

FEI VAULTING FORUM 2024 2 February 2024

The FEI hosted its third online FEI Vaulting Forum dedicated to the Rules and Guidelines changes for 2024, the training approach for Vaulters and the training of the Vaulting Horses. More than 120 participants joined the Forum with a worldwide representation and a wide range of profiles.

Pavla Krauspe, the Chair of the FEI Vaulting Technical Committee, opened the Forum by thanking the participants for attending. The Chair presented the two other panellists who were Lambert Leclezio and Lise Berg, members of the FEI Vaulting Technical Committee. The Chair emphasised that organising a Forum once a year was a good way forward to keep the community informed on different important topics and to receive feedback from them.

Pavla Krauspe started the Forum by presenting the main changes in the Vaulting Rules and Guidelines for 2024:

- Pavla Krauspe reminded the community about the timeline for the Rules and Guidelines revision process. For the periodical Rules Revision process (outside the full Rules Revision year), NFs and Stakeholders could share their comments based on specific criteria by 1st March via the template available on the [FEI website](#). By end of June, the FEI would publish the first draft of proposed changes and NFs and Stakeholders would have until mid-August to send their comments to the FEI. By end of October, the final proposed Rules changes would have to be published and voted at the FEI General Assembly in November. The Vaulting Guidelines had a less formal process than the rules, the first draft version would be published on the FEI website in September and NFs and Stakeholders could provide their comments to the FEI Vaulting Department until end of October. The Guidelines would be finalised in November and presented to the FEI Board for final approval in December. The VTC confirmed that they would try to start the process earlier in 2024 as the Championships would take place in July.
- The FEI World Championships for Seniors and European Championships for Young Vaulters and Juniors would take place in Bern (SUI) from 16 to 20 July 2024. The qualification period would run from 1st January 2023 until mid-June 2024 (date of the Nominated Entries). In exceptional cases only, the FEI could accept to approve the use of video judging to review and to confirm the qualification scores for Squad Vaulters and for the qualification score of Horse(s). Qualification Criteria and Video Judging Guidelines for 2024 could be found on the [FEI website](#). The Vaulting Department confirmed that the FEI Technology and Sport Services Department was working on the implementation to include the information related to the score of individual Squad members and Horses into the FEI Database but to be in the safe side all Athletes should keep their protocols.
- Following the Side Rein Study conducted by the IFCE in partnership with the FEI and the French Federation, Draw Reins have been added to the Vaulting Rules 2024. The Chair reminded that all relevant detailed information on tack and equipment was available on the [FEI Tack App](#) which was launched in April 2023.
- Pavla Krauspe presented the changes in the Guidelines 2024 which were summarised in her presentation published on the [Vaulting Forum Hub](#). The main change in 2024 was the

reworking of Artistic score which included the introduction of the Consideration of the Horse (CoH) in the Artistic score. This score was based on four (4) criteria: weight, composition, balance and contact – liaison – collaboration. Following comments received from the community during the 2023 FEI Vaulting online Forum, the Vaulting Technical Committee had decided to introduce CoH in the Free Tests in 2024 and would incorporate it into the Technical Tests in 2025.

Lambert Leclezio, Athlete Representative for Vaulting and member of the FEI Vaulting Technical Committee, gave a presentation on the training approach for Vaulters. Lambert presented all the steps for a complete and effective training for the Vaulters throughout the year. Lambert emphasised that the practice should be adapted to the needs of each athlete and shared practical exercises. The very detailed presentation of Lambert Leclezio could be found published on the [FEI Vaulting Forum Hub](#).

Lise Berg, member of the FEI Vaulting Technical Committee, Veterinarian and FEI Vaulting Judge, concluded the Forum with a presentation on the training of sport horses with a focus on the Vaulting horses. Lise Berg started the session by addressing the link between training and horse health/welfare, drawing on various scientific studies. Lise Berg emphasised that the health of horses depended directly on their physical and mental training. Along her presentation, Lise Berg listed possible risk factors for sport horses and highlighted that keeping horses fit and active would foster stability and strength, and reduce potential injuries. Finally, Lise Berg gave key advices to ensure an effective training of Vaulting horses at home. The complete presentation could be consulted on the [FEI Vaulting Forum Hub](#).

The Chair closed the Forum by once again thanking the attendees for their participation, the FEI Vaulting Technical Committee members, the panellists and the FEI Vaulting department for the preparation of the Forum.