for all proposals related to welfare of the Horse, Risk management and Correction of inconsistencies.</p>

**FEI EVENTING RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME**

Ongoing since 2000, the FEI Eventing Risk Management Programme now includes 23 years of data collection with a consistent increase in data quality. The data from each competition includes fence description forms, fall reports and fence analysis was collected by the Eventing Department. The amount of data allowed significant data mining and extractions of invaluable information for the Risk Management Steering Group such as queries linked to Athlete and Horse qualification and the discipline's technical issues. This data also allowed the Eventing Committee to make informed recommendations on policy making and technical improvements of Cross Country course concepts.

As from 2024, the plan is that data collection will go from manual collection process to an online system. It should enable Officials to enter data digitally to be uploaded to the FEI database and increase data accuracy and facilitate the work for Officials and FEI Headquarters to process the paperwork into the database.

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**EVENTING RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY AND ACTION PLAN**

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  1. The ongoing primary commitment of the FEI Eventing Committee is to ensure that **the FEI Risk Management Policy and Action plan** is endorsed and implemented by all involved in the Sport with the support and dynamic involvement of National Federations, National Safety Officers, Athletes, Officials, Organisers, Owners and Sponsors. The FEI Eventing Risk management Steering group was formed to monitor and oversee the overall Eventing Risk Management Program.
  2. The **FEI Eventing Forum and NSO Seminar** was organised at Haras de Jardy in Paris in January 2023. A total of 108 participants from 24 countries attended. All sessions of the Forum were recorded and the replay available on the FEI website. The main points of discussion of the Forum included the Future of the Sport, Sanctions related to Horse falls, Media Training, the role of Organisers, Risk Management Data and Risk Management Studies including the Alogo Equine Sensor "Move Pro", the HFI and Venue Analysis by EquiRatings, flag penalties, etc. A special session was organised for the fitting, development and recommendations for use of MIM Frangible Devices  
The Risk Management Forum was followed by a NSO Seminar where 5 National Safety Officers (NSOs) and NF representatives from 23 countries participated. NSOs gave presentations on Risk Management projects and Eventing related topics in their respective countries.
  3. An Online **FEI Eventing Seminar and NSO Seminar** would be organised in January 2024. The subjects would include the Fitness and Training of Horses and pre-existing injuries, Retrospective sanctions, Horse Form Index (HFI) use, 2024 Frangible Devices Update, etc.
  4. **Horse Form Index (HFI)**  
Continuous work in partnership with EquiRatings® supported the Eventing Committee/Department to implement the Horse Form Index (HFI) in the FEI Database in January 2022. This tool was currently available only for Athletes,

	<p>Owners, National Federations to measure their horses' performance, track their progress and to enable more informed decisions prior to the competitions. A consultation process with the stakeholders would be envisaged to evaluate if the HFI should be made publicly accessible.</p> <p><b>EVENTING RISK MANAGEMENT STATISTICS 2022-2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The number of competitions increased by 7.8% in 2023 with 858 compared to 796 in 2022. The provisional data (30 June 2023) showed a total fall rate of 5.22% (510 falls for 9,779 starters). The slight decrease from 5.43% for 2022 could evolve as the remainder of the 2023 competitions were not yet entered in the Risk Management database.</li> <li><b>Falls:</b> The total falls had decreased at 2 star and 4 star level, a slight increase was noted for 1 star (Intro), 3 star and 5 star where the low number of starters had an influence on the percentage of falls.</li> </ul> <p>Horse falls have decreased from 1.40 % in 2016 to 1.18 % in 2022 with 15 rotational falls recorded in 2022 (i.e. 0.07%). The percentage has dropped over the last 10 years from 0.22 % in 2013 to 0.07 % in 2022.</p> <p>Out of 1,165 falls reported for 2022, 842 were cross country fence related falls (72.27%), 87 were cross country falls non fence related (7.47%), 146 in Jumping (12.53 %), 0 in Dressage (0%) and 90 in warm-up (7.73 %).</p>
4.	<p><b>Eventing Risk Management Steering Group (RMSG)</b></p> <p>The RMSG Meeting, a subgroup for the Eventing Committee, met once in person in January and twice online in 2023.</p> <p>The following points had been discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MERs XC time penalties</li> <li>Horse Injury Reporting</li> <li>Sanctions for Athletes having a Horse Fall</li> <li>Retrospective sanctions</li> <li>EquiRatings® HFI and Venue Analysis</li> <li>Cross Country Guide for Officials updates</li> <li>Frangible Technologies: feedback on the use of frangible technologies at events</li> <li>Alogo Move Pro sensor study taking place at CCI5*-L / CCI4*-S Lexington (USA) 26-30 April 2023.</li> <li>Horse Fall review</li> <li>Event review – standard of event</li> <li>Eventing studies</li> </ul> <p>The Risk Management Steering Group members included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geoff Sinclair (AUS) (Chair)</li> <li>Laurent Bousquet (FRA)</li> <li>Stuart Buntine (GBR)</li> <li>Jonathan Holling (USA)</li> <li>Staffan Lidbeck (SWE)</li> <li>Gert Naber (NED)</li> <li>Rob Stevenson (CAN)</li> <li>Dave Vos (USA)</li> </ul>
5.	<p><b>EVENTING SERIES AND CHAMPIONSHIPS:</b></p>

