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FEI CAMPUS

FEI Equivalency for National Officials - Jumping

National Federations now have the opportunity to apply to the FEI for an equivalency of their national officials.

Applying for equivalency means that the **highest national education** obtained by a judge can become the equivalent of the **FEI education entry level**.

The process of applying for an equivalency is as follows:

In order for the FEI Education & Officials department to consider an equivalency request the following needs to be provided from the National Federation:

- **An education system** (or a detailed description hereof), including the different levels, entry requirements, criteria to remain listed, practical experience, exit criteria etc.
- **A description of the standard career pathway** (national as well as national to international).
- **An outline of the education contents** (curriculum, syllabi, exam types and evaluation criteria, examples of the standardised education material/content).

The National Federation needs to ensure that their highest level Officials are familiar with the FEI Regulations, the FEI Jumping Rules, applicable Codes of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse, Conflict of Interest, etc.

Once all documents have been received, these will carefully be reviewed by the Education & Officials Department, in consultation with the Course Director General for Jumping Judges, Jumping Course Designers or Jumping Stewards, following which a formal answer will be given.

If a National Federation is granted an equivalency for their **national Jumping Judges, Course Designers or Stewards** education, this means that:

Their National Officials can be directly entered into an FEI Course for Transfer-up (promotion) to FEI L2, provided they fulfil the criteria mentioned in the FEI Education System for Jumping. Their National Judges can apply through their National Federation for the updated **online** FEI Jumping Judges L1 course on FEI Campus.

For National Federations which do not have established education systems and monitored career pathways in place, the FEI provides entry level education courses and certification.

For more information please contact the **Education & Officials Department**.

Online FEI Jumping Judges L1 course (updated)



This online programme aims at preparing and certifying **National Judges from National Federations with an equivalency** for officiating as FEI Level 1 judges at FEI International Jumping events.

To become an FEI certified judge, national judges must:

- Be approved and registered to this course by their National Federation
- Complete the course within three months
- Pass the online examination
- Take part in an online conducted interview to complete the certification process
- Have the English proficiency level of A2 (European Framework of languages)

What judges will learn:

- ✓ categories of Officials;
- ✓ Judges' career pathway;
- ✓ FEI Code of Conduct;
- ✓ philosophy of judging;
- ✓ FEI Rules and Regulations;

- ✓ event schedules;
- ✓ arenas and schooling areas;
- ✓ obstacles;
- ✓ penalties during a round;
- ✓ time and speed;
- ✓ table of penalties;
- ✓ eliminations, disqualifications, fines;
- ✓ ranking;
- ✓ competitors and horses;
- ✓ jump-offs;
- ✓ selected competitions;
- ✓ and course inspection

This course is accessible to National Federations and all equestrian enthusiasts who are passionate and eager to extend their knowledge of this exciting discipline. All the fundamentals of judging at international level are included in this course which is based on a syllabus established by the FEI with specifically crafted course material. Built-in learning quizzes are also provided which allow participants to test their knowledge and monitor their progression.

Through courses such as this, the FEI is able to promote the highest standards in the education of Officials, to support the healthy development of the sport and to nurture everyone's thirst for knowledge.

For more information please contact JumpingOfficials@fei.org.

FEI SPORTS FORUM

Confirmed publication dates for FEI Anti-Doping Rules sessions

In light of the postponement of the Tokyo 2020 Games and the opportunity to run the full in-person Tokyo 2020 related sessions at the FEI Sports Forum 2021, the 2020 edition which had to be cancelled due to Covid-19, will now only be featuring the two sessions concerning FEI Anti-Doping Rules for human athletes and equine athletes.

For these two sessions, the FEI will be publishing all the supporting documents and relevant deadlines for feedback by **Thursday 23 April** on the **FEI Sports Forum 2020 page**. Please note that the Rules Revision process and the consultation and community feedback around the FEI Anti-Doping Rules for human athletes and equine athletes is not affected by the delayed publication which comes as a result of the cancellation of the WADA symposium mid-March and the related documentation.

In the meantime, for all information relating to Tokyo 2020 logistics and planning, please don't hesitate to visit our [dedicated hub](#) for all news and FAQs around the Covid-19 pandemic.

EVENTING

Updated Standard for frangible/deformable cross country fences – Version 2

After six months of extensive work initiated by the Eventing Frangible Device Working Group (Dave Vos, Geoff Sinclair, Mark Phillips and Jonathan Clissold), in association with Transport Research Laboratory (TRL), the Updated Standard V2 for frangible/deformable cross country fences is now finalised and published.

The Updated Standard V2 has been endorsed by the Eventing Committee, as well as the Risk Management Steering Group, and is now to be implemented progressively as from the date of this publication.

The full communication, the Updated Standard V2, and the kettlebell pendulum test can be found [here](#).

DRESSAGE

Memo to FEI Dressage Judges

The Guidelines for judging the “Quality of Riding” mark in Children competitions have been published on [Inside.FEI.org](#).

HOW YOU CAN HELP THE EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY

The FEI have set up a page on [FEI.org](#) which will be updated regularly in order to promote the various initiatives from the equestrian community that have grown out of the Covid-19 pandemic. From fundraising to donations, the equestrian community are coming together to support each other. Should you know of any initiatives, please [contact us](#) so that we can promote and share widely with our online community.

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