

## Session 7 – Tuesday, 26 April, 09:00 – 11:00

### FEI Event Standards

**Format:** This session will commence with a presentation on the FEI Event Standards project, which will be informed by the key findings from the consultations conducted, including the stakeholder survey launched in December 2021. An open discussion will follow, focussing on the main subject areas shown to be of priority through the survey results.

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#### The journey so far

This project goes back to the discussions during the Jumping Round Table meeting in Lausanne during the summer of 2019, where it was agreed that stronger requirements are important for improving the overall standard of FEI events, particularly regarding aspects of stabling, security and bio-security.

Steps undertaken since:

1. A mapping exercise considered a comprehensive range of technical and operational event aspects across all disciplines to determine whether requirements are covered by existing FEI rules and what monitoring processes are in place.
2. The results of this mapping exercise were presented to and discussed with the respective FEI Discipline and Technical Committees with the purpose of identifying a prioritised shortlist of aspects to be considered in detail in terms of regulation, guidance and communication/education.
3. A broader consultation was then launched by way of the survey to seek the views of the global equestrian community. This was aimed at better understanding expectations of FEI stakeholders across all aspects of event delivery (54 in total across Stabling, Field of Play, Training, Horse Inspections, Event Facilities & Services, and Classification & Accessibility).

#### Survey results

The survey received 2001 complete responses. An analysis of the results will inform discussion during the FEI Sports Forum 2022.

The first table below shows all 54 event delivery aspects ranked according to the percentage of responders citing their expectations not always being met.

Please note that this is based on all 2001 responses across all stakeholder groups, disciplines, and geographical regions.