	<p>a. FEI EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS AND GAMES  b. FEI EVENTING NATIONS CUP  c. FEI EVENTING WORLD ATHLETES RANKING</p>
	<p><b>A. FEI EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS AND GAMES</b></p> <p><b>FEI EVENTING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, Le Pin au Haras (FRA), August 2023:</b></p> <p>The Eventing Committee praised the Organising committee of the FEI Eventing European Championship recognising that it had been a great success.</p> <p>A total of 56 athletes from 14 countries had been welcomed at the iconic venue of the Haras Du Pin, famous French National stud. Moreover, this year new infrastructures including stables, arenas and office structures allowed a great improvement to the facilities for the public and the participants.</p> <p>The cross-country course designed by Pierre Le Goupil FRA, was shortened due to weather conditions of massive rain on the day before.</p> <p>Gold for Great Britain, Silver for Germany and Bronze for France made the podium of the team competition. For the Individual Medals Rosalind CANTER (GBR) won Gold, Kitty KING (GBR) silver and Sandra AUFFARTH (GER) the Bronze medal.</p> <p>At this occasion, Belgium and The Netherlands picked up the two qualifying spots for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.</p> <p><b>EVENTING ASIAN GAMES, HANGZHOU (CHN), September 2023:</b></p> <p>For the 19<sup>th</sup> Asian Games, the Chinese Organisers provided a state of art facility in Tonglu (Hangzhou), a great support was provided by the Hong Kong Jockey Club in regard to stable management, Veterinary services and footing for the Cross country and different arenas.</p> <p>For Eventing a total of 19 athlete/horse combinations from 5 nations participated at the 2* Championship level Eventing competition.</p> <p>Team medals were awarded to: Gold: China (CHN) / Silver:Japan (JPN)/Bronze: Thailand (THA)</p> <p>Individuals: Alex HUA TIAN (CHN)/ Korntawat SAMRAN (THA)/ Kazuhiro YOSHIZAWA (JPN)</p> <p><b>EVENTING Pan American Games, Santiago (CHI) 27 October to 03 November 2023</b></p> <p>Will take place 27-29 November at the Quillota facilities outside Santiago (CHI).  9 nations are entered for Eventing and 34 athlete/horse combinations.</p> <p><b>FEI EVENTING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS Junior, Young Rider and Pony:</b></p> <p>Both FEI European Championships for Junior (75 Athletes and 12 teams) &amp; Young Rider (49 athletes and 8 teams) were held in Montelibretti (ITA) were a great success.</p>

