

Proposal:

Add a mandatory Youth Representative to each FEI Discipline Committee

History

2006: FEI Strategic Planning Committee proposal for creation of a Youth Committee to replace existing Pony Riders' Committee and Children Riders' (only Jumping) Committee

2008: Pony Riders' and Children Riders' Committees were dissolved in a step to create a Youth Committee

Finally, Youth Committee was not installed

Reasons for having a youth representative in Discipline Committees

- Recognise the importance of youth for our sport
- Attract young people to equestrian sport and maintain their interest so that they don't quit, they are our future
- Ensure equestrian sport stays relevant within a highly competitive youth market
- Greater interaction needed with those involved in the sport at youth level
- Ensure that someone looks after all youth related activities in the respective discipline
- Take care of the needs of the younger Athletes to optimise their potential
- Increase the possibility of their making the transition to senior level
- Young people are not a static target audience, therefore better have a representative in each Committee and not an extra Youth Committee

Chefs d'Equipe of EEF nations jointly expressed the wish, underlined at meeting during Jumping Nations Cup Youth Final 2022, Kronenberg (NED) 20-25 September 2022

Action to be taken

FEI Statutes, 24th Edition, effective 17 November 2021

31.3. Standing Committees shall include a minimum of three (3) members including the Chair of the Committee and shall be composed as set forth in the Internal Regulations of the FEI, to include individuals with appropriate skills and experience.

→ Modify the Internal Regulations of the FEI;
the currently effective edition of 17 November 2021 reads:

Article 6.5. - Technical Committees for Dressage, Jumping, Eventing, Driving, Endurance, Vaulting, Para-Equestrian ("Discipline Committees")

6.5.2 Each Discipline Committee shall be composed of the Chair **and five (5)** other members with proven knowledge and experience (such as but not limited to Officials, Athletes, Organisers, Chefs d'Equipe, trainers, owners, grooms) in the relevant Discipline. An Athlete representative must be a member of each Discipline Committee, although the Athlete representative may not serve as Chair or Deputy Chair during their term in this capacity.

Article 6.7. - Youth

Youth shall be the competence of Discipline Committees and each Discipline Committee shall have Youth as a mandatory Agenda item for each meeting.

Article 9.3. - Revision and modifications

These Internal Regulations shall be reviewed as often as necessary by the Board, and no less than once (1) every two (2) years. They are effective upon adoption by the Board and submitted to the General Assembly for approval according to Art. 10.1 (xvi) Statutes. Proposals for modification must be received by the Secretary General within deadlines set by their office prior to Board meetings.

Task for HQ:

All Technical Committees must collaborate in order to develop and implement strategies for youth.