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<b>Committee Report</b>	
<b>Pt.</b>	<b>Subject</b>
	<b>REPORT OF THE FEI EVENTING COMMITTEE</b>
	<p><b>COMMITTEE MEETINGS</b></p> <p>The Eventing Committee met twice in person and one time over a conference call in 2019. Both in-person meetings took place in Lausanne (SUI) at the FEI HQ and were mostly dedicated to Risk Management, FEI Olympic Regulations updates in addition to the 2020 revision of the Eventing Rules, including the review of Run-Out rule (Art. 549.2) and the strengthening of sanctions system.</p> <p>The first meeting took place on 27-28 March 2019 and the main issues on the agenda were the Risk Management on goings following the CD/NSO Seminar in January 2019 and Steering Group recommendations, Olympic Format and venue testing as well as the 2020 Rules Revision. In addition the EquiRatings® analyses, FEI Education System development and Conformity Seminar feedback were also reviewed.</p> <p>The conference call took place on 3 June 2019 and was dedicated to reviewing the 2020 Rule proposals before the first submission to the National Federation on 8 July 2019 as well as the review of replacing candidates for the outgoing Committee member.</p> <p>The second in person meeting was organised on 30 September-01 October 2019. The main points discussed during the last Eventing Committee meeting were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2020 Eventing rules proposals:</b> The Eventing Committee reviewed Art. 512.1.3 – Maintenance of status – Age Requirement Judges, Art. 514.2.3 – Other Conflicts – Technical Delegates and Course Designers, Art. 526.4 – Blood on Horses, Art. 527 – Yellow Cards, Art 549.2 – Run out – Missing a Flag, Art. 553.2 – Time faults (Show Jumping)- CCI5*-L requirements – Annex A Dressage</li> <li>• <b>Risk Management</b> measures and recommendations were reviewed (details below under sections 4 and 5).</li> <li>• <b>Olympic Games:</b> The Tokyo 2019 test Event report was reviewed and contingency measures as well as modifications of the cross country course design were agreed on.</li> <li>• <b>Education:</b> The recommendations of the FEI Officials Working Group, the Official Exchange programme, the Education system, the list of Officials Assessors and new confidential Evaluation form and the FEI Online Education via FEI Campus were reviewed (see below, section 7).</li> <li>• <b>Others:</b> The Eventing Series and Championships, Appointment of Officials for FEI Eventing Championships, as well as the review of several supporting documents and FAQ were also part of the agenda.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

2.	<p><b>2019 RULES REVISION: (refer to GA Annex 18.3)</b></p> <p>The 2020 FEI Eventing rules have been reviewed by the Eventing Committee and include the review of Run Out/Missing a flag rule (Art. 549.2) and the strengthening of sanctions system. The rules revision also included updated related to the removal of the age limit for Officials and the updated online education system. All suggestions for modifications received from National Federations and Stakeholders by 1 March 2019 have been taken into account. New suggestions received after that deadline will be included as part of the 2021 rules revision process.</p>
3.	<p><b>Future of Eventing:</b></p> <p>The Eventing Committee are in continuous discussions of other proposals for the future of the sport to be presented next year. A session dedicated to the future of the sport will take place in the beginning of the year in conjunction with the Risk Management meeting (see below) and subject will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The overall review of the Eventing Officials structure and function with an updated distribution of responsibilities. The Eventing Committee will review the recommendation of the FEI Eventing Officials working group created for this purpose.</li> <li>• The review of the approval process and requirements for new cross country frangible devices. The 2021 rules proposal will include the compulsory use of frangible devices at all level of competitions.</li> <li>• Review of the possibility to better integrate youth competitions within the Eventing competition structure.</li> </ul> <p>The review will take into account also the findings of the FEI Eventing Risk Management Steering Group.</p>
4.	<p><b>FEI EVENTING RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME</b></p> <p>The FEI Eventing Risk Management Programme including data collection has been ongoing since 2000 and now includes 19 years. The data collected by the Eventing Department includes fence description forms, fall reports and fence analysis. For 2019, the number of competitions increased by 11 %, from 725 in 2018 to 805 (figures at end September).</p> <p>The Online Injury Reporting System implemented in 2018 for all disciplines except Eventing will be adapted for the Eventing discipline. This will allow TDs to report online and automatic notifications sent to the NFs.</p> <p>The Eventing Committee has included for 2019 and forward the Course Designers education as a priority dedicating sessions at the January NSO specifically to this category of Officials (see below). As a result the Guide for Cross Country course design has been updated and republished on the FEI website with additional strong recommendations.</p> <p><b>EVENTING RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY AND ACTION PLAN</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The ongoing primary commitment of the FEI Eventing Committee is to ensure that <b>the FEI Risk Management Policy and Action plan</b> is endorsed and implemented</li> </ol>

by all involved in the Sport with the support and dynamic involvement of National Federations, National Safety Officers, Athletes, Officials, Organisers, Owners and Sponsors.

