

As the Organiser of the Luhmühlen CCI4* (FEI Classics) I would like to comment on the Summary of proposals for 2017 Rules for Eventing revision

Ref. 2. Competition Levels & Format

I do understand the need of changing the star level but I am not in favour with the new wording "Classics" for the CCI4* events. The wording "Classics" does not indicate the level of this high performance sport.

And

even worth for us in Germany as we used to have a lot of Classics events

and they are mainly all gone. The events have mainly been Jumping event like "German Classics" in Hanover which has been given up two years ago.

Also another event is called "Löwen Classics" and is a CSI4*.

On top of that the 6 CCI4* around the world are already linked together as the FEI Classics so the wording will be twice.

I can not see any great marketing point to introduce the new star level apart from "CCI5*".

Within the Olympic discipline the 5* level is already known and indicates like "if you book in a 5-star hotel" to receive the best! If the 5-star level is no option due to the Olympic level I would recommend to think about the wording "Classics" again.

Ref. 7. Renaming of the discipline

For the German market it is again very difficult to introduce the a new name to the public as all suggestions are not self-explanatory. As an example we call our event Luhmühlen CCI4* so how would be call it in future:

Luhmühlen Classics presented by DHL - The Equestrian Triathlon - Part of

the FEI Classics

And in the German language it is even more complicated. So again marketing wise very difficult to promote.

Safety / Cross Country Course / Deformable & Frangible Diviseses

With the greatest respect of the document and it's content I am missing a point about the development of the safety in the sport and especially the latest results of testing deformable & frangible diviseses.

Meetings of FEI Classics organisers

I also suggest - as Hugh Thomas - that the FEI organise again meetings of the FEI Classics organisers, with both the FEI Eventing and Commercial departments. It used to happen in the past quite regulary and they have be very useful to all parties.

Presentation of the Sport

I fully agree with the wording of Hugh Thomas (Director Badminton Horse Trials) and support this point.

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