

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 2024 Vaulting season is set to make history with an impressive 33 events—the highest number ever in a single season. This milestone reflects the remarkable growth and enthusiasm for our discipline.</p> <p>In addition to the increased number of events, the number of vaulting courses has also grown significantly, and we’ve seen the highest interest in transfers and shadow judging within the past decade.</p> <p>The Vaulting Technical Committee (VTC) would like to extend its appreciation to the Organisers, Athletes, Trainers, Horse Owners, Grooms, Sponsors, and everyone who contributed to the success of these events.</p> <p>The VTC is confident that this upward trajectory will continue into the 2025 season, with even more events, broader participation, and a continued commitment to excellence.</p> <p>We would also like to express our deep gratitude to the Organisers of the 2024 World Championships for Seniors and the European Championships for Youth in Bern (SUI), whose dedication helped elevate the sport to new heights.</p>
2.	ACTIVITIES OF THE FEI VAULTING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (VTC)
	<p>The Committee commenced its diligent efforts in January with the preparation of the FEI Online Open Forum, which successfully took place on February 2nd.</p> <p>This event saw nearly 200 participants from 26 countries engage in a comprehensive 4-hour discussion.</p> <p>Success of this format has reaffirmed the Committee's commitment to continuing this valuable initiative, fostering greater engagement and collaboration within the global Vaulting community.</p> <p>The VTC has been actively working on a comprehensive project for the future Free Test concept by establishing an official Working Group.</p> <p>A kickoff meeting was held with FEI Vaulting department, VTC members and Working Group representatives on February 17th to launch the initiative.</p> <p>The outcomes of the Working Group's efforts were presented at the Annual Vaulting Seminar in Saumur in mid-October 2024, marking a significant step forward in the development of this important project.</p>

	<p>From February to August, the VTC dedicated a significant amount of time to preparing the 2025 Rules and 2025 Guidelines, both of which were published according to the planned timeline.</p> <p>The following projects were completed in 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Established the Strategy, Vision, and Mission for FEI Vaulting- Created the Subcommittee for Horse Well-Being- Active cooperation with the Free Test concept working group- Developed the text for the Vaulting Toolkit for developing countries- Produced video scenarios to support the toolkit and promote the sport to the public- Provided clarifications for the 2025 Guidelines- Prepared the Annual Seminar presentation <p>To achieve these goals and finalize the projects, the VTC maintained regular communication, meeting twice a month online, with ongoing discussions among members and the FEI. Additionally, two in-person meetings were organized in 2024. This year, the VTC again 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 2025. 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>From October 17 to 19, the Vaulting community gathered in person in Saumur, France, for the Annual FEI Vaulting Seminar. The agenda primarily focused on the presentation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Free Test Working Group outcomes• Artistic sessions• Outcomes of the Vaulting Reins study• Updates on FEI Vaulting Rules and Guidelines 2025• Video judging <p>November 2024 is going to be dedicated to incorporating the community's feedback after the Seminar and making a final version of the 2025 Guidelines to be approved by FEI Board.</p>
3	FUTURE PLANNING in 2025
	<p>Organise an online forum in early 2025</p> <p>Finalise the Catalogue of Technical Test exercises</p> <p>Start the work on the full rules revision, including the new Free Test Concept</p> <p>Continue to monitor welfare of the horse at events and in the Rules/Guidelines</p> <p>Continue to promote and develop Equestrian Vaulting around the World</p>

4	<p>CLOSING REMARKS</p> <p>I would like to take this moment to sincerely thank the members of the VTC committee for their steadfast commitment to VTC projects and their contributions to the advancement of our sport. I wish to acknowledge the following members of the VTC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dietmar Otto (GER) - Alejandra Orozco Vizcaíno (MEX) - Lise Berg (DEN) - Anna Andersson (SWE) - Athlete representative Lambert Leclezio (FRA) <p>It is by no means guaranteed that every committee member commits themselves so fully, dedicating countless hours to VTC initiatives aimed at fostering the growth of our discipline.</p> <p>I would also like to extend special thanks to the members of the Working Group “Free Test Concept” and the Subcommittee “Well-Being of the Horse.” Both committees are crucial to the future of vaulting, and I cannot express how grateful I am to have such wonderful colleagues within the community.</p> <p>I’d like to acknowledge the dedication of the Education Department, which has greatly contributed to the development of Vaulting. Thanks to the efforts of Education & Officials Administrator, Thya Moritz, the number of vaulting courses has grown significantly, and we’ve seen the highest interest in transfers and shadow judging this year. None of this would have been possible without the enthusiastic support and hard work of the FEI Education Department.</p> <p>Furthermore, I would like to express my appreciation to the FEI Vaulting Department, particularly to Ronan Murphy, Director of Dressage and Para Dressage, and Larissa Rossi, Sport Manager, for their professionalism, support, and trust in our efforts.</p> <p>The year 2024 has been remarkably busy, with competitions, VTC initiatives, and FEI Vaulting projects all moving forward at full speed.</p> <p>I feel deeply honoured to be part of such a dynamic community, united by common goals: the pursuit of excellence in sport, continuous development, and a deep affection and care for our beloved equine partners.</p> <p>Pavla Krauspe Chair of FEI Vaulting Technical Committee</p>
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