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<b>Committee report</b>	
<b>Pt.</b>	<b>Subject</b>
	<b>REPORT OF THE FEI EVENTING COMMITTEE</b>
	<p><b>COMMITTEE MEETINGS</b></p> <p>The Eventing Committee met three times in person in 2017. All three meetings took place in Lausanne (SUI) at the FEI HQ.</p> <p>The first meeting took place on 15-17 March 2017 and the main issues discussed were the Olympic Format and technical Rules for the IOC Agenda 2020, 2018 Rules Revision proposals, review of the current scoring system, action plan following the Risk Management Steering Group proposals and review of trends, educational courses and FEI Campus. A preparatory Conference Call preceded the in person meeting in order to mainly review the recommendations following the Eventing Risk Management Summit and appointment of officials for Games.</p> <p>The second meeting was organised on 27-28 June 2017 in Lausanne (SUI), to finalize the 2018 and 2019 Rules Revision proposals for the 1<sup>st</sup> draft to be sent to NFs for review. The Olympic Games 2020 Format, Education, review of Guidelines for appointment of Officials for Championships and Risk Management follow-up was also on the agenda for discussion.</p> <p>The third in person meeting took place in Lausanne (SUI), 09-10 October 2017, also preceded by a preparatory Conference Call, mainly focusing on reviewing the feedback from NFs on the Eventing Rules Revision proposals. The Committee also finalized the proposal for the 2020 Olympic Games Eventing Qualification Procedure taking into account the comments received from the National Federations.</p>
<b>1.</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>2018 RULES REVISION: (refer to GA Annex 18.3)</b></p> <p>The 2018 Eventing Rules have been carefully reviewed and it is suggested to split the implementation of the changes having a heavy impact on administration (event categorization) between 2018 and 2019.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Future of Eventing:</b></p> <p>The Eventing Committee will continue discussion of other new proposals for the future of the sport to be presented at the 2018 GA – Proposals include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review of the scoring system ` Positive scoring system</li> <li>- Shortening of the Dressage tests</li> <li>- Review of qualification criteria for the horse taking into account different parameter developed by EquiRatings.</li> </ul> <p>Review will take into account also the findings of the FEI Eventing Risk Management Steering Group.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>FEI EVENTING RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY AND ACTION PLAN 2017 AND DATA REVIEW 2016:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The ongoing primary commitment of the FEI Eventing Committee is to ensure that <b>the FEI Risk Management Policy and Action plan</b> is endorsed and implemented by all involved in the Sport with the support and dynamic involvement of National</li> </ol>

Federations, National Safety Officers, Athletes, Officials, Organisers, Owners and Sponsors.

2. The **FEI Eventing Risk Management Summit** was organised in Tattersalls (IRL) in February 2017 on invitation. A total of 82 participants from 22 countries, including the world leading Course Designers, Technical Delegates, Top Judges, National Safety Officers, Athletes, EquiRatings, and representatives involved in the development of Eventing Technical improvements attended. The recommendations were brought forward to the Eventing Risk Management Steering Group.
3. The **Eventing Risk Management Steering Group** met further to the Summit and the following recommendations were put forward to the Eventing Committee and included the contracting of EquiRatings to use the ERQI (EquiRatings Quality Index), the target to reduce the horse falls at 4 Star level by 40 % to attain by end 2018, 4%, the collection of horse fall videos for review, the use of FEI certified frangible devices releasing from horizontal force on all open rails, gates, oxers and oser corners is strongly recommended for all national and international events, etc.
4. **EquiRatings** Confirmation of the necessity to work in partnership with EquiRatings to develop competition qualification index based on past results predictability as risk indicator (ERQI: EquiRatings Quality Index).

#### **FEI Eventing Risk Management Action Plan follow up**

##### **1. Eventing Statistics:**

The annual statistics were now based on a 10 year period of time.

- The figures showed that the sport was growing, the number of competitions have increased from 619 in 2014 to 671 in 2016 (+8.4 %). The number of starters passing from 19'210 in 2014 to 19'921 in 2016 (+3.7 %)
- Falls are examined as a percentage of starters. Overall percentage of falls (5.34 %) has decreased in 2016 compared to 2015 (5.60 %). The distribution of falls per competition format showed an established trend with a higher percentage of falls in CCIs 5.97 % and 5.05 % for CICs.
- From the 1'064 falls reported in 2016, 1'002 falls were with no injuries, 36 with slight injuries and 26 with "serious/fatal injuries. The quality of data and the recording of injuries has improved over the last years through the compulsory examination by the Chief Medical Officer of all athletes after a fall.
- The 2016 figures show a decrease of the percentage of unseated riders, horse falls have also slightly decreased from 1.41 % in 2015 to 1.40 % in 2016.
- Relating the risk of an injury to the number of fences jumped in 2016 shows a risk of a serious injury every 17'436 fences jumped.

