



FEI Coach Education Programme:

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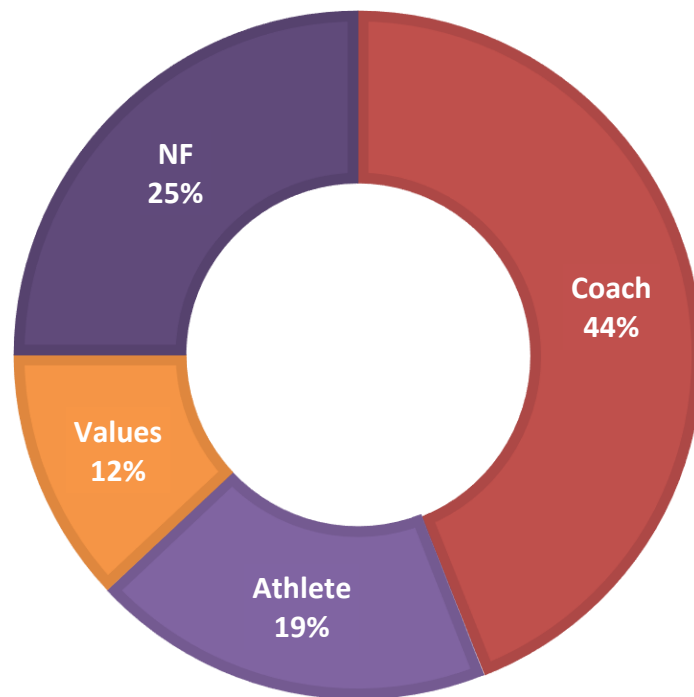
FEI Solidarity is the development programme of the FEI launched in 2011 to **promote** and **develop** equestrian sport.

FEI Solidarity programme seeks to **engage** and **support** National Equestrian Federations by creating, supporting and expanding projects and programmes from **grass roots** to elite level throughout the global FEI Family.

The **structure** of FEI Solidarity is based on **four pillars**, i.e. the **Athlete**, the **Coach**, the **National Federation**, and Equestrian **Values**



FEI Solidarity assistance by Pillar:



NF DEVELOPMENT PHASES

PHASE 3
Reinforcement

NF Administration Structures
IT NF Platform
NF Sports Structures
Education & Certification Systems (Official/Coach)

PREPARE Athletes
National Teams & Individuals

Continental CH & Games
YOG

LEVEL 3 Course
Coach national Youth Teams & Individuals for FEI 2* competitions
Scholarships

Horse Welfare
Vets, Farriers, Grooms training

PHASE 2
Development

NF Administration Structures
NF Administrator's educ.
NF Sports Structures
FEI Disciplines - ESEE2
Pony Club structure

QUALIFY Athletes
Training Camps Adults & Youth
Scholarships

Regional CH & Games

LEVEL 2 Course
Coach independently
Coach for first FEI level of competitions

The Horse
Breeding
Retraining race horses

PHASE 1
Structuration

NF Governance & Admin. Structures
NF Development Plan
NF Sports Structures
FEI Disciplines - ESEE1

IDENTIFY Talents
Youth camps

FEI World Challenges
National CH

LEVEL 1 Course
Coach for national competitions, emphasizing skill, develop participation and enjoyment

Sport for All
School programmes
Social Projects

THE NATIONAL FEDERATION

THE ATHLETE

THE SPORT

THE COACH

THE VALUES

The Coach Pillar:

Coach Education Programme

FEI Coach Education Programme

Aim:

The aim is to develop an FEI Coaching System, using an agreed syllabus for the on-going education and improvement of coaches in all equestrian disciplines in Developing NFs for the benefit of the sport and all those involved. The coaches produced by these courses will be certified jointly by the NF and the FEI.

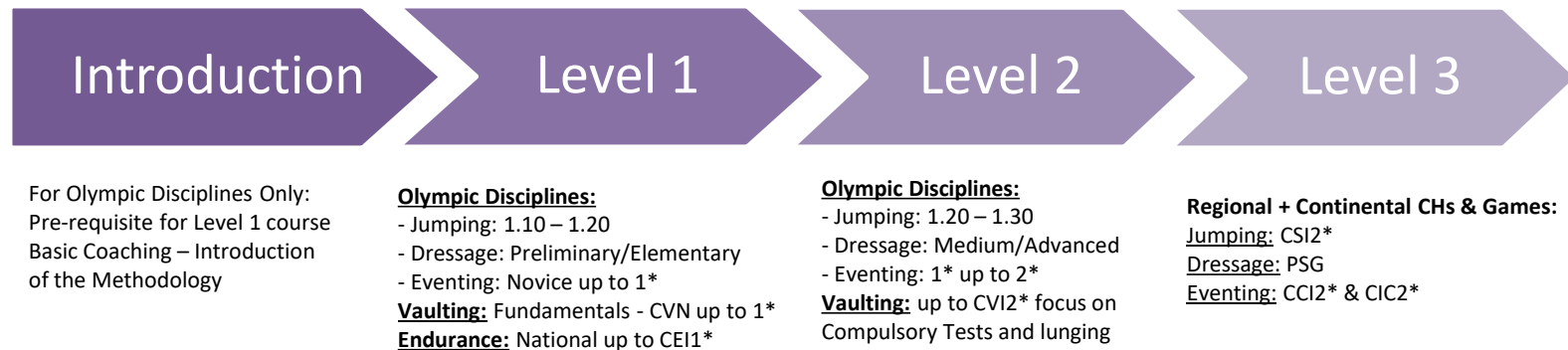
Principle:

