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Committee Report	
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	REPORT OF THE FEI EVENTING COMMITTEE
	<p>COMMITTEE MEETINGS</p> <p>The Eventing Committee met twice in person and on time over a conference call in 2018. Both meetings took place in Lausanne (SUI) at the FEI HQ and were mostly dedicated to the 2019 revision of the Eventing Rules including the review of the 50 penalties rule for missing a flag and the strengthening of sanctions for abuse of horse.</p> <p>The first meeting took place on 23-24 March 2018 and the main issues on the agenda were the Olympic Format and technical rules for the IOC Agenda 2020 as well as the 2019 Rules Revision. The action plan recommendations provided by the Risk Management Steering Group following the January meetings (see Risk Management section below) was approved. In addition the Conformity Seminar report and the development of the FEI Campus platform were also reviewed. A conference call also took place on 18 May 2018 and was dedicated to reviewing the 2019 rule proposals before the first submission to the National Federation on July 2018.</p> <p>A second meeting was organised on 24-25 September 2018. The main points discussed during the last Eventing Committee meeting were:</p> <p>1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olympic Competition format: Further to the receipt of the National Federations' comments on Olympic competition format, and in addition to the feedback received on the occasion of the Olympic format test Events in Strzegom (POL) and Millstreet (IRL), the Eventing Committee reviewed in particular the substitution activation procedure and the number of penalties to be awarded for non-participation or non-competition of a test and finalized the proposals to be published in view of the 2018 General Assembly. • 2019 Eventing rules proposals: The Eventing Committee reviewed Art. 512.1.3 – Maintenance of status – Age Requirement Judges, Art. 514.2.3 – Other Conflicts – Technical Delegates and Course Designers, Art. 526.4 – Blood on Horses, Art. 527 – Yellow Cards, Art 549.2 – Run out – Missing a Flag, Art. 553.2 – Time faults (Show Jumping)- CCI5*-L requirements – Annex A Dressage • The Eventing Risk Management measures and recommendations were reviewed (details below under sections 4 and 5). • Education: The Global Education Programme report, recommendations of the FEI Officials Working Group, the Official Exchange programme, the Education system, the list of Officials Assessors and new confidential Evaluation form and the FEI Online Education via FEI Campus were reviewed (see below, section 7). • Others: The Olympic Qualifiers for Group C and F/G, the Eventing Series, Appointment of Officials for FEI Eventing Championships, the allocation of the

	2019 Asia Eventing Championship as well as the Youth and future of Eventing were also part of the agenda.
2.	<p>2019 RULES REVISION: (refer to GA Annex 18.3)</p> <p>The 2019 Eventing Rules have been carefully examined and proposals reviewed to take into account the implementation of the modifications of the competition star system voted during the 2017 General Assembly in Montevideo (URU). The modifications include updates to line up with the newly implemented competition level system as well as proposals related to the sanctions relating to welfare of the horse (blood on horses and excessive use of whip), technical review of Cross Country penalties, the age limit for FEI Eventing Officials and a review of bits to be allowed for the Dressage and Cross Country tests.</p>
3.	<p>Future of Eventing:</p> <p>The Eventing Committee are in continuous discussions of other proposals for the future of the sport to be presented next year including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update of the current qualification criteria taking into account EquiRatings® studies on predictability of athlete and horse performance as well as review of statistical data and recommendations from the Risk Management Steering Group. • The review of the approval process and requirements for new cross country frangible devices. • Review of the possibility to better integrate pony competitions within the Eventing competition structure. <p>The review will take into account also the findings of the FEI Eventing Risk Management Steering Group.</p>
4.	<p>FEI EVENTING RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME</p> <p>The FEI Eventing Risk Management Programme including data collection has been ongoing for 18 years. The data collected by the Eventing Department includes fence description forms, fall reports and fence analysis. Every fence from each competition are entered in the database totalling approximately 21'000 fences each year at 700 competitions. These records allowing extract of information, such as which type of fence cause the most incidents. All fall reports are also entered: description of falls, details of injuries to athlete and horse, contributory factors, etc. In addition since 2016, fence analysis information has been collected allowing further analysis on fences causing the highest number of refusals, missed flags, etc. This enables a deeper analysis of fences as well as providing additional information on athletes and horses performances.</p> <p>The data collected is essential in Risk Management and allows the Eventing Committee to take informed decisions for the sport. The workload of the Eventing Department has increased significantly due to the growing number of events as well as the additional implemented reporting and need for deeper and increased analysis and reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since 2007 Events have increased by 62 % (417 events in 2007, 675 in 2017) and by 13.8 % since 2014 (593 events in 2014 to 675 in 2017).

