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## **EVENTING**

### **EXPLANATION OF PROCEDURES FOR COLLECTING EVENTING STATISTICS ON FALLS**

For the Attention of:

- NFs involved in organising International FEI Eventing Competitions

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- FEI Technical Delegates officiating in FEI Eventing Competitions in 2016

Following the FEI General Assembly 2001 and the worldwide consultation process, the Eventing Committee produced a final report on "The future of the Eventing" which has been accepted and endorsed by the FEI Bureau and National Federations. This report included the recognition of the necessity for the FEI to monitor and obtain reliable data and statistics. It was recognised that an International overall Risk Management program was required to obtain the data worldwide with the goal to ensure cooperation and allow spread and exchange of knowledge to all countries involved in the Sport of Eventing.

#### **Research program**

The first step of this Risk Management Program to be implemented has been to develop cooperation with the British based Transport Research Laboratories (TRL) already employed by the GBR NF. The choice of the specific Laboratory was based on the already important knowledge absorbed from the 2-year cooperation with the British Eventing.

The work planned in cooperation with TRL related to the prevention of accidents based on analysis of the data of ALL falls of horse and rider and identification of particular precipitation or contributory factors to determine future Risk Management initiatives within the sport.

#### **Annual Eventing Safety report**

The FEI will produce a report of the results of this study at the end of each year.

#### **Fall report form**

To continue the collecting of consistent and credible data the FEI Eventing Committee has developed together with TRL a common incident form to be used at all International events as of 2002. These forms are to be returned to the FEI for analysis as the numbers and different climatic conditions as well as other information are essential as basis of this research.

#### **Technical Delegate Responsibility**

FEI Technical Delegates receive all the necessary forms to proceed with this collection of data together with the normal TD form also available on the FEI website under Official/Eventing/Forms and Download. These forms include:

1. Regular TD form on the organisation of event.
2. FEI Eventing Fall form – to be distributed to fence judges after TD explanation on importance on filling in form for all falls. All boxes of the fall report form need to be completed for valid data.
3. Fence Description forms - the TD will be requested to ensure that the Course Designer of the event completes a form specifying fence type, and in what order on the course the fence is situated and its relation to bends.

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The TD will be responsible for ensuring that all the forms are completed and collected and sent back to the FEI as quickly as possible after the completion of the event according to Article 515.3.7 of Eventing Rules.

### **National Federation contribution**

All NFs involved in Eventing are requested to collect data for all National Eventing competitions in order to obtain the maximum of statistics on falls to validate the Risk management program of the sport of Eventing. The National statistics are presented during the annual National Safety Officers Seminar.

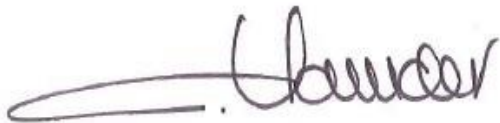
The collection of the Eventing fall data is only one part of the Eventing Committee Risk Management Program. In addition the FEI Eventing Database has been developed for the benefit of all NFs, Organiser and riders. The Risk Management Policy and Action plan implemented in 2009 is available on the FEI website under Eventing / Risk Management.

The FEI realises that this program will demand much extra effort from all involved in the sport. However, Eventing is a wonderful sport with its own special requirements and if all actors can contribute to making it safer and more acceptable to the general public it will be a step in the right direction for the future.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Please do not hesitate to contact the FEI Eventing Department should you have any queries on the above procedures.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the Chairman and Members of the Eventing Committee



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