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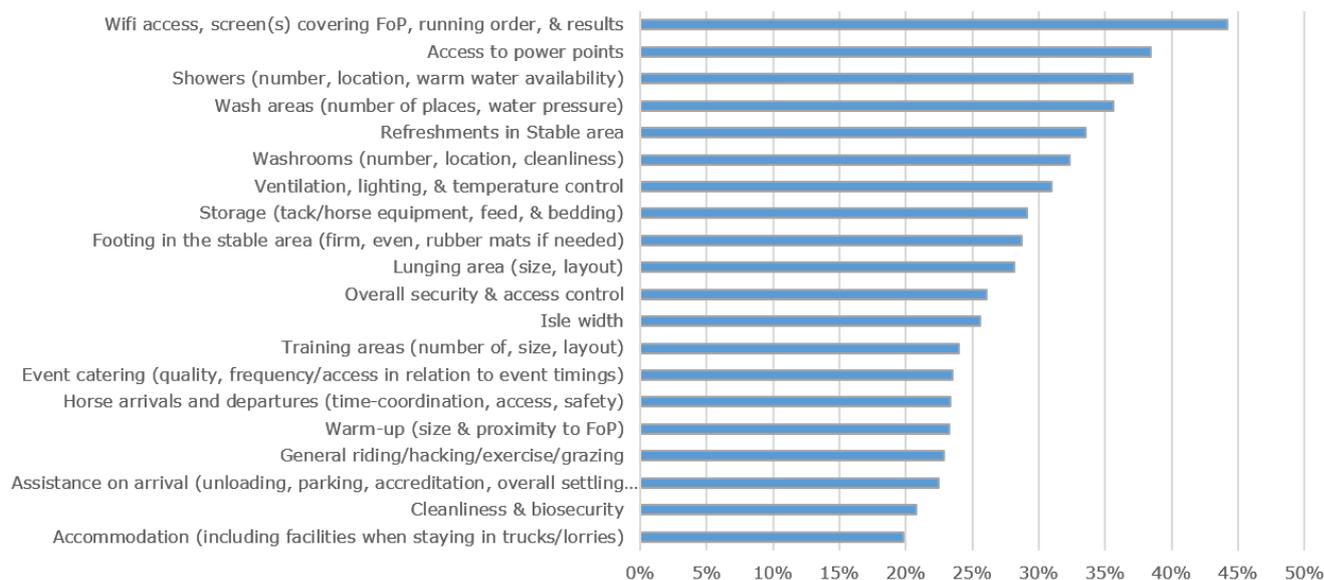
1	Wi-Fi access, screen(s) covering FoP, running order, & results	44.5%
2	Access to power points	35.7%
3	Showers (number, location, warm water availability)	35.4%
4	Wash areas (number of places, water pressure)	32.9%
5	Refreshments in Stable area	32.8%
6	Washrooms (number, location, cleanliness)	31.7%
7	Overall security & access control	30.3%
8	Lunging area (size, layout)	28.6%
9	Ventilation, lighting, & temperature control	28.0%
10	Footing in the stable area (firm, even, rubber mats if needed)	27.6%
11	Horse arrivals and departures (time-coordination, access, safety)	25.9%
12	Storage (tack/horse equipment, feed, & bedding)	25.6%
13	Event catering (quality, frequency/access in relation to event timings)	25.5%
14	Isle width	24.8%
15	Cleanliness & biosecurity	24.1%
16	General riding/hacking/exercise/grazing	22.2%
17	Assistance on arrival (unloading, parking, accreditation, overall settling in)	22.2%
18	Training areas (number of, size, layout)	21.9%
19	Warm-up (size & proximity to FoP)	21.5%
20	Wheelchair accessibility	20.8%
21	Footing (training areas, lunging areas)	19.9%
22	Accommodation (including facilities when staying in trucks/lorries)	19.6%
23	Random/planned controls of stables in the night by a Steward or someone else	19.5%
24	Transport/Shuttles	19.5%
25	Footing in FoP & warm-up (including maintenance)	18.3%
26	Access to drinking water	17.8%
27	Fire precautions & emergency procedures	17.1%
28	Mounting blocks & ramps (number of, structure)	17.0%
