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Committee name	FEI Vaulting Technical Committee
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Chair	John A Eccles

Committee Report	
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	REPORT OF THE FEI VAULTING COMMITTEE
1.	In a year where the whole world is in turmoil due to the Covid 19 pandemic it's a very challenging time for all sports. Many of the goals and targets that we set ourselves within Equestrian Vaulting have been delayed or put on hold until further notice. We all wish and hope that 2021 will be back to normal but 2021 is only just around the corner and a vaccine and or cure is still to be found. We may need to look at the new normal for our sport to allow us to continue to participate.
2.	The year from November 2019 did start well with courses for Judges, Coaches and Stewards being held in various countries around the world. Education, education, education, it is a main stay in the continued development of equestrian vaulting. Many of the vaulting technical committee members were active in presenting these courses.
3.	February / March saw significant changes for us all with different "lockdown" rules being put upon us all. No VTC face to face meetings this year. The fact that many of us were not able to follow our usual busy routines did allow us to achieve other targets. Technology coming to our aid with webex meetings. It was relatively easy for most of our committee to find time to attend and participate. New ladders of progression were discussed and agreed on for Judges and Stewards. This gives our officials a clear pathway and sets out what is required at each level to progress. In particular I must thank Frank Spadinger from the FEI for keeping us on track to achieve this.
4.	I must highlight the all of the FEI staff have been excellent during these challenging times. Although I personally only had a maximum of two meetings on one day. Bettina our vaulting director, Georgina in education, Laetitia in admin have all been involved in numerous webex meetings daily. This must be very challenging and I thanks them for their continued support and hard work.
5.	The summer has still been productive with many sub groups working away on different projects such as: Artistic score, Degree of difficulty catalog, Technical test moves etc
6.	The climax of the summer is always our Championships. We were all heart broken when the cancellation of the Championships in Sweden was announced. It was unfortunately and probably obvious due to what was happening worldwide. I was especially disappointed and sad as I had insight into the great efforts that the organisation team in Sweden had already put into this event to make it extra special.

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7.	The cancellation of the Vaulting Championships 2020 had another impact. In vaulting we only have Senior World Vaulting Championships every even year ie 2020. The next opportunity for all of the vaulters worldwide in the senior category to compete would then have been 2022. A gap of four years! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the FEI, the EEF and all others who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to permit a Junior and Senior World Vaulting Championships for 2021. Of course we still have to overcome Covid 19 to make this happen!
8.	Our annual seminar for vaulting officials and trainers to up-date, educate and inform this year will be on-line. So we will still have something but that's not the same as meeting up with friends and colleagues
9.	Equestrian vaulting is still an emerging sport worldwide. In many areas of the world it is still fragile. We as a committee and as people passionate about vaulting will continue to work with FEI solidarity to ensure the continued growth of the sport.
FORWARD PLANNING	
2020	Minor changes and corrections to our Vaulting rules agreed at the GA will be in place for 2021.
2020	FEI Vaulting Guidelines reviewed and published by December 2020
2021	Receive feedback from the Artistic working group and initiate trials
2021	Continue to review our new horse scoring system
2021	Arrangements in place for our Championships in Hungary 2021
2021	Develop and promote the Vaulting World Cup series
2021	Continue to work on the inclusion of Vaulting into YOG
2021	Continue to promote and develop Equestrian Vaulting around the World
Chair Person Statement	
	<p>This has been a tragic year for our sport and all sports. International competitions around the world cancelled. No possibility for our vaulters to show their excellence and horse skills. Only a few countries able to run National competitions. Once we rise out of the Covid 19 pandemic it will be even more important for our committee to stimulate and reinvigorate vaulting around the globe. I sincerely hope that positive steps will be made to get the pandemic under control. This will allow us all to live our lives. Finally again thanks to the FEI and all of their staff for their support. The horse is our hero.</p> <p>John A Eccles</p>