##### **2. National Federation involvement:**

1. The annual NSO Seminar was held in Tattersalls (IRL) together with the Summit. The goal was achieved by enhancing the exchange of information for all participants with the interaction of high level of discussions.
2. The National Statistics were collected every year and enabled to compare the countries between them as well as with the International figures. A lower rate of falls at National levels as opposed to the equivalent International level could

	<p>be due to national competitions being too soft and not of the corresponding FEI level.</p> <p>3. The NSO Seminar needed to take place on even years to alternate with RM Summit on uneven years.</p> <p>The next NSO Seminar will be held in Lausanne from 27 – 28 January 2018.</p>
	<p><b>Eventing Risk Management Steering Group</b></p> <p>Further to the Risk Management Summit the following recommendations as an extension to the structure of the existing FEI Eventing Risk management Action Plan were put forward to be reviewed by Eventing Committee:</p> <p>Preventive measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Confirmation of contracting EquiRatings to use the Predictability of risk indicator based on previous results (ERQI:EquiRatings quality index).</li> <li>2. Target to reduce of the percentage of horse falls on starters at 4 Star level by 40 % to attain 4 % by the end of 2018.</li> <li>3. Collection of horse fall videos for review for better understanding</li> <li>4. Technical Delegate to report by end of week-end any concussion or injury to horse /athletes/ pictures of the fence and any information related to specific tack. FEI will inform and follow-up with the Athletes NF.</li> <li>5. Rider Representative Communication protocol to be updated.</li> <li>6. Course Advisor programme to be implemented as of 2018 for all 4 star and Championships, with a recommendation for other levels</li> <li>7. Cross Country course design guidelines to be updated and published.</li> <li>8. Specific proposals related to Officials Education and topics – including the creation of a restricted Officials Web-based forum portal.</li> <li>9. Specific Cross Country coaching guidelines to be created.</li> <li>10. NSO meeting to take place on even years to alternate with RM Summit on uneven years</li> <li>11. FEI International Safety Officer function to be carried out by the RM Steering Group</li> <li>12. Investigation Committee to act as accident review panel in case of a fatal accident.</li> </ol> <p>Protective measures</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A phased introduction of mandatory certified frangible technology to be implemented as of 1 January 2018.</li> <li>2. Front pins to be phased out.</li> <li>3. Development of new frangible technologies to be encouraged at National Level.</li> <li>4. Video guidelines on the use of frangible devices to be made publicly available.</li> <li>5. Medical measures: National Federations to implement a concussion and return to play plan.</li> <li>6. Tack and bit review</li> </ol> <p>Information/Communication</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Communication and distribution of information to be improved and encouraged through all possible means</li> <li>2. Cross Country fence judge application to be made available worldwide.</li> <li>3. Specific recommendations on Cross Country fence design to be communicated to all Officials and National Federations.</li> </ol>

	<p>The Risk Management Steering Group members include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David O'Connor (USA)</li> <li>• Mike Etherington-Smith (GBR)</li> <li>• Daisy Berkeley (GBR)</li> <li>• Rob Stevenson (CAN)</li> <li>• Geoff Sinclair (AUS)</li> <li>• Staffan Lidbeck (SWE)</li> <li>• Laurent Bousquet (FRA)</li> <li>• Philine Ganders-Meyer (GER)</li> </ul>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>EVENTING SERIES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a. FEI CLASSICS</b></li> <li><b>b. FEI NATIONS CUP - EVENTING</b></li> <li><b>c. FEI EVENTING RIDER RANKINGS</b></li> <li><b>d. OTHER SERIES APPROVED BY THE FEI</b></li> </ul> <p><b>a. FEI Classics:</b> The 2016-2017 Season was completed very successfully at the Burghley Horse Trials (GBR) this year. Michael Jung (GER) won the overall Series. The FEI reduced its support to the broadcasting production and award prize money to the three best Athletes for the 2016/2017 season. The FEI named Series will not continue in 2017/2018.</p> <p><b>b. FEI Eventing Nation's Cup Series:</b> This Series continues to develop and receives a strong support from the Nations involved in Eventing. In 2017, 18 teams competed in 9 events, and the final classification was decided at the last event in Boekelo (NED) with Germany winning the overall Series. In 2018, further to a formal bidding process, 9 Events will be held in Europe and in Northern America.</p> <p><b>c. FEI World Eventing Athlete Rankings:</b> The rider rankings will continue, based on the current rules for 2017.</p> <p><b>d. Other Series approved by the FEI:</b></p> <p><b>Event Rider Masters</b> The 2017 Event Rider Masters Series included 7 Events with an overall prize money of 400'000£. 146 Athletes from 22 Nationalities competed in the 7 legs, organized in 3 countries – France, Germany and Great Britain. Gemma Tattersalls (GBR) won the 2017 Event Rider Masters Series. The Series aim to run between 8 and 9 legs in 2018 with Events taking place in Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain and USA.</p> <p><b>Tristar Grand Slam</b> The Grand Slam has not been won in 2016 and 2017 but will be replicated in 2018 with 50'000£ awarded to the Athlete winning three out of four CIC3* held in Great Britain.</p> <p><b>Africa Eventing Cup</b> The Africa Eventing Cup was completed successfully in 2016 with the last Event taking place in December. The Federations involved (Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa and Namibia) wish to pursue the Series in 2018 but the format, rules and Calendar still need to be defined. No prizemoney is included for this series, FEI Rosettes are awarded.</p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>EDUCATION OF OFFICIALS</b> The following Education Programs for Officials are ongoing in Eventing</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Global Education Programme Eventing</li> <li>2. Overall Course Directors Conformity seminar</li> <li>3. Regular training courses for all three categories of Eventing Officials</li> </ol>

