

Dutch Eventing: Safety

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To refresh your memory:

- 2001: The “breakable Pole” is used in the Netherlands
- 2008: International introduced in Copenhagen
- 2013: Tested for FEI improvement
- 2015: Stop efforts to gain FEI approval



The Dutch Pole and FEI approval:



“An objective definition of when a pole should be replaced is missing”

- Important when you can be penalised with 11 points (FEI)
- Not important when you are not penalised (KNHS, national)



The Dutch Pole:



- Cardboard structure with a special (waterproof) coating
- Produced under ISO-standards to ensure the pole breaks at a defined load (horse impact)
- Lightweight, durable, affordable
- Available in different natural colors
- Available in different sizes (diameter 30, 40 and 50cm)



Decision after consulting experts:



Continue to use the Dutch Pole at national competitions:

- Positive for horse welfare
- Positive for image Eventing (critical community !!!)



MIM devices in the national sport:



- Compulsory 1.00m/1.10m class (higher than 1.10m is always FEI)
- The use of MIM devices an important topic in the (refresher) courses
- Only MIM devices approved by FEI
- For national competitions free of charge available.



Funding safety devices:

- Research, development and distribution costs of the Dutch Pole are paid by the “Eventing Safety Fund”
- The costs of MIM-devices are paid by the “Eventing Safety Fund”
- Riders pay € 2.50 to the “Eventing Safety Fund” per start



Guidelines for national Course Designing:



Basis: FEI guidelines

Covering 0.80m – 1.10m classes

Also manual for frangible/deformable
obstacles



Topics 2023:

Making the eventing world more aware of the social Licence

More attention for safe cross-country designing in the schooling and training CD and TD's.

Making Riders aware of their own responsibility





Thank you!

