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FEI Paris Forum

31st March-1st April

Technical Delegates Workshop



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Distance championships

- 100% vote for 160 km
- Remarks:
 - Think about speed
 - Think about hold times
 - Number of vetgates/loops
 - Qualification criteria



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Number of vetgates

- Five or six is ok => it's up to organising committee in conjunction with veterinary panel and TD
- Remarks:
 - Depending on location of ride
 - Depending on climatic conditions



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Grand Prix/Formula 1 finish

TD workshop was against the introduction of "Grand Prix/ Formula 1 type of finish.

- Remarks:
 - because of problems with the teams finishing
 - Increase of minimum speed will be a better way to control the time of finishing



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Progression through “Star Ratings”

- Better on national level than FEI level
- Standard to be set through FEI of with national criteria would be accepted
- Remarks:
 - Many countries do not run enough FEI rides to make an obligatory system workable



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Qualifications For Championships

- Qualifying standard should be increased
- Remarks:
 - Only the very best riders and horses should be at the championship



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2 Hour rule

- This was felt to be unenforceable and should be looked at by the working group to be reviewed
- Remarks:
 - The current system is not policed



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Training: Officials, Vets, etc.

- More training should be encouraged, particularly by foreign course officials
- Remarks:
 - A wider range of course directors should be available



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Weights

- Weights should be maintained, but the minimum weight should be reviewed
- Remarks:
 - Think about different weight classes
 - Think about lowering the weight



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Terminology

- Reviewing the terminology is considered a positive step
- Remarks:
 - To assist in media presentation and to improve the public's perception of the sport



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Distances of star ratings

- This was generally felt as a paperwork exercise
- Remarks:
 - 120 and 160 should not be the same rating
 - 40 km is training and not an event



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Course designer

- Perhaps the FEI should look at running training courses
- Remarks:
 - Particularly for World Championships, who should be local to the area
 - The amount of time the TD can spend on this is limited
 - The TD is also foreign



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Length of holding times

- Should be reviewed by the taskforce
- Remarks:
 - Not shorter than 30 min
 - At many rides the hold times are considered to be too short, particularly when there is a compulsory re-exam.
 - There must be a possibility to change when for instance the weather changes



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Presentation time

- Should be reduced to 20 min. and keep 30 min. for the last one
- Remarks:
 - The last one is the most important one, therefore is should be possible to present the horse 2 times



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BC Form

- The final presentation time should not be part of the BC score
- (We were advised this is already changed!?)



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Rating of courses

- This was considered not yet an issue for the FEI, individual countries can practice with it if they want to.