

Committee name	FEI Reining Technical Committee
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Committee Report	
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	REPORT OF THE FEI REINING COMMITTEE
1	<p>The highlight of 2018 was the World Equestrian Games. Reining was a sold out event with Athletes representing twenty National Federations. The competition highlighted an amazingly high level of Competition. Despite the weather, the event proceeded very efficiently.</p> <p>The Team Competition resulted in Gold going to the United States, Belgium took Silver and Germany the Bronze Medal</p> <p>In the Individual Competition we witnessed, for the first time in WEG Reining, a rider other than a competitor from the United States win the Gold Medal. Belgian's Bernard Fonck riding What a Wave Scoring a 227 and won the Gold Medal. The Silver and Bronze Medals went to riders from the United States. Dan Huss, competing at his First WEG riding Ms Dreamy, won Silver. 18 year old Cade McCutcheon who was also competing at his first WEG riding Custom Made Gun, won the Bronze Medal.</p>
2	<p>Reining held 105 CRI Events worldwide in 2018.</p> <p>This does not include the Young and Junior European Championships being held in Lyon France in October.</p>
3	<p>As usual, the Technical Committee spent time updating our rules to ensure that the rules of the major stakeholders in the industry are now aligned as well as addressing concerns raised by the National Federations. This makes it easier for our judges, stewards, participants and fans to attend and work at any Reining Competition anywhere in the world.</p>
4	<p>The Committee has spent time on examining on how FEI Reining should look in the future. We currently operate under a MOU with AQHA and the NRHA. As reported in previously it was noted with the existing MOU that there have been areas of non-compliance. The area of direct concern was the existence of numerous 7-yr and older classes that were held but not in conjunction with the FEI. The Horse Welfare and Anti-Doping Testing programs do not completely align with the FEI policies within these areas. Also, as reported in the past, it is not clear if this is the best way forward for FEI Reining. The committee is proposing that we first hold a workshop with our interested National Federations to hear the views and issues of our stakeholders. As a result of that forum FEI Reining would hopefully have a clearer understanding of the desires and issues of the National Federations. It is quite obvious that the current format is not working. The FEI will have to determine which direction they would like to take in regard to the Reining Discipline.</p>

<p>5</p>	<p>The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Bettina and Anna for their hard work and leadership they provide to our committee. Finally this year brings to an end my tenure with the FEI. I have been involved on the Committee for sixteen years. The evolution of the world wide prominence of the FEI, spearheaded initially, by Princess Haya, and capably carried on by the leadership of Ingmar De Vos and Sabrina Ibanez has, for me, been amazing. The Equestrian World is far better of as result of the dedication and vision of these amazing people. I will always treasure the time and people I experienced with the FEI.</p>
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