- Until an IT solution is developed the Department manually enters in the database:
 - Fence description forms (technical specifications of each fence)
 - Fall reports (full details of each fall occurring during the event)
 - Fence analysis (additional report since 2016), all faults (refusals, missed flag, falls, etc.) happening at each fence
 - Injury Reporting is also managed manually by receiving from the Technical Delegate the serious injuries information and notifying the Athlete and/or Horse's NFs to allow them to follow-up.

The FEI aims to improve the above processes by allowing the Officials to enter the data directly into the FEI database through the Online Technical Delegate (TD) Report in the future.

The Online Injury Reporting System implemented in 2018 for all disciplines except Eventing will be adapted for the Eventing discipline. This will allow TDs to report online and automatic notifications sent to the NFs.

EVENTING RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY AND ACTION PLAN

1. The ongoing primary commitment of the FEI Eventing Committee is to ensure that **the FEI Risk Management Policy and Action plan** is endorsed and implemented by all involved in the Sport with the support and dynamic involvement of National Federations, National Safety Officers, Athletes, Officials, Organisers, Owners and Sponsors.
2. The **FEI Eventing Risk Management (NSO) Seminar** was organised in Lausanne (SUI) in January 2018. 42 National Safety Officers and NF representatives from 23 countries participated. The main subjects were Officials, Coaches and Athletes' education, cooperation between NFs on Risk Management, Medical suspension by NFs for Concussion, etc.
3. The **FEI Eventing Risk Management Steering Group** met further to the Eventing Risk Management (NSO) Seminar and recommendations were put forward to the Eventing Committee, detailed under point 5 hereunder.
4. **EquiRatings®**
Continued work in partnership with EquiRatings® to develop competition qualification index based on past results predictability as risk indicator (ERQI: EquiRatings® Quality Index) as well as reports and analysis of data for decision making support to the Eventing Committee and Eventing Risk Management Steering Group.

EVENTING RISK MANAGEMENT STATISTICS

- The number of competitions are growing, particularly at one star level with an increase of 22 % and an increase of starters of 15 % over the last 5 years.
- Falls: The total falls are stable (except at the 4 star level where the low number of starters had an influence on the percentage of falls). The horse falls have decreased from 1.59 % in 2013 to 1.38 % in 2017. For horse falls by competition level, the percentage has increased in proportion with the level however, at 4 Star it is higher and the reasons for the exponential increase needs investigation. The number of rotational falls is very small, the percentage has dropped over the last 10 years from 0.30 % in 2008 to 0.17 % in 2017. The falls by rider category shows that the more experienced athletes fall less. The high rate of falls of the non-categorized

