



FEI VAULTING FORUM 2022 19 March 2022

The FEI hosted its first ever FEI Vaulting Forum dedicated to the Reference Score and the Cartwheel. 80 participants joined the Forum with a worldwide representation.

Pavla Krauspe, the Chair of the FEI Vaulting Technical Committee, opened the Forum by thanking the participants attending. She emphasised that organising a Forum once a year would be a good way forward to keep the community informed and to receive feedback on defined topics. The Chair thanked the Athletes and all the Vaulting stakeholders who worked even harder during these challenging two years of pandemic. In this regard, two successful FEI Vaulting World Championships took place in 2021 which the passion and the determination of the Vaulters was demonstrated as the performances were of a very high level.

Bettina de Rham, FEI Director of Vaulting took this opportunity to give an update on ongoing projects at the FEI, as following:

- The FEI signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the International Officials Vaulting Club (IVOC).
- The FEI together with the FFE contributed to the launch of a side reins study on Vaulting horses conducted by the IFCE (Institut Français du cheval et de l'équitation).
- The FEI Judges who signed up to take part in the testing pool for the new proposed scoring system of the Artistic had their first meeting, and the Athletes/Coaches had been asked to complete the dedicated questionnaires in the following [link](#). The wording on the new scoring would be added to the 2023 proposed rules in July 2022 to be submitted to National Federations for comments.
- The FEI turned 100 years in 2021 which would be celebrated during the Sport Forum in Lausanne from 25 to 26 April 2022. The [FEI Sport Forum](#) would be livestreamed for those interested to follow the discussions.
- In 2022, the FEI Vaulting World Championships would be organised in Herring together with the FEI World Championships of Jumping, Dressage and Para Dressage. The FEI was very happy that the first FEI Vaulting Young Vaulters European Championships would be organised in Kaposvar (HUN) together with the European Juniors Championships.
- The FEI would soon announce where the next FEI Vaulting in person Seminar for Judges would take place, to be programmed in Autumn 2022.

The Chair explained the background in regards to the introduction of the "Reference Score". The main focus of the Reference Score would be to incorporate mechanical and performance faults into one score box and minimise the use of additional deductions. Please refer to the presentation [published here](#). During this session the Chair showed some videos while she explained the system to the Community. During the Q&A sessions, she thanked the participants for their comments which would be reviewed by the Committee before the full introduction of the system in 2023. As a reminder, in 2022 the "Reference Score" system would only be used for the "Cartwheel" exercise of the Technical Test and for Free test exercises.

Isabelle Parker, member of the FEI Vaulting Technical Committee, gave a presentation on the "Cartwheel" and explained that the Committee had slightly reviewed the description of "the end of the landing". The updated version of the Guidelines had been published on [inside.fei.org](#). She also went through the description of the exercise in detail, supported by videos of performances

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to better understand the descriptions. Please refer to the presentation [published here](#). During the Q&A sessions, she thanked the participants for their comments which would be reviewed by the Committee. The Community would be kept informed if, based on the participants' feedback, any changes would be put forward.

The Chair emphasised that the proposed Guidelines to be effective as of January 2023 would be published in July at the same time as the rules to allow the Community to review them and to give their comments. She explained that three online training sessions on the Compulsory exercises had been put on the FEI Course Calendar to take place in Autumn 2022

The Chair closed the Forum by once again thanking the attendees for their participation.