2. The **FEI Eventing Risk Management (NSO) Seminar** was organised in Lausanne (SUI) in January 2019 in conjunction with a "specialised" course for Course Designers. A total of 34 Course Designers took part in the Course where discussions related to Course Design, specific fence discussions, horse vision, etc. took place. It was followed by the NSO Seminar where 39 National Safety Officers and NF representatives from 24 countries participated. The main subjects were Risk Management Education of Officials and Athletes, EquiRatings learnings, frangible devices and Cross Country Course Design education. These annual Seminars were very important and allowed to share and provide an update on Risk Management related matters.
3. The **FEI Eventing Risk Management Steering Group** met further to the Eventing Risk Management (NSO) Seminar and recommendations were put forward to the Eventing Committee, detailed under point 5 hereunder.
4. The **2020 FEI Eventing Risk Management (NSO) Seminar** will be organised together with a "**Future of the Sport**" **Forum for Level 3 Judges, Technical Delegates and Course Designers**, where 100-150 participants are expected, it will be held at Aintree Racecourse (GBR), 24 – 26 January. The discussion topics could include Course Design (CD errors, design guidelines, frangible devices technologies development), Medical Presentation (medical coverage at events and helmet standards), Veterinary Presentation (horse injuries), Rule changes (strengthened sanction system). The Forum will also be the opportunity to exchange good practices and obtain additional feedback from the race course authorities.
5. **EquiRatings®**  
Continued work in partnership with EquiRatings® to develop a specific Cross Country performance index that is possible for the Athlete to calculate and understand, taking into account the latest cross country performances. This index will be used firstly as a watch list with the aim to have it available on the FEI database for the Athletes concerned before reviewing the possibility to implement a participation restriction rule in the future. EquiRatings mandate with the FEI also includes specific data analysis for decision making support to the Eventing Committee and Eventing Risk Management Steering Group.

#### **EVENTING RISK MANAGEMENT STATISTICS**

- The number of competitions are growing consistently, particularly at two star level with an increase of 17 % and an increase of starters of 9 % over the last 5 years.
- Falls: The total falls are stable (except at the 4 star level where the low number of starters had an influence on the percentage of falls). The horse falls have decreased from 1.64 % in 2014 to 1.55 % in 2018. The number of rotational falls is very small with 28 falls in 2018, the percentage has dropped over the last 10 years from 0.23 % in 2009 to 0.13 % in 2018. Up to 2017, falls on the flat, included all falls not related to a Cross Country fence (Dressage, Show Jumping, warm-up areas and on the flat in XC), as of 2018, the split showing where the falls occurred allowed a better understanding of the non-fence related falls. Out of 1123 falls reported for 2018, 65 were XC falls on the flat (5.78%), 103 in Show Jumping (9.17 %), 2 in