	<p>athletes at 3 Star level is an area of concern, which needs more investigation to understand if this is a trend over several years.</p>
5.	<p>Eventing Risk Management Steering Group</p> <p>Further to the Risk Management (NSO) Seminar and Risk Management Steering Group Meeting in January 2018, the following points have been reviewed by the Eventing Committee. The majority had been implemented, certain points were still ongoing such as the update of the Risk Management Policy and Action Plan, Education of Officials, Education of riders, Frangible devices.</p> <p>PREVENTIVE MEASURES:</p> <p>Data collection and reporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • list of additional reports for further data mining of the data collected • redefinition of "Serious injury" to clearly classify separately athletes with minor injuries going for observation in hospital • 2 additions to the fields of the fence description form: for each fence if "brush" is used and "was the intended line jumped on an angle" • review/improvement the Fall Report to include proposals and experience from national data collection • Update of the Eventing Risk Management Policy and Action Plan (current version February 2014) including latest evolution and experiences • Course Advisors: mentor procedure for Course Designers designing their first CCI3*/CCI4* for support and advice for the Cross Country. • Update of the Cross Country Course Design Guidelines: Roll top fences with roof, measurement and reshape of front shoulder of spread fences. Inclusion of "adapted" ground lines to be further explored • Education of Officials: Consideration of Annual continuing education through E-Learning, screening of candidates prior to a Course, Licensing of Officials, Debriefing after XC at CCIs, Continuation of Exchange of Officials program (GEP concept) Education of Officials in regard to rules on frangible devices • Education of riders: production of Cross Country Coaching guidelines, Coaching program, Awareness Programme for athletes' at their First International competition, Risk management meeting before One Star competitions • Qualification for Cross Country with Dressage & Jumping test MER: For One and Two Star competitions, FEI results to be studied to evaluate the effects. <p>PROTECTIVE MEASURES :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frangible Devices: review of MIM clips on corner fences, High target speed fences should not be fitted with front pins, private funding to be studied to help nations buy frangible devices as well as developing new technologies • Medical: Fitness to compete awareness specifically concussion, Medical suspension and Return to play policy <p>INFORMATION – COMMUNICATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEI Safety Officer: confirmation of the role of the FEI Safety Officer fulfilled by the Eventing Risk Management Steering Group to enhance the expertise

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future of RMSG: replacement of members having been elected/nominated for the Eventing Committee • A dedicated FEI Facebook page for National Safety Officers has been created to allow exchange of information and experience. <p>The Risk Management Steering Group members include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geoff Sinclair (AUS) (Chair) • Mike Etherington-Smith (GBR) • Jonathan Holling (USA) • Rob Stevenson (CAN) • Gert Naber (NED) • Staffan Lidbeck (SWE) • Laurent Bousquet (FRA)
6.	<p>EVENTING SERIES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> FEI NATIONS CUP - EVENTING FEI EVENTING RIDER RANKINGS OTHER SERIES APPROVED BY THE FEI
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> FEI Eventing Nation's Cup Series: In 2018, 16 Nations competed in 9 events, and the final classification was decided at the last event in Boekelo (NED) with Great Britain winning the overall Series. The 2020 Olympic competition format was tested during the Nations cup legs of Strzegom (POL) and Millstreet (IRL). In 2019, further to a formal bidding process, 6 or 7 Events will take place in Europe, the minimum prize money for each leg's the Team competition was increased to 5000.-CHF. FEI World Eventing Athlete Rankings: Michael Jung (GER) led the final 2017 FEI Rankings World Athletes Rankings. The 2017 leaders of the Eventing Zone Rankings were: North Western Europe: Michael Jung (GER) South Western Europe: Karin Donckers (BEL) Central and eastern Europe, Central Asia: Albert Khalikov (RUS) North America: Phillip Dutton (USA) Central and South America: Marcelo Tosi (BRA) Africa and Middle East: Victoria Scott (RSA) South East Asia and Oceania: Tim Price (NZL) The Committee will be reviewing the Ranking point system to relate the number of starters with the points awarded to the riders. Other Series approved by the FEI: Event Rider Masters The 2018 Event Rider Masters Series included 6 Events organized in 4 countries – France, Belgium, Germany and Great Britain, with an overall prize money of 350'000 GBP.