29	Location, layout, & transit to all equine areas	16.4%
30	Supply of feed, forage, bedding, & ice	16.3%
31	Management/placement of stallion's boxes	16.3%
32	Muck removal	16.2%
33	Isolation stables	16.1%
34	Training timetables	15.6%
35	Footing/surface of the inspection area	14.6%
36	FoP familiarisation opportunities	14.5%
37	Safe & unimpeded access to all equine areas	14.3%
38	Height of stable walls	13.2%
39	Inspection area (size, layout)	13.1%
40	Pathways management and safety	13.1%
41	Officials' facilities (tower/huts, etc.)	11.8%
42	Arena size & buffer/surround zone	10.4%
43	Final holding/collecting area (consider recovery, vetting, hold areas for Endur.)	10.4%
44	Access to horse ambulance, human ambulance, trauma doctor (FoP)	10.1%
45	Classification area (safety, privacy)	10.0%
46	Safe & unimpeded access to all equine areas	9.4%
47	Lighting (on course night loops lighting for Endurance)	9.4%
48	Technical office facilities	9.0%
49	Fencing around the FoP	8.3%
50	Equipment availability (for e.g. obstacle materials)	8.3%
51	Access to horse ambulance, human ambulance, trauma doctor (Training)	8.1%
52	Obstacles & associated equipment	7.8%
53	Arena decoration	7.3%
54	Start/finish, cross country control, marathon control, other on-course facilities	6.1%



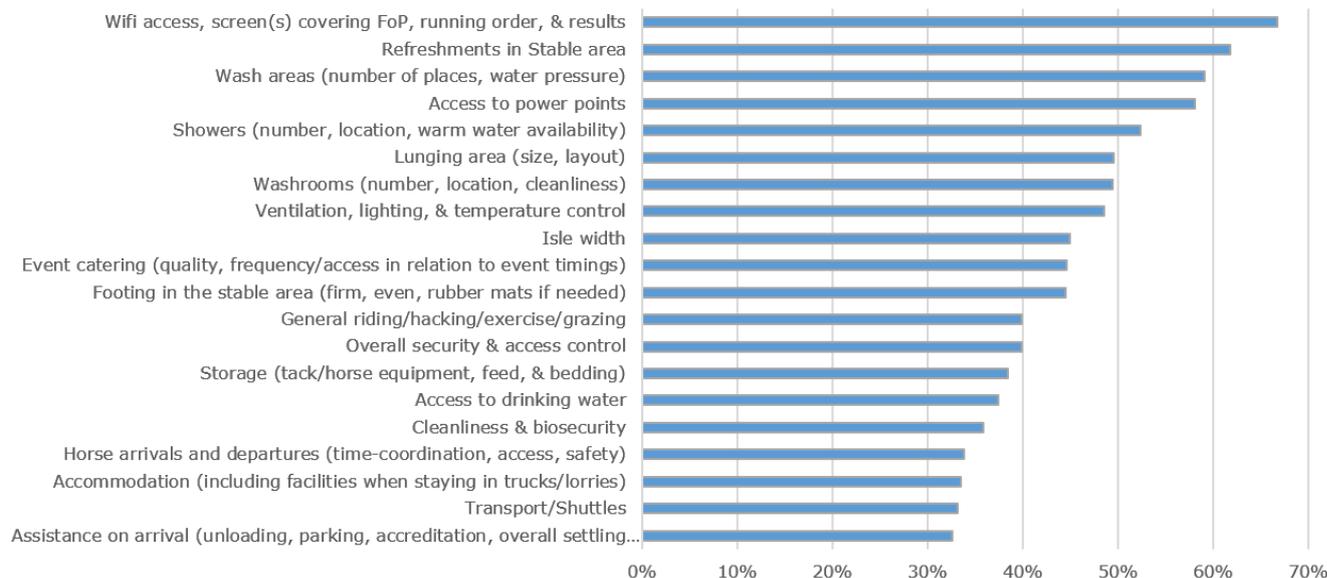
The survey analysis showed that priorities differ between stakeholder groups as well as across disciplines. Accordingly, presented below are a series of graphs that highlight the 'Top 20' event aspects identified as areas of concern by specific stakeholder groups, and by specific disciplines.

