

Committee name	FEI Para Equestrian Technical Committee
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Committee Report	
Pt.	Subject
1	<p><b>World Equestrian Games</b></p> <p>The 2018 World Equestrian Games held in Tryon, USA saw a very high-quality competition with many combinations scoring 70% plus tests. The new championships format; first used in the European championships in 2017 was again used in these Games. Athletes rode the individual test first, to determine the individual medals. This was followed by only team athletes riding the team test to determine the team medals. Then the top eight athletes from each grade progressed on to a very exciting freestyle. This format is easier for spectators and media to understand and makes for a thrilling competition. A new development introduced to add to the spectator experience saw Athletes craft their own background music for the team test.</p> <p>This was the most open championships since the sport joined the FEI, with eleven nations taking home medals; four if those nations were from outside Europe, with the USA and Japan taking medals for the first time.</p>
2	<p><b>Officials</b></p> <p><b>2.1 Officials Working Group:</b> First introduced in 2017, this working group has been extremely busy with a number of initiatives. The Judges education system has been updated and revised, along with undertaking a review of the courses and associated materials that are used for education. Job descriptions and check lists have been developed for all official roles within the discipline.</p> <p><b>2.2 Judge General:</b> The committee have appointed 5* Judge Marco Orsini (GER) to the role of Judge General to provide leadership and focus to developing judging within the sport going forward. Marco has been instrumental in developing the directives for marking of the tests, introduced in the last year.</p> <p><b>2.3 Changes to officials at competition:</b> In 2017 the committee reviewed the number of officials required for competitions, in an attempt to make shows more cost effective for organisers. These changes were implemented in 2018 for the first time. The removal of Technical Delegates from all shows other than championships has been successful. The introduction of OC's being able to decide on whether to invite classifiers and hold classification has proved more challenging to implement, leading to athletes not being able to source classification and review in a timely way; thus, it is proposed to reintroduce classification at all CPEDI's in 2019.</p>

3	<p><b>Classification</b></p> <p>The classification working group (CWG) has continued to work on a number of extensive projects.</p> <p><b>3.1 Research Project:</b> The University of Central Lancashire and Hartpury University have been appointed to lead the research project on classification. This research is required by IPC to ensure our sport's classification system is evidence based. Initial work has been done to gain background on performance measures for dressage and measures of impairment. Views of athletes, coaches and other stakeholders were gained through questionnaires and interviews held at a competition in July. Recently, a new reference group has been established to provide input to the research process. It consists of a number of stakeholder groups including athletes, a coach, classifier, team manager and judge.</p> <p><b>3.2 Classification Rules:</b> As required by the IPC, the previous classification manual has now been adopted fully as rules and has been in place throughout 2018.</p>
4	<p><b>Sports Development</b></p> <p><b>4.1 Fixtures:</b> Once the final two competitions of the year are concluded, 2018 will have had 27 CPEDI's. This is a 59% increase on the previous year. The calendar for 2019 shows a further increase in fixtures with 31 shows currently listed.</p> <p><b>4.2 Youth Working Group:</b> A number of ideas have been explored by this group and it is planned to discuss these further with all stakeholders at the 2019 Para Forum. The venue for the Forum is shortly to be announced and the focus for the event will include continued discussions on sports development, with an emphasis on youth and developing new participants.</p>
5	<p><b>International Paralympic Committee (IPC)</b></p> <p>Following efforts from the FEI to get equestrian representatives to sit on IPC committees, Janice Shardlow (GBR) has recently been appointed to the Anti-Doping Committee of the IPC.</p>
6	<p><b>Committee Business</b></p> <p>It is with great appreciation of her contribution that we say farewell to our athlete representative Laurentia Tan (SGP). Her input and contribution has been outstanding. The committee welcomes Angelika Trabert (GER) as the new athlete representative. With such extensive experience of para dressage sport, Angelika will provide excellent insight from an athlete perspective and help to shape the future of the sport.</p> <p>Huge thanks also go to outgoing committee member Marco Orsini (GER), who we are delighted remains involved in various working groups and initiatives.</p>