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Working Group on Dressage Judging announced

The FEI has announced the creation of a Working Group on Dressage Judging.

The remit of this Working Group will include, but will not be limited to, evaluating whether the measures introduced after the 2009 Dressage Task Force had a positive, neutral or negative effect on the quality of Dressage judging; evaluating the current Dressage judging system in general; creating a benchmark of various subjectively judged sports in order to define areas for improvement in the Dressage system; and issuing recommendations to the FEI Dressage Committee on ways to improve the Dressage judging system.

The Working Group will be chaired by FEI Bureau member Frank Kemperman (NED) and will count Maribel Alonso (MEX), Richard Davison (GBR), Kyra Kyrklund (FIN), and David Stickland (GBR) as members.

The FEI will also reach out to stakeholders and members of the community to encourage them to provide ideas and documents for discussion.

The Working Group's first teleconference will take place at the end of July.

Qualification criteria for the CH-EU-D 2017

The qualification criteria for the FEI European Dressage Championships 2017 (CH-EU-D) have been published on FEI.org.

PARA-EQUESTRIAN DRESSAGE

FEI Athlete Classification offered at Non-FEI Competition Venue

An International Classification approved by the FEI and open to all Para-Equestrian Dressage Athletes will take place on 28-30 October 2016 at the Japanese National Para-Equestrian Dressage Championships (Miki Horse Land Park, Takagi, Bessyo-Cho, Miki-City, Hyogo, Japan). The classifications will be conducted by Masamichi MAEDA (JPN) and Cecilia KWOK (HKG).

Please send all classification requests to Carina Mayer (carina.mayer@fei.org). All practical arrangements will then be handled by the Organising Committee of the event.

FEI Classification Research Project

We are pleased to share the draft research strategy for the scientific review of the **FEI Classification System for Para-Equestrian sport**. The strategy has been developed by the FEI Classification Working Group in collaboration with the FEI Para-Equestrian Committee and has also been submitted to the International Paralympic Committee for a first review.

We would now also like to involve our National Federations in the consultation process and would greatly appreciate receiving your feedback with regards to the following until **12 August 2016**:

- Proposed modifications to the draft research strategy
- Potential interest of universities/professors/students in your country to contribute to the research project
- Potential interest of specific athletes, trainers, classifiers, other officials or NF staff to contribute to this research project.
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All feedback (to be sent to carina.mayer@fei.org) will be assembled in mid-August and shared with the FEI Classification Working Group and FEI Para-Equestrian Committee for further discussion.

FEI Para-Equestrian Forum 2017

The biannual FEI Para-Equestrian Forum will go into its next edition in 2017 and the FEI Para-Equestrian Committee would like to call for topics that National Federations wish to address during the Forum. Proposals should be sent to Carina Mayer at the FEI (carina.mayer@fei.org). The exact location and dates of the Forum will be communicated soon.

DRESSAGE AND PARA-EQUESTRIAN DRESSAGE

New Results format

As of **1 January 2017**, it will be compulsory to submit **all** Dressage & Para-Equestrian Dressage competition results with detailed scores broken down figure by figure and Judge by Judge.

This change will provide complete and accurate results for all equestrian fans following International Dressage & Para-Equestrian Dressage results, it will also allow us to process advanced statistics and analytics in regards to Dressage & Para-Equestrian Dressage competitions and will be used to improve education for FEI Dressage & Para-Equestrian Dressage Judges throughout their careers.

It will be possible to upload these detailed results in a XML format directly to the FEI Database or manually enter these results on a specially designed online dressage results interface.

We strongly encourage the use of XML results and we are pleased to provide you with the XSD documentation and XML examples to help put this new process in place. You can find all necessary information by clicking [here](#).

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us at: usersupport@fei.org.

MULTI-SPORTS

Reminder to FEI Stewards - Nosebands

FEI Stewards of all disciplines are reminded to pay particular attention to ensure that nosebands are not overtightened. It must be possible to place at least one finger between the horse's cheek and the noseband.

Nosebands must never be used in such a way that they interfere with a horse's breathing.

Particular attention must also be paid to ensure that horses' boots are not overtightened.

*The FEI UPDATE and supporting documents are available on the **FEI UPDATE Library** on the FEI website.*