



South African Feedback on Session 8 Proposals – Eventing Rules Revision

1. General point: Continuation of current rule book system or one rule book including all Dressage and Jumping rules applying for Eventing

We support a single rule book containing all relevant rules for Eventing.

2. Competition Levels & Formats

We are opposed to the introduction of a 1.05m 1* level. The costs involved are prohibitive, and the benefits are equally achievable through national classes at this level.

As a result, the other changes in * level are unwarranted.

We do not believe that WEG should be run at Olympic Standard. WEG needs to be the pinnacle of the sport, packaged for an enthusiast audience.

3. Qualifications of Athletes & Horses (MER)

We disagree with the concept of forcing qualification for a championship at the level of the championship, however we would support the inclusion of an additional MER required for championship qualification

We strongly disagree with the proposed amendments to the MER parameters. Strengthening the dressage and show jumping requirement will have a minimal impact on risk management, however it will have a significant impact on inclusivity. Developing nations will be particularly affected by these changes. Furthermore, weakening the cross country requirement will have a negative impact on the safety of the sport.

We believe that the system should remain as is, but with a potential additional MER required for championships.

4. Dressage Tests

We agree with these proposals.

5. Positive Scoring

We think that there may be an argument to be made for Proposal B, however additional research is required to understand the impact this may have on the current balance of the disciplines to the final result.

6. Dress Code

Provided this applies to the Olympics only, we agree with this proposal.

7. Renaming of the Discipline

We strongly disagree that the name needs changing and are in favour of better promoting the existing name.

8. Other Points for 2017 Rules for Eventing

Indoor/Arena Cross Country Rules

We do not believe these should be governed by FEI rules.