## Top 20 event aspects as identified by different stakeholder groups:

**Athletes and Horse Owners** (across all disciplines; 975 out of 2001 responses):

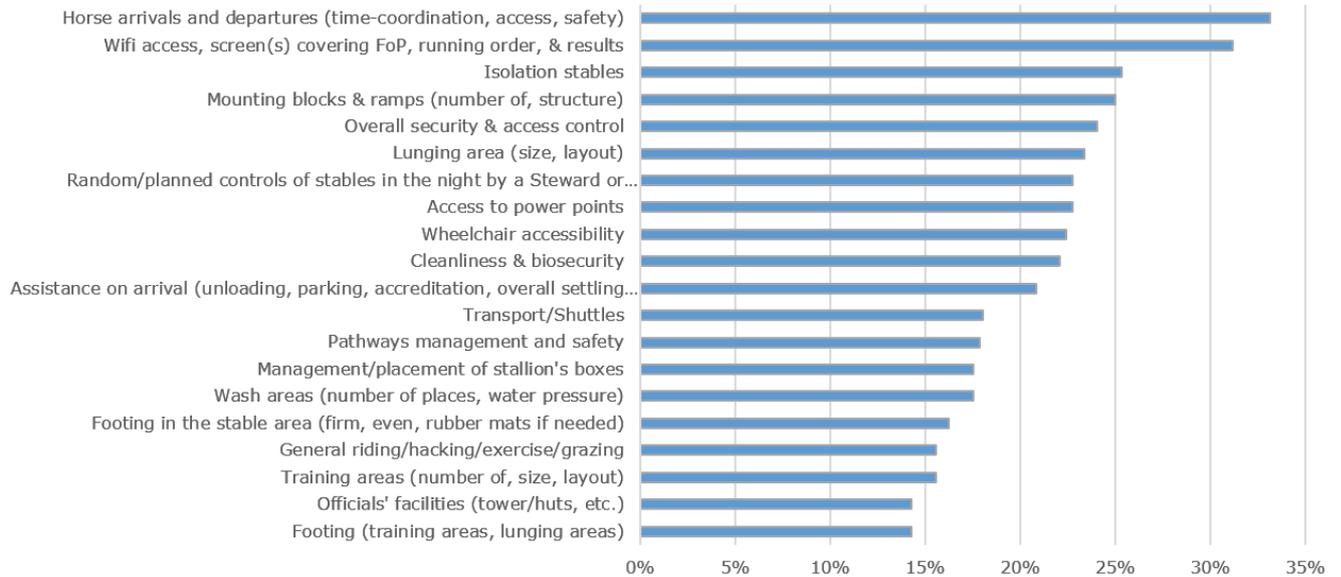


**Grooms** (across all disciplines; 192 out of 2001 responses):

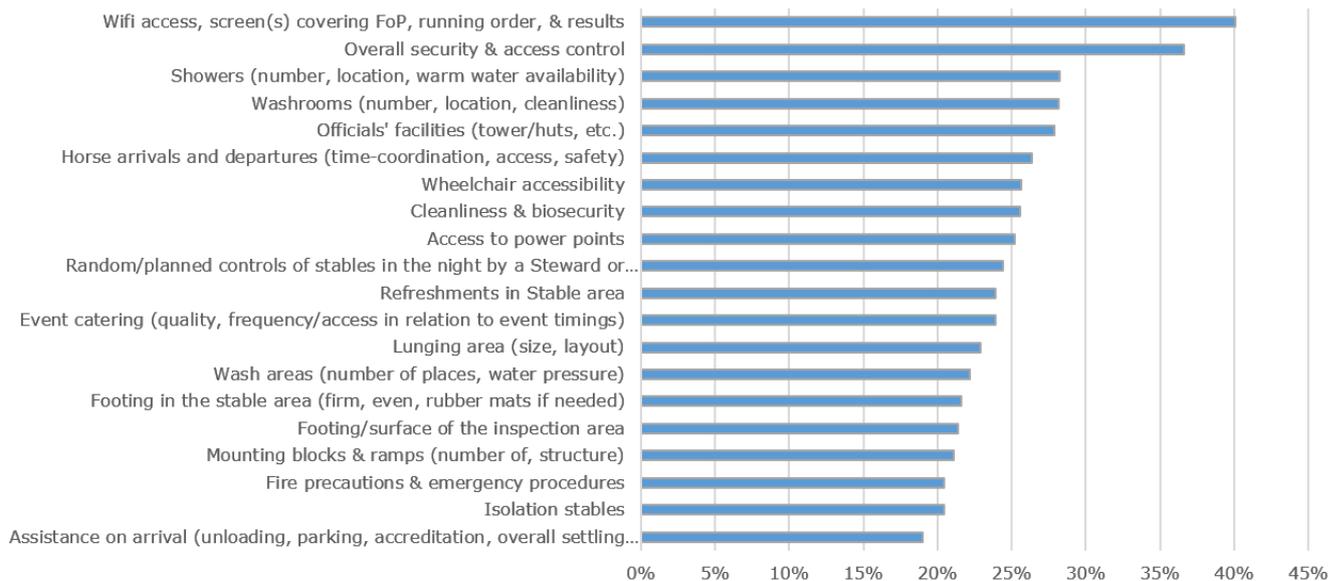




**Event Organisers** (across all disciplines; 153 out of 2001 responses) identified the following Top 20 event aspects that they face issues with delivery at events:

