



**EVENTING**

Course design

# Future of designing

- Are we at the point where we have hit the ceiling of what we can ask of our horses?
- Are we looking after our horses as well as we should?
- Are we in a good place with our courses? All levels?
- Is the style of course that we have good? Is there room for improvement?
- Intensity
- What do we need to change and/or do better?

# Course design – where are we now?

- 5 levels
- Mix of S and L formats
- # of events is growing
- # of starters is holding its own apart from 5\*
- Significant efforts in terms of:
  - risk management & horse welfare
  - education of officials
  - improved communication across all stakeholders

# Underlying considerations

- IOC/OG
- Affordability & sustainability for athletes, owners, and OCs
- Accidents
- Animal rights, public engagement around the ethics and practice of animals in sport
- Audience
- Social & digital media
- The product, is it sexy enough, will it stand the test of time?
- Sports presentation
- Our own people
- Other?

# Course design

- Cross country is our point of difference/USP
- Do we believe that cross country is still about jumping fixed fences?
- Do we believe that maintaining L format is good and it is still relevant going forward?
- At all levels?
- Why?
- What do stakeholders want?

# Efforts

- Are there occasions when an extra effort or 2 can benefit a course?
- At all levels?
- What does/should this look like?
- Steps and ditches not to count as efforts?
- Number of efforts on long routes

# Steps and ditches proposal

- Benefits at all levels
- Single step not to count as an effort
- 2 steps in combination eg a sunken road to count as one effort
- Ditches in combinations not to count as an effort
- Not all pairs of flags count as effort eg running in to water

# Narrow fences

- 5\* 1.30-1.40m
  - 4\* 1.40-1.50m
  - 3\* 1.50-1.65m
  - 2\* 1.65-1.80m
  - 1\* 1.90-2.00m
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- Narrows on curving line
  - Corners on curving line



# Angles on corners

- 5 \* up to 90 degrees
  - 4\* 70-80 degrees
  - 3\* 55-65 degrees
  - 2\* 45-55 degrees
  - 1\* 40-45 degrees
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- Flagging of corners is key
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- Base spread and profile on offsets

# Looking ahead

- More sophisticated use of curving lines
- Mindful of intensity

# FLEs proposal

- If FLE is less than 25cms below height of top of fence it needs to be rounded or sloped

# THANK YOU!

- ANY QUESTIONS?