Dutch Eventing: Safety devices

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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 en 50cm)
Decision after consulting experts:

Continue to use the Dutch Pole at national competitions:

- Positive for horse welfare
- Positive for image Eventing
  (critical community !!!)
Distribution Dutch Pole:

- A distribution centre delivers poles to all national competitions (0.80m – 1.10m) 14 days before the competition.
- After this competition the poles are collected and delivered to the next (in that area) competition.
- Each competition receives a standard package of 18 poles
MIM devices in the national sport:

- Compulsory 1.00m/1.10m class (Up to 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 devises:

- Research, development and distribution costs of the Dutch Pole are paid by the “Eventing Safety Fund”
- The costs of MIM-devises are paid by the “Eventing Safety Fund”
- Riders pay € 2.50 to the “Eventing Safety Fund” per start
Guidelines for nationale Course Designing:

Basis: FEI guidelines

Covering 0.80m – 1.10m classes

Also manual for frangible/deformable obstacles
Thank you for your attention!