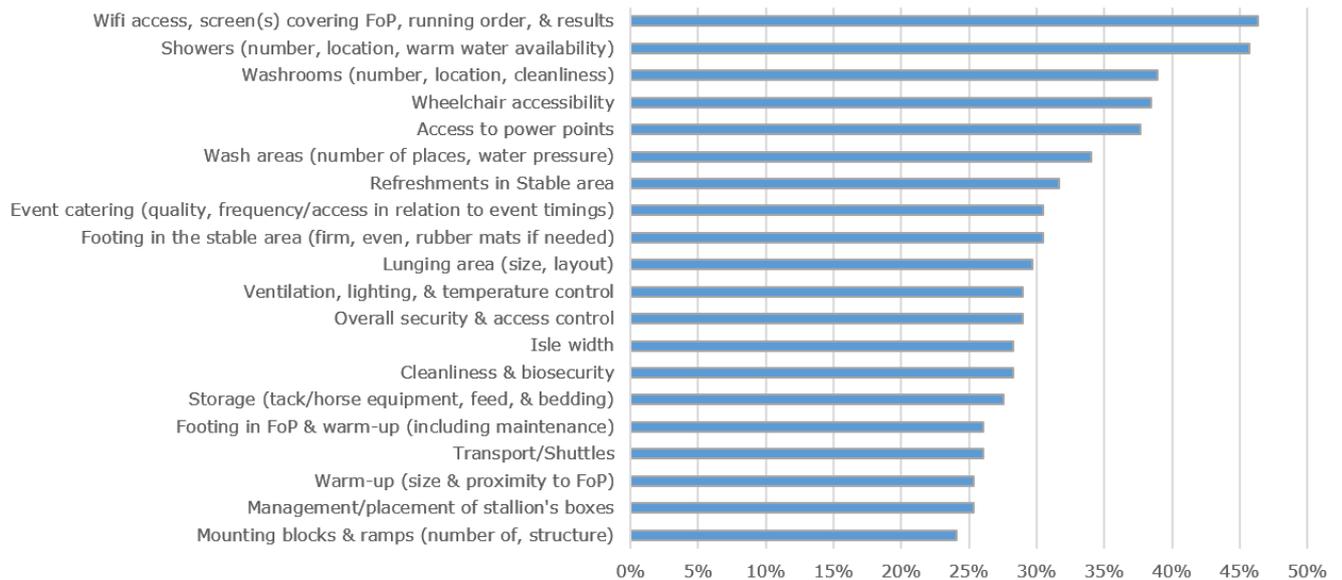


**Officials** (across all disciplines; 493 out of 2001 responses):



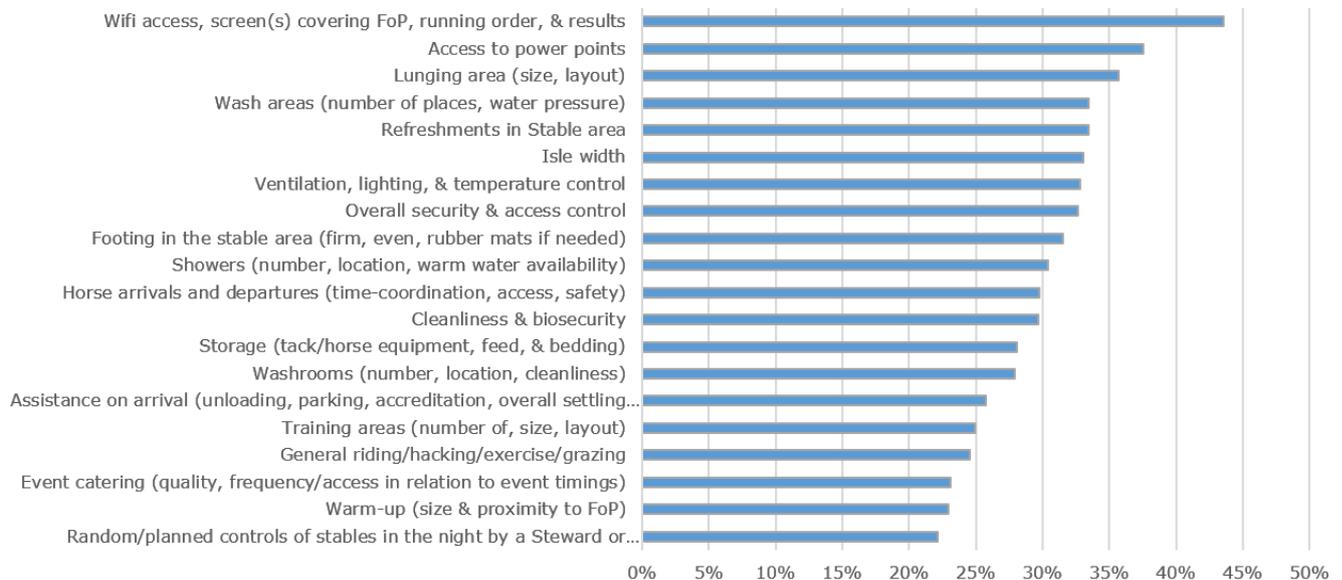


**National Federations, Chefs