
FEI Veterinary Committee 2017

FEI Veterinary Regulations Full revision.

The Veterinary Department with support of the Veterinary Committee has done a rewrite of the FEI Veterinary Regulations that is put forward to the General Assembly for approval. The objectives of the rewrite are:

- Remove information and focus on regulation
- Clarifications
- Remove contradictions
- Logical organisation
- More user-friendly
- Harmonisation with the Sports Disciplines

FEI Veterinary Official's Education

The Veterinary Department has during the year successfully reformed the FEI Veterinary Officials Education.

- A course application and administration system has been implemented.
- Course Directors have been selected, trained and supported.
- The course content has been revised.

Work is ongoing to harmonize the FEI Endurance Veterinary Officials and FEI Endurance Treating Veterinary Officials career and education with that of all other FEI Veterinary Officials.

Workshops for temporary international movement of competition horses

The Veterinary Department with support of the Chair has together with the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) and OIE planned for five IHSC-OIE Regional Workshops for facilitation of temporary international movement of competition horses. The Workshops in Johannesburg in July and Guatemala City in October were very successful with participation of National Head Veterinarians, National Veterinary Authorities and also from customs representatives. The remaining Workshops will take place in Montevideo in November, Beijing in February 2018 and Azerbaijan in June 2018. The workshops aim to produce regional roadmaps with key actions for the participating countries.

National Head Veterinarians (NVH's)

The Veterinary Department with financial support of the Solidarity Department organises meetings with regional NHV's on the day before the above mentioned Workshops. At these meetings the NHV's are updated on regulations and their role in the Global EADCMP. The current situation for equine health situation and horse movement are also thoroughly analysed.

Injuries Surveillance System

The Global Endurance Injury Surveillance System (GEIS) has delivered important data that supports longer mandatory rest periods and actions to lower speeds in Endurance. The Veterinary Department and GEIS has also collaborated with Professor Chris Whitton, AUS on bone fatigue. His contribution has been very important for the understanding and prevention of fractures in Endurance horses.

A new 2 year agreement has been signed with the University of Glasgow to continue the GEIS studies in Endurance and to develop a similar system for Eventing.

Post Mortem Exams

Together with leading pathologists the Veterinary Department has developed a new and comprehensive protocol for Post Mortem Exams.

Limb Sensitivity

During 2017, three new Examining Veterinarians have been educated, one in Europe and two in Latin America. Examining has been carried out on 3*-5* level. The number of competitions tested has increased with more than 50%.

Clean Sport

The Veterinary Department has successfully rolled out a quality test for the FEI approved Laboratories. All laboratories has participated with excellent results.

Equine Prohibited Substance List

The Veterinary Department together with the Legal Department and the Chair are starting a project to fully review the Banned Substance List. The review group consists of World leading experts within Sport horse medications and pharmacology. The results will be presented for the FEI List Group in April 2018.

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