



EQUESTRIAN SPORTS
NEW ZEALAND

NEW ZEALAND'S FEEDBACK ON THE PROPOSALS for 2017 RULES FOR EVENTING REVISION

1. PROPOSAL: Continuation of current rule book – i.e maintaining Dressage & Jumping, specifying only the exceptions for Eventing.

ESNZ View:

- Agree in principle with majority of rules being same for each discipline, however, the rule book should be re-written to be eventing-specific as this would make it simpler for riders and stewards (rather than having to cross-reference multiple rule-books)
- This would also be an opportunity for a fresh-look at the rule-book to get clarify and simplification (for example biting).

2. PROPOSAL: Changes to competition formats

ESNZ View:

- Strongly opposed to the introduction of at 1.05 meter level. The costs of including this level would be significant and would be inhibitive in a small country like New Zealand.
- Against all "*" changes on basis of the above.
- Do not agree with WEG being under Olympic banner. WEG hosts a horse specific audience which differs from the Olympics. We accept that the Olympics are run over a smaller and shorter course but believe that WEG should continue to be a challenge at the same level it has been in the past.
- Oppose any "short" format at 4 star as it is moving away from the traditional testing elements of the sport at the highest level.
- Cross-Country (distances – jumping efforts – speeds)
 - Preference that course designers use verticals or other options to "slow" riders down rather than twisting and turning at the end of the course.
 - No issue with adding extra jumping efforts into the xc test.
 - Agree to 1.25m oxers on cross country. We accept that there will be slight differences but we would like to see the designers intent stated on the schedule i.e., a "softer" track or an "up to height and distance" track.

3. PROPOSAL: Qualification of Athletes & horses (MER)

ESNZ View:

- Agree with suggested changes



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4. PROPOSAL: Dressage Tests

- Keep dressage tests the same length although agree shorter specifically for the Olympics only.

5. PROPOSAL Positive Scoring

ESNZ View:

- Question where has the positive scoring system been proven to work? Is there any evidence to support this proposal? Not totally opposed but would like to see more educating of the audience instead of change for changes' sake.

6. PROPOSAL: Dress Code

ESNZ View:

- Preference to follow rule put forward by ERA which puts this system in place.
- Do not agree that colours should need to be registered.

7. PROPOSAL Renaming of the discipline

ESNZ View:

- Equi-tri would be preferred name-change if this were to happen as is short and easy to understand.
- Alternatively, perhaps promotion of "Eventing" is something that could be pushed better.

8. PROPOSAL: Other Points

ESNZ View:

- Agree with multiple CIOs
- Spurs – more clarification required. Riders with long legs are better equipped with vertical spurs for example.
- Agree with frangible pin 11 penalties rule
- Opposed with implementation of FEI Rules for Indoor XC classes – these are exhibition classes that should be left to the discretion of shows themselves. This has functioned well to date and question why it needs to change.

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9. PROPOSAL: Independent Eventing Audit

ESNZ View:

- Agree that report should be published - would also like to see the financial and statistical audits made public.
- Do not agree with "appointed" FEI experts as they would not be Independent. Suggest that for example, Equi-ratings handle the statistics and then 1 person from ERA and 1 person from the group detailed below in 9.3 provide the feedback.
- Agree with annual course designer/TD meeting – suggest that active & experienced riders are involved as well. Suggest that it would be good to see a wide range of representations of all Nations as in the annual unofficial Amsterdam Meeting .

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