d'Equipe, Trainers, Others** (across all disciplines; 188 out of 2001 responses):



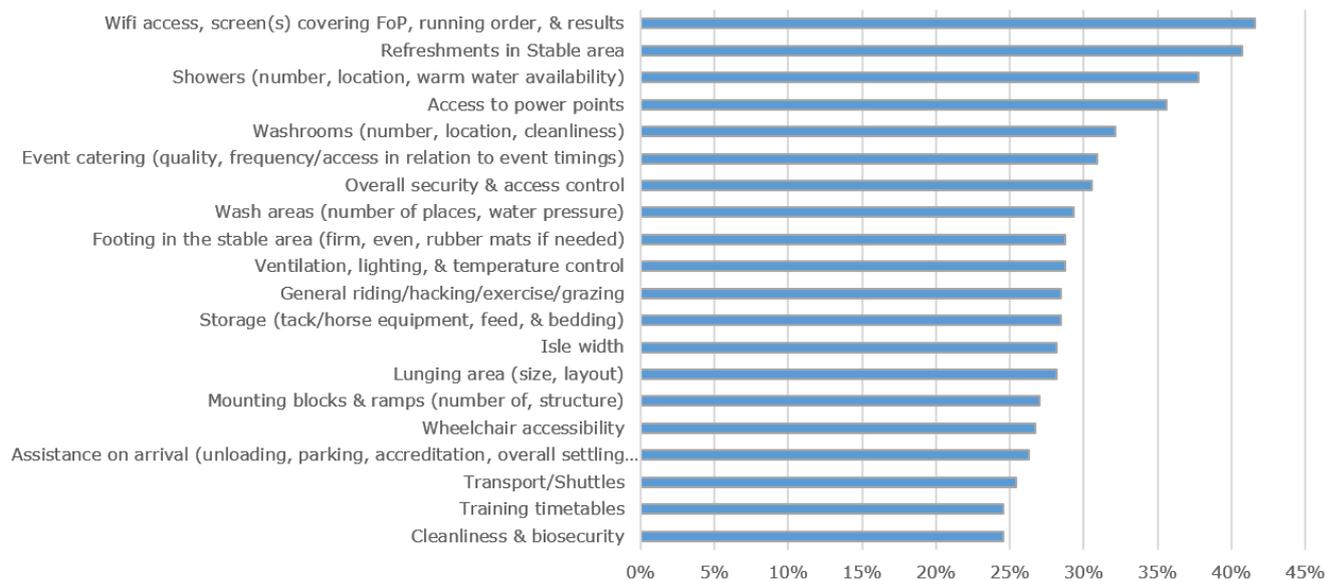
**Top 20 event aspects as identified by each FEI Discipline:**