	<p>Christopher Burton (AUS) won the 2018 Event Rider Masters Series. The Series aim to run between 10 legs in 2019 with Events taking place in Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain, Poland and USA.</p> <p>Tristar Grand Slam</p> <p>The Grand Slam has not been won in 2016, 2017 and 2018 but will be replicated in 2019 with 50'000 GBP awarded to the Athlete winning three out of four CIC3* held in Great Britain.</p> <p>Africa Eventing Cup (Lower level Series)</p> <p>The Africa Eventing Cup is running over two years in 2018 and 2019 at CIC1* level in 2018 and Introductory level in 2019. The Federations involved (Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa and Namibia) still need to confirm the Calendar for 2019.</p> <p>Horse Sport Ireland Eventing Challenge (Lower level Series)</p> <p>This Series links 6 different Events in Ireland at two star level and awards points to Athletes placed in the top 3 at each Short or Long format competitions. Kevin McNab (AUS) was awarded 10'000€ at the end of the season and his groom 1000€. This Series aim to run on the same basis in 2019, taking into account 7 Events in Ireland.</p>
7.	<p>EDUCATION OF OFFICIALS</p>
	<p>The following Education Programs for Officials are ongoing in Eventing</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Final Report - Global Education Programme Eventing 2. Official Exchange Programme - Eventing 3. Overall Course Directors Conformity seminar 4. Regular training courses for all three categories of Eventing Officials 5. Education program of Stewards 6. Course Calendar 2019 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Final Report of the Global Education Programme (GEP) has been finalized and published on FEI website. This programme has been a major element in the development of the Eventing Officials' Education for the last 9 years. The introduction of the new overall FEI Officials Exchange Programme for all disciplines will allow the continuation of the Officials' development and encourage the possibility gain of experience abroad. 2. The Officials Exchange Programme in Eventing started officially in June 2018, focusing on Officials spotted by Course Directors at FEI level 2 courses in 2017. 8 Judges and 4 Technical Delegates benefitted from the programme, as well as 5 Eventing stewards during the 2018 Tryon World Equestrian Games. 3. The annual conformity seminar for overall Course Directors took place in in Lausanne in February 2018 and focused on the following topics: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Online Education/FEI Campus b. New themes and structure for courses in 2018 c. Officials Exchange Programme d. Risk Management <p>For 2019, it is planned to have a conformity session including "Teach the Teachers" training part for the Directors, to provide them with tools & techniques to use for their courses.</p>

	<p>4. Regular Officials course Programme – for Judges / Technical Delegates /Course Designers – 7 courses were organized in 2018, in BLR, CAN, FRA, GBR, GER, NZL and POL. 2 national courses, with FEI course Directors were organised in AUS and GER.</p> <p>5. Eventing Stewards Education: 5 courses were organised in 2018, in COL, GBR, FRA, POL, and NZL</p> <p>6. In 2019, 6 courses for Judges, TDs and CDs are planned to be organised in: AUS, IRL, ITA, JPN, POL and URU. Applications from NFs to host additional seminars are welcomed.</p> <p>4 additional courses specially dedicated to Stewards will be organised in AUS, IRL, ITA and POL.</p> <p>The Committee, as well as the Course Directors, strongly support the use of e-learning tools available through FEI Campus. The Foundation Course for Eventing Officials will be launched before year end: this mandatory module will prepare the Officials to their upcoming participation to a national course under FEI’s patronage or a FEI Level 2 course. In 2019, the focus will be on the preparation of a second online module of continuing education for Judges, Technical Delegates and Course Designer. Author Leaders will need to be identified, revision of the course structure and syllabi will be discussed during the next Conformity Seminar.</p>
8.	Eventing DEVELOPMENT Program
	<p>The FEI Solidarity department developed the Equestrian Sport Educative Events (ESEE), focusing on Officials’ Education. 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 counts as a FEI level 1 course if Officials attend 3 of these courses.</p> <p>Seven ESEE were held in 2018, they took place in HON, JAM, NAM, PAN, PER, SLO and ZAM.</p>