	<p>Dressage (0.18%) and 49 in warm-up (4.36 %). Falls per athlete category: At all levels of competition, the non-categorised athletes incurred the highest number of falls, it is concluded that this could be due to a lack of training and cross country education.</p>
5.	<p><b>Eventing Risk Management Steering Group (RMSG)</b></p> <p>The Risk Management Steering Group Meeting met in January 2019 following the Risk Management "specialised" Course for Course Designers and the Eventing Risk Management (NSO) Seminar. In addition, a Conference Call took place end of September. The following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualification Criteria / Higher Level Events: MERs for CCI5*-L competitions to be adapted depending on the athlete category</li> <li>• Target of fall / benchmarking: target of horse falls were set by the RMSG by reducing the current percentage of horse falls by 10 %. The targets will be included in the 2019 Statistics Report.</li> <li>• Education of Coaches / Athletes / Officials: development of a video to be made available on FEI Campus</li> <li>• Update of the Injury of Athletes and Horses definitions</li> <li>• Update of Cross Country Design Guide, with more information related to the use of ground lines and frangible devices as well as best practices to improve the education of Course Designers and all Officials involved in the decision making process when it comes to approving an FEI cross country course.</li> <li>• Frangible Technologies: Rule proposal for frangible devices in 4*, 5* and Championships to be made compulsory as of 2020, Penalties for breaking a frangible device, Update on Standard Review</li> <li>• Communication: increased number of posts on NSO Facebook page</li> <li>• Video at CCI5*-L Events: side view video project at higher level Events to gather videos of take-off, jump and landing of about 30 fences at 5 Events in 2019 to improve the understanding of the falls and frangible devices mechanisms, initial findings have been used by the working group to update the frangible devices standards.</li> <li>• Responsibility of Officials to stop a tired horse: video on tired / exhausted horses for Officials</li> <li>• Review of 2019 Ad-interim Statistics Report</li> <li>• Competition Review of 2019 competitions with more than 10 % horse falls and / or 2 horse falls on the same fence</li> <li>• Update of the 2014 Risk Management Policy and Action Plan</li> </ul> <p>The Risk Management Steering Group members include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geoff Sinclair (AUS) (Chair)</li> <li>• Mike Etherington-Smith (GBR)</li> <li>• Jonathan Holling (USA)</li> <li>• Rob Stevenson (CAN)</li> <li>• Gert Naber (NED)</li> <li>• Staffan Lidbeck (SWE)</li> <li>• Laurent Bousquet (FRA)</li> </ul>

6.	<p><b>EVENTING SERIES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>MULTI-SPORT GAMES</b></li> <li>b. <b>FEI NATIONS CUP - EVENTING</b></li> <li>c. <b>FEI EVENTING RIDER RANKINGS</b></li> <li>d. <b>OTHER SERIES APPROVED BY THE FEI</b></li> </ul>
	<p><b>a. Multi-sport Games</b> 2019 Pan-American Games took place in Lima (PER) between 26 July and 9 August 2019 with Eventing Dressage and Jumping competitions. The Games were very successful with a very good venue, stables and veterinary clinic, leaving a legacy for Equestrian in Peru. The Eventing competitions highlighted the need for most of the participating National Federations to adapt and enforce modern and consistent training programmes to be part of the international sport.</p> <p><b>Tokyo 2020 Test Event</b> The test event for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games took place between 9 and 12 August 2019 ran as a CCI3*-S. GER, JPN, AUS and GBR Athletes participated and the opportunity to get familiar with the climate conditions expected in Tokyo in August. A Climate research study is being conducted in Tokyo as well as on different venue around the world in 2019 to better prepare actions to be taken for the optimum preparation of horses and Athletes as well as preparing contingency plans. This research will also benefit to eventing for the future and reference to the management of the FEI Eventing competitions in extreme climate will be updated based on the outcome of this research.</p> <p><b>b. FEI Eventing Nation's Cup Series:</b> In 2019, 15 Nations competed in 7 events, and the final classification was decided at the last event in Boekelo (NED) with Sweden winning the overall Series. The Team quota place for the 2020 Olympic Games to be allocated to the best ranked Team of the overall classification was a great incentive to increase the participation as well as media coverage of the Series. The 2020 Olympic competition format was tested during the Nations cup legs of Pratoni (ITA) and Boekelo (NED). In 2020, further to a formal bidding process, the FEI Eventing Nations Cup Series will run including 6 or 7 Events.</p> <p><b>c. FEI World Eventing Athlete Rankings:</b> Oliver Townend (GBR) led the final 2018 FEI Rankings World Athletes Rankings. The 2018 leaders of the Eventing Zone Rankings were: North Western Europe: Oliver Townend (GBR) South Western Europe: Maxime Livio (FRA) Central and eastern Europe, Central Asia: Evgeniya Ovchinninkova (RUS) North America: Phillip Dutton (USA) Central and South America: Carlos Sueiras (GUA) Africa and Middle East: Heida Caine (RSA) South East Asia and Oceania: Tim Price (NZL)</p>

The Committee will be reviewing the Ranking point system to relate the number of starters with the points awarded to the athletes in 2021.

**d. Other Series approved by the FEI:**

**Event Rider Masters**

The 2019 Event Rider Masters (ERM) Series included 6 Events organized in 5 countries – France, Belgium, Germany, Great Britain and Ireland with an overall prize money of 350'000 GBP.

Christopher Burton (AUS) won the 2019 Event Rider Masters Series for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row.

The Series has greatly contributed to promote the sport through innovative means with live streaming, commentating, and technical information for public during the Cross Country. For the future the Promoters of the series are looking at different ways to encourage more athlete participation through the introduction of a new competition format. This will be considered by the Eventing Committee after a consultation process which will be launched with stakeholders and all interested parties as it is considered major change to the sport.