**Jumping** (all stakeholder groups; 761 out of 2001 responses):

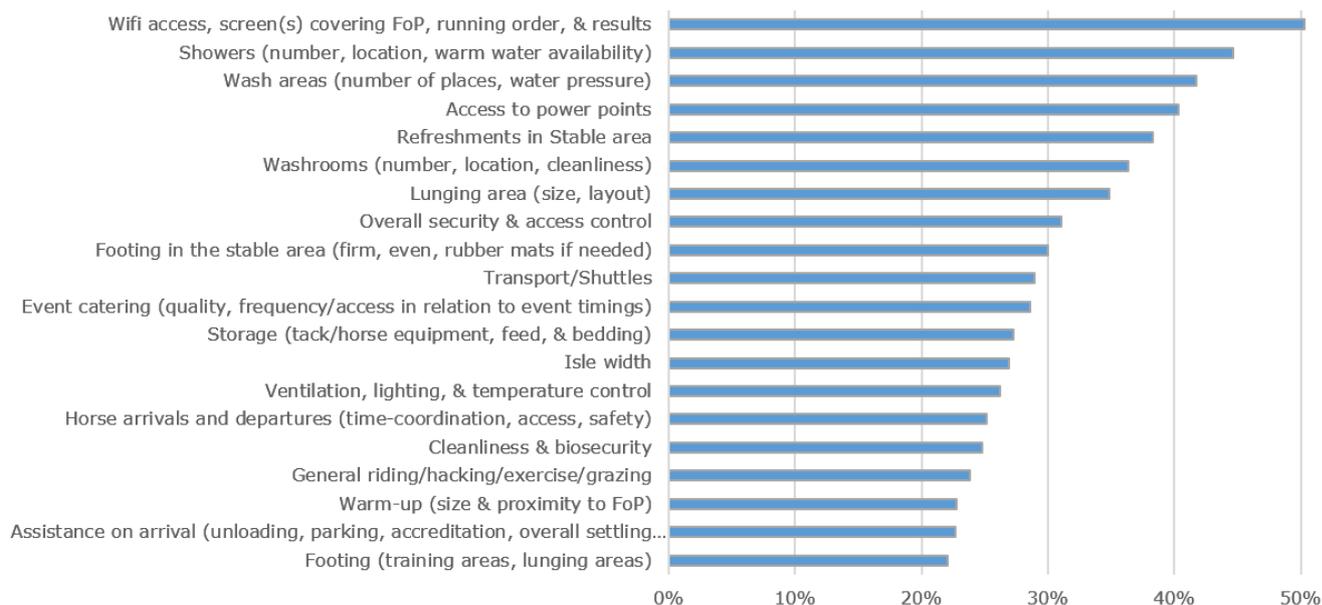




## Dressage & Para Dressage (all stakeholder groups; 334 out of 2001 responses):

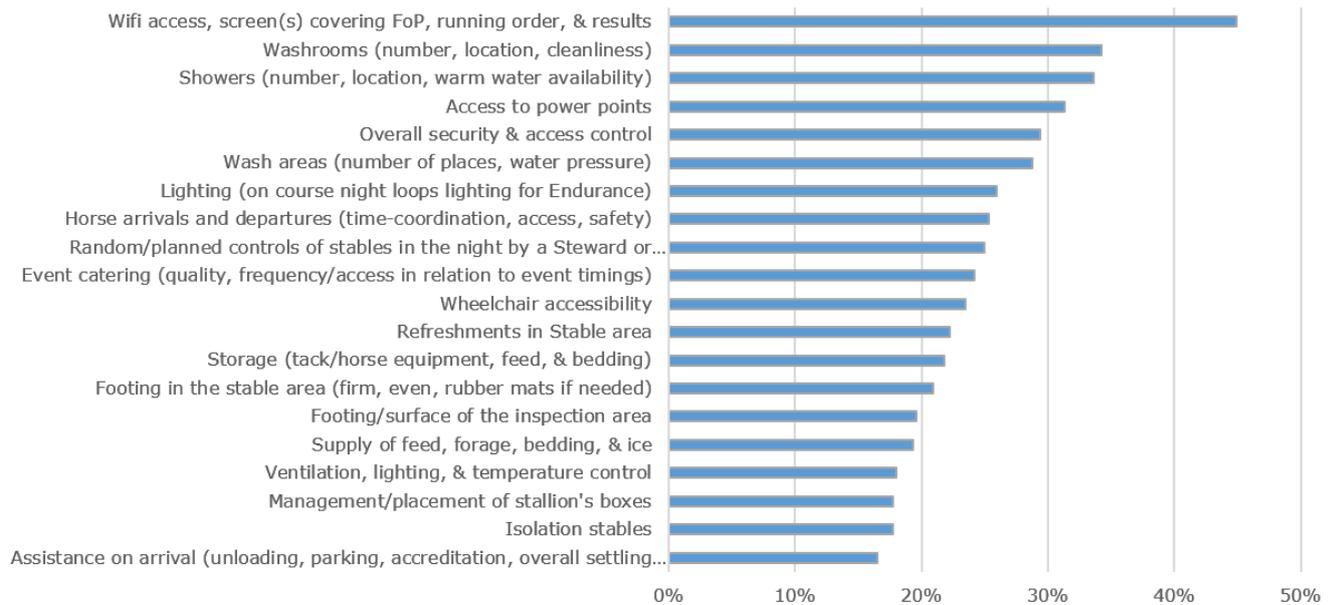


## Eventing (all stakeholder groups; 290 out of 2001 responses):

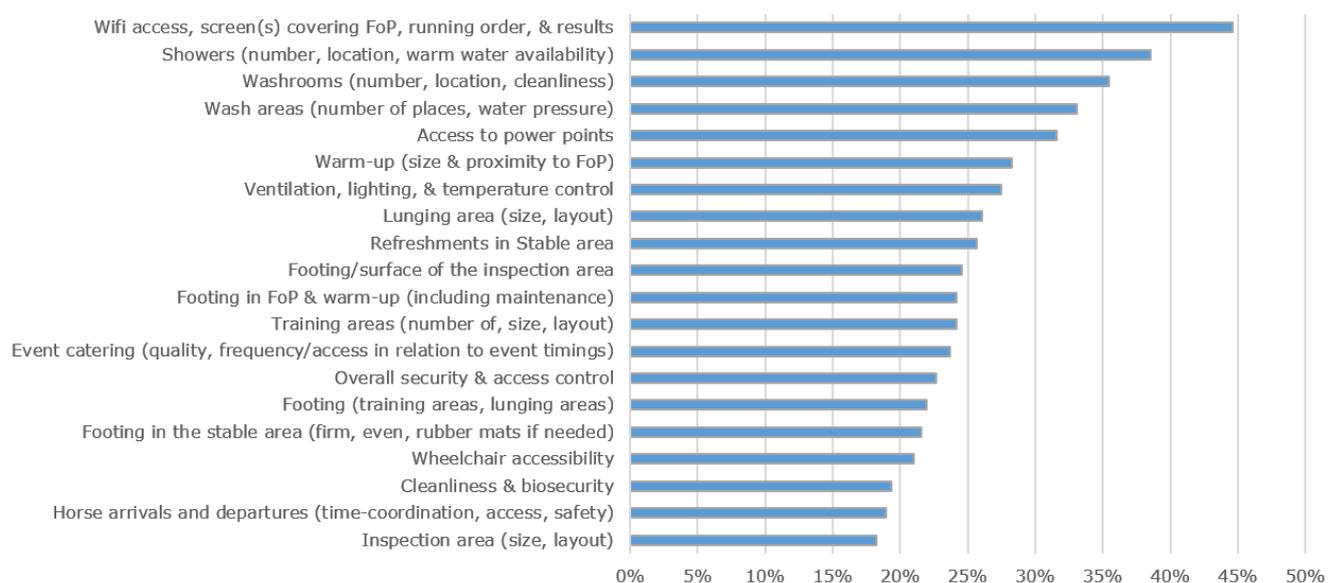




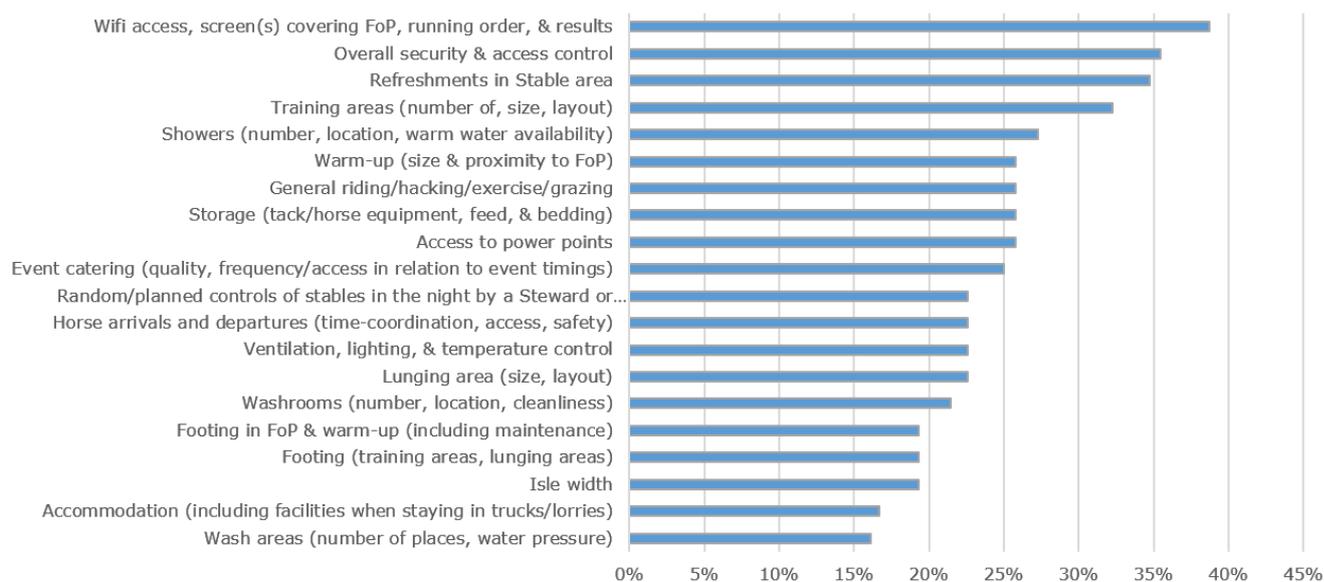
## Endurance (all stakeholder groups; 316 out of 2001 responses):



## Driving & Para Driving (all stakeholder groups; 269 out of 2001 responses):



## Vaulting (all stakeholder groups; 31 out of 2001 responses):



## FEI Sports Forum 2022 discussion

During the FEI Sports Forum we will focus discussion on some of the key areas that have come to the fore during the consultations. Some of these are regulated, while others not. We will consider for each of these areas the following three questions:

1. Are any relevant existing regulations sufficiently clear and objective?
2. Where regulations are not currently in place, how do we ensure that these aspects are delivered well; are regulations and/or guidelines required?
3. What is/should be done in the event that requirements or expectations are not being met?

We look forward to an engaging and open discussion and hope to see you in person or online for this session on 26 April 2022.