	<p>Equally successful was the European Pony Championships (48 Athletes and 9 teams) took place in Le Mans (FRA) in July together with the Jumping and Dressage Pony Championships.</p> <p><b>B. FEI EVENTING NATIONS:</b></p> <p>The 2023 Nation's Cup Series had raised much interest this year taking into account the best team from the overall classification would qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games.</p> <p>The Belgium team finishing on top of the overall standing of the Eventing Nations Cup 2023 with an amazing score of 610 in front of France with 480. Italy in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and not already qualified for Paris2024 obtained this Olympic quota place after Boekelo NED hosting the final competition of the season.</p> <p>In the series eight (8) out of the nine(9) originally allocated legs took place. Boekelo (NED) took place after Arville (BEL), Avenches (SUI), Haras de Jardy (FRA), Strzegom (POL), Millstreet (IRL), Chatsworth (GBR) and Montelibretti(ITA).</p> <p>With 8 legs held, the seven best results were taken into account for the final classification. In total, sixteen teams competed in the 8 legs.</p> <p><b>C. FEI EVENTING WORLD ATHLETES RANKING FEI:</b></p> <p>Until July the 2023 FEI Eventing World Athlete Rankings overall classification was led by Tim Price (NZL) and in August Ros Canter (GBR) became world number one for the first time.</p> <p>As of September 2023, the FEI Eventing World Athlete Rankings is led by Oliver Townend with a total of 504 points. Second ranked is Rosalind Canter (GBR) with a total of 467 points and third, Boyd Martin (USA) with a total of 436 points.</p> <p>The FEI Eventing World Athlete Zone Rankings will be published at the end of the calendar year.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<b>EDUCATION OF OFFICIALS</b>
	<p>The new FEI Eventing Officials Education System was effective as of 1 January 2023; offering Level 1 online certification for Judges, Technical Delegates and Stewards, whilst the Level 1 education for Course Designers remained in-person.</p> <p>63 L3 Officials were invited to join the Level 4 programme (online examination and online interview).</p> <p>The participation to the FEI HQ L4 course started in October 2023 and would continue throughout 2024 for the Officials who passed the online steps.</p> <p>The Education Programmes for Officials in Eventing had run in full speed in 2023:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The Official Exchange Programme - twenty Officials had received support for travel in 2023 to officiate within the programme.</li> <li>b) The Course Calendar 2023 and the regular training courses for all four categories of Eventing Officials. Seven in-person courses for Judges/TD/CD were able to take place, in ARG, AUS, GBR, POL (2 courses), RSA and USA, whilst the Stewards were able to join three in-person course, in AUS, GBR and RSA. Four online sessions for maintenance had also been organised.</li> </ol>

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	<p>c) Three dedicated Course Designer workshop with examination took place in POL, GER and a last one in CRC early December. The latter would also be open to Judges or Technical Delegates as Observers for their own education.</p> <p><b>The Overall Course Directors Conformity seminar</b> ran in a hybrid format in 2023: the Overall directors attended in-person, whilst the other directors joined for 2 hours online. The session started with feedback on the Eventing Forum held in Jardy in January, with key updates (frangible technology, Social Licensing), and discussions moved further on about the new Education System, in-person course structure &amp; format; the themes of in-person courses were also addressed.</p> <p>The <b>2024 course calendar</b> had been published: 8 in-persons courses were planned for J/TD/CD in FRA, GBR, ITA, NZL, POL, SUI, URU, and USA, , and 3 for Stewards in GBR, NZL, SUI and URU.</p> <p>In addition, 3 Course Designer Workshops would also be included for 2024.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<b>EVENTING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME</b>
	<p>The FEI Solidarity department developed the Equestrian Sport Educative Events (ESEE), focusing on Officials' Education. This tool made to help developing NFs to grow and manage the FEI disciplines at a NATIONAL level in a sustainable manner is quite successful. It counts as a FEI level 1 course if Officials attend 3 of these courses.</p> <p>ESEEs should be organised until the end of the year in KEN and PER, and one in KEN in 2024.</p> <p><b>FEI Eventing World Challenge</b></p> <p>The newly created FEI Eventing World Challenge was launched in 2023. This new series followed the same objective as its counterpart series already running in Jumping, Dressage and Vaulting is meant as a bridge between the National and first International level of competition. This hybrid competition has been created as a development tool for all countries wishing to start Eventing or increase the opportunities for their riders to gain experience before accessing the International circuit. Meant as an education basis for Athletes, Coaches, Officials and Organisers, the format and course designs have been specifically tailored with this intent in mind.</p> <p>10 countries applied to organise the series this year, 4 Nations (COL, NAM, ROU and ZIM) have already organised their event, the feedback received has provided some very useful information on ways to improve the format for 2024. These adjustments are mainly based on the Challenge cross country guidelines to allow some flexibility to adapt the course requirements taking into consideration the different terrain topographies.</p>