**Tristar Grand Slam**

The Tristar Grand Slam has not been won in 2016, 2017, 2018 and, in 2019 again, no Athlete has been awarded with 50'000 GBP for having won three out of four CCI4\*-S held in Great Britain.

**Africa Eventing Cup (Lower level Series)**

The Africa Eventing Cup Series ran through 2018 and 2019, applying the current CCI1\*-Intro and originally hosting 2 Events per year (ZIM, RSA & NAM). Considering the difficulties the Nations had with border crossings, the financial aspect of hosting a leg or getting 3 qualified combinations on a team, it proved to be a challenging series to develop.

The Africa Cup planned to run the Series at CCI1\*-Intro level through 2020 and 2021 with the NAM, RSA & ZIM each hosting a leg of the Cup, and possibly ZAM.

BOT and SWZ were finding it difficult to host a CCI1\*-Intro for the moment but would join the Africa Cup as soon as they were ready. KEN faced with great border crossing difficulties as well as financial barriers to host a CCI1\*-Intro, or getting 3 qualified combinations on a team, this was also applicable to other Southern African Nations.

**Horse Sport Ireland Eventing Challenge (Lower level Series)**

This Series linked 6 different Events in Ireland at three star level and awarded points to Athletes placed in the top 3 at each Short or Long format IRL competitions. The current 2019 leader for the Series was Kevin McNab (IRL) with 300 points.

Horse Sport Ireland were currently reviewing the series, it was most likely the series would run in 2020 in a different format. The IRL NF was not in a position to give more details for the moment as 2019 Series had just ended, but would provide the 2020 Series Rules and Calendar as soon as possible for approval.

<b>7.</b>	<b>EDUCATION OF OFFICIALS</b>
	<p>The following Education Programs for Officials are ongoing in Eventing</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Official Exchange Programme - Eventing</li> <li>2. Overall Course Directors Conformity seminar</li> <li>3. Regular training courses for all three categories of Eventing Officials</li> <li>4. Education program of Stewards</li> <li>5. Course Calendar 2020</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>The Officials Exchange Programme</b> in Eventing launched its second season in 2019, focusing on Officials spotted by Course Directors at FEI level 2 courses in 2018. 7 Judges, 8 Technical Delegates and 5 Course Designers (specialised CD workshop) benefitted from the programme, as well as 2 Eventing stewards during the 2019 EU CH in Luhmühlen.</li> <li>2. The annual <b>conformity seminar</b> for overall Course Directors took place in Lausanne in February 2019 and focused on the following topics: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Transfer Procedure</li> <li>b. Online Education/FEI Campus</li> <li>c. New themes and structure for courses in 2019</li> <li>d. Risk Management</li> </ol> <p>It also included a training part for the Directors "Teach the Teachers" which provided them with tools &amp; techniques to use for their courses. It is planned to have another session with a coach for the 2020 edition.</p> </li> <li>3. Regular <b>Officials course Programme</b> – for Judges / Technical Delegates /Course Designers – 5 courses were organized in 2019, in AUS, IRL, ITA, JPN, POL and URU. 2 national courses, with FEI course Directors were organised in GER and ITA.</li> <li>4. <b>Eventing Stewards Education</b>: 6 courses were organised in 2019, in AUS, IRL, ITA, POL, URU and USA.</li> <li>5. <b>In 2020</b>, 8 courses for Judges, TDs and CDs are planned to be organised in: CAN, FRA, GBR, GER, IND, POL, POR and NZL. 6 additional courses specially dedicated to Stewards will be organised in CAN, GBR, GER, IND, NZL and POL.</li> </ol> <p>The Committee, as well as the Course Directors, strongly support the use of e-learning tools available through FEI Campus. The Foundation Course for Eventing Officials was launched end of 2018: this mandatory module prepares the Officials to their upcoming participation to a national course under FEI's patronage or a FEI Level 2 course. For the later, it is mandatory requirement to enter the course.</p> <p>In 2019 a new module for the preparation of the Stewards attending a FEI level 1 or 2 was created. One video on the importance of Team Work in Eventing was produced and posted on FEI Campus. A second video aiming at helping Officials to differentiate a Tired vs Exhausted Horse was also made, and is used during FEI Eventing Courses.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Eventing DEVELOPMENT Program</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>Four ESEE were held in 2019, they took place in HON, NAM, PAN, and VEN.</p>