

Committee name	FEI Vaulting Technical Committee
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Committee Report	
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	REPORT OF THE FEI VAULTING COMMITTEE 2023
1.	<p>The 2023 Vaulting season kicked off in early January and will conclude in November, which marking a significant development for our discipline with 29 CVI events organised throughout the entire year.</p> <p>The Vaulting Technical Committee (VTC) would like to extend their appreciation to the Organisers, Athletes, Trainers, Horse owners, Grooms, Sponsors, and everyone who contributed to the success of these events.</p> <p>Looking ahead, we encourage Organisers and National Federations to aim for even more events in 2024.</p> <p>The VTC wants to express their gratitude to the Organiser of the very successful combined FEI Vaulting World and European Championships that took place in Flyinge (SWE).</p> <p>Their hard work and commitment to excellence have not gone unnoticed, and the VTC greatly values their professionalism and contributions to the Sport of Vaulting.</p>
2.	ACTIVITIES OF THE FEI VAULTING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (VTC)
	<p>From February to July, VTC invested a lot of effort in preparing rules 2024 and Guidelines 2024; both documents were published in the planned timeline. The main proposed changes in the 2024 rule and 2024 guideline, concerned the Squad and Pas de Deux. The implementation of the new qualification criteria for horses and squads to participate at the 2024 FEI Championships (subject to FEI GA approval) is a significant part of these changes.</p> <p>All these changes were centered on the well-being of the horse and the sustainability of our sport.</p> <p>The VTC met twice a month for online meetings, followed by extensive offline communication within the VTC and with the FEI.</p> <p>This year, the VTC proactively adhered to a clear timeline for the publication of the Guidelines. The draft version was published on 14 September to be effective as of 1 January 2024. This timeline allows the community ample time to become familiar with the Guidelines and provide valuable feedback to the VTC well in advance of the effective date.</p>

	<p>On 3 February, the VTC organised an Online Forum, open to the entire Vaulting community. More than 150 participants from over 20 countries joined the forum. The topics discussed were dedicated to the outcomes of the survey on the future of the sport. This survey, along with fruitful discussions within the community, provided solid elements to the VTC for working on the proposed changes to the Rules and Guidelines for 2024. The forum also addressed the changes in Rules and Guidelines for 2023 and highlighted important topics that the VTC wished to share.</p>
	<p>At the beginning of November (from 3 to 5 November), the Vaulting community will gather in person in Austria for the Annual FEI Vaulting Seminar. The agenda primarily focused on explaining the rule and guideline changes for 2024. Additionally, the first-ever hybrid session will be organised, bringing together the FEI Vaulting department and the FEI Veterinary department for informative and open discussions with the vaulting community on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Horse score 2024 updates - FEI Veterinary Rules and processes - Horse Inspection <p>Other interesting sessions will be presented by the FEI Education Department and the FEI Vaulting Department.</p>
	<p>November 2023 is going to be dedicated to incorporating the community's feedback after the Seminar and making a final version of the 2024 Guidelines to be approved by FEI Board at the Board Teleconference that will take place in December 2023.</p>
3	FUTURE PLANNING in 2024 - 2025
	Organise an online forum in early 2024
	Code of Points – rework the catalogue
	Catalogue of Technical Test exercises
	Work on the YOG format when the venue of 2030 will be announced
	Start the work on the full rules revision for 2026
	Continue to monitor Welfare of the horse at events and in the rules/Guidelines
	Continue to promote and develop Equestrian Vaulting around the World

4	CLOSING REMARKS
	<p>I would like to take this opportunity to express my profound gratitude to the members of the VTC committee for their unwavering dedication to VTC projects and the advancement of our sport. Specifically, I extend my appreciation to the following individuals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dietmar Otto (GER)- Isabelle Parker (USA)- Lise Berg (DEN)- Anna Anderson (SWE)- Athlete representative Lambert Leclezio (FRA) <p>It is not always a given that every committee member commits themselves wholeheartedly to invest countless of hours in VTC projects aimed at nurturing the growth of our sport. Notably, three VTC members joined the committee in December 2022 and swiftly immersed themselves in committee projects, demonstrating remarkable dedication throughout 2023.</p> <p>A special acknowledgment is extended to our outgoing committee member, Isabelle Parker (USA). Her tireless efforts have been instrumental in bringing many significant projects to fruition. Without her invaluable contributions, these endeavors would not have come to fruition.</p> <p>Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude to the FEI Vaulting Department, particularly the Sports Manager Laetitia Gilliéron and Thya Moritz (Education administrator) for their professional support and trust in our work.</p> <p>The year 2023 was a season characterized by unceasing activity, with competitions, VTC activities and FEI vaulting projects had operated at full throttle.</p> <p>I am deeply appreciative of the privilege of being part of such a robust community with shared objectives: the pursuit of excellence in sport, continuous development, and boundless affection and care for our cherished four-legged companions.</p> <p>Pavla Krauspe Chair of FEI Vaulting Technical Committee</p>