

Committee name	FEI Dressage Technical Committee
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Committee Report	
Pt.	Subject
1	<u>WEG Tryon:</u> Despite the difficult conditions the Grand Prix and the Grand Prix special test offered great sport. The necessary qualifications for the Olympic Games were done and the decision to cancel the Freestyle test was disappointing but understandable. The FEI officials did a great job.
2	<u>Stakeholders:</u> Representative of the official stakeholder groups were invited to a DC meeting in April to discuss pending issues. It showed again that these kinds of meetings are important to have a good communication with these groups. Another meeting, organised by the Global Dressage Forum in Aachen in July was also held successfully. Riders, trainers and Officials were invited to the meeting and discussed actual issues in Dressage, mainly related to development of communication in sport, the proposals of the Dressage Judging working group, and presentations of the various stakeholders group invited.
3	<u>Education:</u> The implementation of the Education Recommendations is advancing well. The Job Descriptions and Checklists for all Dressage Officials have been finalized by the Dressage Technical Committee and Working Group and have been submitted to the Education/Legal department for review. Once these have been approved, they can be integrated into the Education System. Pending this approval, the Dressage Education working Group has submitted an Education System proposal which will also include the integration of an Online Foundation Course for Officials and the NF recommendation upon entering first FEI level. All current Dressage course material has been categorized and will be formatted with current FEI branding. The approved Job Descriptions and Checklists will be integrated into the course content along with any other content updates deemed necessary according to the 2019 Syllabus to be finalized by the first courses in 2019.
4	<u>Olympic format:</u> As it is necessary to test the new format before the Olympic Games in Tokyo it is agreed with the Organizers of the CDI in Hagen to use the new format at their event in June 2019; possibly a second test will be scheduled if needed.

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5	<u>Nations Cup</u> : The Nations Cup rules are presented to the FEI Bureau for approval, there are no real changes but only an update of dates. It is the goal of the DC to start the discussion about the future of this series with a group of representatives from NFs, OCs and Athletes.
6	<u>World Cup</u> : The FEI Dressage Committee discussed the current format of the World Cup series and a meeting with the Organisers of the WEL was organised. The most important issue is the goal to make the first test (GP) more attractive. A first test will be done during the coming CDI-W event in Olympia London with a shorter format for the Grand Prix test. The Freestyle competition format will not be changed. At the same time the DC is working on a general strategy for the format of the World Cup series and bidding process.
7	<u>Dressage online competitions</u> : The DC discussed the new phenomenon where some organisations are offering an online competition with video judging. Athletes send in their test and they are judged and ranked by (inter)national judges. Some (retired) FEI officials were involved. These events are considered as unsanctioned events and it should not be allowed for FEI officials to judge these "events". Legal department and the Bureau decided that these competitions are not fulfilling the FEI criteria.
8	<u>World Ranking List</u> : The DC decided to introduce a system regarding maternity leave as used successfully in Jumping since many years.
9	<u>FEI Stewards Manual Dressage</u> : In 2016 an update to the text of Annex XIII was developed and approved by the Dressage Technical Committee but has not yet been published as it needs an animation to go with it. This animation is now in final stages of development and will be added to the text and both will be published in the Manual shortly. The noseband measuring protocol is under review following recent updates in research.