The FEI Coaching System (oriented towards competitions) is based on providing courses for coaches under the direction of FEI appointed Tutors who will initiate the system in developing regions. They will educate coaches at the various levels (Introduction to Coaching, Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3) following a progression from basic coaching methods to high performance coaching.

Each level is supported by a set of pedagogical material composed of a Workbook containing a pedagogical and technical part as well as videos/DVDs on riding technique.

The basic **Concept** of the FEI Coach Education Programme:

- Created in 2003 for **developing NFs** to help them organise their own coaching structure.
- We talk about “**On-going education**” for practicing **National Coaches**.
- From **basic** coaching methods to **high performance** coaching (oriented towards competitions):



- Each level is supported by a set of didactic material **Workbook** and **videos/DVDs**
- The **course material** is available in **different languages** including: English, Spanish, Russian, French and Arabic.
- All **FEI Tutors** receive a special education on **adult learning techniques**.
- Courses are organised with the **Financial support** of the **FEI Solidarity** as well as **Olympic Solidarity** (only available for Olympic Discipline courses).
- It is the responsibility of the National Federations to record each coach's progression, however the FEI keeps a record as well.

What are the benefits of a Coaching System?

- Raise the profile of coaching:
 - *By training and qualifying coaches, interest will be revived and encouraged in coaching*
 - *By using modern information and training methods*
 - *By developing a consistent level by having similar courses in all areas*
 - *By having properly qualified coaches who understand the business and skills of coaching*
 - *By ensuring the quality of coaching*
 - *By having properly qualified coaches with the support structure in place for ongoing education*
 - *By having a system of registration in place*
 - *Ensure a professional approach to coaching at all levels*
 - *By encouraging coaches to improve their skills and their students*
 - *Provide ongoing careers for riders when their competitive careers are over*
 - *By developing a customer base for good coaches*
 - *Provide ongoing training and support for coaches through courses and clinics*

Responsibility of each NF:

- Each NF has the responsibility to enter his/her candidate(s) to a course. They must comply with the requirements laid down in the relevant Syllabus (available on our website under: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/coach/documents>)
- Each NF is responsible for establishing its own coaching structure (registration, performance, etc.) and follow up on their National coaches.

Certification:

- Intro: Certificate of Attendance
- Level 1: Certificates of Attendance
- Level 2: Certificates of Achievement (must fulfil Level 2 requirements for certification)
- Level 3: Certificates of Achievement (must fulfil Level 3 requirements for certification)

Coaches must be present at all time during the course in order for it to be considered as “completed” and to be certified.

Responsibility of NF when organising a course:

- NFs interested to organise a course for coaches should first contact their NOC (National Olympic Committee) and address a request for an Olympic Solidarity Technical Course for Coaches.
- NFs should then send in a course application to the FEI Solidarity Department. At this point, a Tutor will be appointed by the FEI, and the necessary course material will be sent to the organising NF (workbook, DVD, etc.).
- The organising NF is responsible for the Tutor's accommodation, meals and local transportation. Note: if funding from the OS was granted, then these costs should also be covered for the participants.
- The organising NF will organise a well equipped classroom for the theoretical session (flip chart, beamer, DVD player, etc.).
- The organising NF will ensure that the course is being organised in a riding Centre with good facilities for the practical sessions - jumping, dressage (flat work), Eventing (some cross country fences if possible).
- The organising NF is responsible for the selection of the "guinea pigs" (horse/rider demo combinations) for the practical sessions based on the criteria provided in the FEI checklist for the course.
- The organising NF will provide a translator when necessary.
- Following the course, the organising NF will have to provide a complete report to the FEI and follow-up with the coaches accordingly.
- The FEI will assist the NF closely throughout the preparation process and with the follow-up.

Financing:

Technical Courses for Coaches depend on Olympic Solidarity funding which cover the organisational costs + the travel expenses and per diem of the FEI Tutor. Organising NFs are responsible to request funding through their NOC (National Olympic Committee).

However, should OS funding not be available, other sources are available to NFs wishing to organise a course (sponsors, government, etc.). NFs should refer to the FEI Organisation and Financing Specification document available online (<https://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/coach/documents>)

Course organisation requirements:

All requirements (quota, appointments, eligibility, etc.) are available on the FEI Coaching System Format, Organisation & Structure document which can be found under:
https://inside.fei.org/system/files/FEI_Coaching_System_Format_Organisation_Structure.pdf.