4. Education program of Stewards

1. The **Global Education Program (GEP)** has been a complement to the regular education program for Eventing Officials establish to back the major structural changes of the vision and culture of the sport. 2017 sees the end of this successful program, as the funds have come to an end.

The GEP program was launched by Eventing Committee together with International Eventing Officials Club (IEOC) in 2009 to focus on enhancing the education of Officials in developing/smaller nations: shadow Judging, exchange of Officials per continent, mentoring scheme. In 2010 it included the Steward scheme, and the Course Designer Workshop. In 2013, a National Scheme was added, to achieve the objective of increasing the number of overall competent Officials worldwide. The system included an ongoing evaluation and external verification of procedures.

From 2018, support to Education will take another format, under the "Officials Education Funds" to be approved at the GA.

**Number of Participants through the years**

	First Cycle				Second Cycle				
	2009*	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Number of Applications	32	78+25 stewards	70	99	73	120	122	87	92
Eligible Candidates	13	49	53	65	54	56	58	61	57
Total Candidates	10	47	45	51	48	49	57	58	51

**2017**

Number of participants per pillar:

Shadow officiating	Exchange of Officials	CD workshop	Steward Scheme	National Scheme
2	23	7	12	7

Split by functions:

<b>National Judges</b>	4	<b>National TDs</b>	3
<b>1&amp;2 star Judges</b>	18	<b>1&amp;2 star TDs</b>	6
<b>3&amp;4 star Judges</b>	1	<b>3&amp;4 star TDs</b>	-
<b>National CDs</b>	5	<b>National Stewards</b>	3
<b>1&amp;2 star CDs</b>	2	<b>Level 1 stewards</b>	9
<b>3&amp;4 star CDs</b>	-	<b>Level 2 stewards</b>	-
		<b>Level 3 Stewards</b>	-

2. The annual **conformity seminar** for overall Course Directors did not take place in 2017 and was postponed to 2018.
3. Regular **Officials course Programme** – for Judges/Technical Delegates/Course Designers– 7 courses were organized in 2017, in ARG, AUS, FRA, GBR, POL (double class) and USA. One workshop dedicated to Course Designers also took place in Strzegom (POL) organised through the Global Education Programme.  
3 national courses, under FEI's patronage, were organised in ARG, IND and AUS.

	<p>4. <b>Eventing Stewards</b> Education: 5 courses were organised in 2017, BLR, GER, POL, THA, and USA</p> <p>5. In 2018, 6 courses for Judges, TDs and CDs are planned to be organised in: BLR, GBR, GER, IND, NZL and POL. The committee is open to additional request/s to host additional clinic.</p> <p>A top level Dressage Judges course will be organised in Warendorf (GER) in the beginning of the year to line up the judging parameters for this test.</p> <p>3 additional courses specially dedicated to Stewards will be organised in GBR, IND and NZL.</p> <p>The Committee, as the Course Directors, strongly support the use of e-learning tools available through FEI Campus. This revision of the course structure and syllabus will be discussed during the next Conformity Seminar, as there will be a clear split between theoretical (to be learned online) and practical (disseminated at the seminar). The campus will be an invaluable tool to complement Officials education and allow the regular in- person course to focus on the interactive sessions.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Eventing DEVELOPMENT Program</b></p> <p>The Eventing Committee have for many years supported a Development Officers system. The concept was initially developed by Eventing and subsequently taken over by the FEI Solidarity department which enabled it to become more structured. The program has been very successful and has been financially supported by the IOC</p> <p>After ECU in 2016, the Equestrian Sport Educative Events were held in BLR, HON, PAN and NAM in 2017.</p> <p>This tool made to help developing NFs to grow and manage the FEI disciplines at a NATIONAL level in a sustainable manner is quite successful. It will count as a FEI level 1 course if officials attend 3 of these courses.</p> <p>The Eventing Global Education Programme also included national officials of less experienced countries (COL, CRC, EST, IND, NAM, URU, VEN, and ZAM) in 2017, offering them shadow officiating opportunities, or dedicated training.</p> <p>The African Eventing Series, which started in 2016, ran in 2017; the format might change for 2018, but it confirms that it is a great encouragement for Eventing in the Region.</p> <p>The format of the Eventing program will change to focus on the coaching more than Course Design and organization of events to reinforce the competence of the competitors.</p>