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New Safeguarding course on FEI Campus

NEW SAFEGUARDING COURSE ON FEI CAMPUS - PROTECTING PARTICIPANTS IN EQUESTRIAN SPORT AGAINST HARASSMENT AND ABUSE

The FEI, in partnership with **#WeRideTogether**, has developed an online Safeguarding training course accessible to everyone involved in equestrian sport. The course provides basic awareness on safeguarding participants against harassment and abuse, explaining why safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and provides guidance on the actions we can each take to protect ourselves and others.

The course is free of charge, is available on **FEI Campus** and is accessible to all, and in particular is aimed at athletes, coaches, grooms, parents, officials, administrators and volunteers; from recreational to elite level sport. Currently available in English, it is planned to translate the content into other languages over the coming year.

In total, the course takes approximately 90 minutes to complete and includes short video clips, graphics and a short quiz at the end of each section. You can pause, save, and come back later to the training at any time. There are additional sections for athletes, parents, coaches and grooms, which whilst specific to these communities can and should be completed by all. At the end of the course, participants should have a better understanding of the following:

1. Harassment and abuse in sport – why it occurs, what it is, how to recognise it.
2. What actions you can take – to protect yourself and others, and to make the sport environment a safe, inclusive and supportive environment.
3. How to respond to, and how and where to report incidents of harassment and abuse.

Each participant will receive a certificate of completion upon finishing the course.

The FEI is committed to taking action to encourage a culture of respect and understanding and to help ensure equestrian sport can be enjoyed by all in a safe, inclusive and supportive environment. The FEI Policy on Safeguarding Participants against Harassment and Abuse was introduced in 2019 and in recent years a number of awareness raising initiatives for National Federations have been implemented; this Safeguarding course builds on these initiatives.

All National Federations are reminded that they should have their own safeguarding policy in place; the FEI has developed an NF Safeguarding Policy **template** to assist NFs in policy development. We encourage all NFs to share information about the Safeguarding course with their own national level equestrian communities.

The FEI would like to thank **#WeRideTogether** for their support and partnership in delivering this Safeguarding training course.

If you have any questions, comments or would like to provide feedback on the Safeguarding course, please email safeguarding@fei.org.

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