

# IDRC Feedback to

Dressage Committee Meeting 07-08 June 2011, Paris (FRA)

Agenda		
Pt.	Topic	Comment
0	Welfare of the Horse – blood appearing on the Horse – suggestion for rules change	<p>The IDRC believes that the welfare of the horse is paramount on all occasions and in all respects. If blood is observed by the President of the Ground Jury during a competition the combination should be stopped and eliminated. In the interests of fairness, the rider should have the right to appeal. If the appeal is upheld on the basis that blood was not present then the test should continue at the point where it was stopped.</p> <p>To be clear:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If blood is found by the steward after the combination leaves the arena the rider should not be eliminated. However, the show veterinarian will be notified and the horse's fitness to continue will be assessed.</li> <li>• If blood is found prior to the competition, the combination will be allowed to compete if the cause and symptoms can be ameliorated.</li> </ul> <p>It is the opinion of the IDRC that this is not a dressage issue but a horse welfare issue and should apply to all equestrian sports. Exceptions to this rule should be discipline specific where the decision is supported by evidence by appropriate healthcare professionals.</p> <p>The IDRC would like to see an expert group to draft the guidance comprising a rider, trainer, judge, steward, veterinarian and other experts as the FEI sees fit. The Clubs should nominate their representatives.</p>
1	Annex 13 Steward Manual (Hyperflexion) – is a review needed and if yes, how to proceed	We believe this should be reviewed by an expert group comprising riders, trainers, stewards and vets. Findings should apply to all equestrian disciplines.
2	E-learning for judges, e-handbook Preferably 16 or 17h 07jun	
3	Evaluation / Categorization of events in	All CDI 3*s and above <b>MUST</b> have a 5*

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		general	<p>judge. If no 5* is available, riders must be notified in advance and given the option of not attending. There will be no penalty for non-attendance.</p> <p>If a judge does not attend without due cause then there should be a disciplinary procedure.</p> <p>What will happen about Dr Wojtek Markowski not showing up to Radzionkow, POL and Bromont, CAN?</p>
4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Situation judges logbook</li> <li>- fast track for judges</li> <li>- Involvement of trainers in the judges education process</li> <li>- Promotion of FEI judges YH</li> <li>- Nomination of one FEI 4* Judge for CDI5* and up by the FEI HQ or JSP To support younger and upcoming 4* Judges to get them the chance to judge on the highest level the top combinations, I would suggest that you or the JSP nominates a judge of this level for this 6 shows (number of 5* and up in 2011)</li> <li>- Age limit Judges</li> <li>- Selection of judges for CH and Games</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can we see an example of a log book?</li> <li>• What are the guidelines for the Log Book preparation and its designed application Who holds it?</li> <li>• We support the fast tracking of riders and trainers. GP riders with suitable experience and training should be allowed to start at 3* level without following their NF judge development protocol but having passed the relevant FEI exams.</li> <li>• Formalise a fast track procedure incorporating direct application by applicant to the FEI</li> <li>• No limit on number of 5* judges.</li> <li>• Involvement of <b>RIDERS</b> and TRAINERS in the judges education process</li> <li>• We request a list of suitable qualified 4* judges and we will revert with a recommendation.</li> <li>• Instead of an age limit, we believe it would be better to require an annual medical and eye-test after the age of 70 and a medical and eye-test every 5 years below 70.</li> <li>• Riders and trainers to review and input to short list prior to adoption.</li> </ul>
5		<p>World Cup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Evaluation Final Leipzig 2011</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The WC Final did not 'feel' like a WC</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Final 2014</li> <li>- Improvements other leagues, proposal</li> <li>- Organisers representative in the NAL World Cup Committee Cara Witham is in this Committee and we as AIDEO would like ask if she can act as the organisers representative in the Committee</li> </ul>	<p>Final. For example, the reception was very understated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is this a conflict of interest with Cara being a 5* judge?</li> </ul>
6		Nations Cup concept, including possible cooperation with WDM	Please note riders have to ride at their designated team selection shows during the outdoor season. This may be a potential conflict with a Nations Cup concept.
7		Bid Wroclaw, J and YR 2013	
8		Development issues, update and possible proposals	Can we have the complete list of the issues, updates and possible proposals?
9		Ponies, update and possible proposals	<p>The IDRC recommends against asking for flying changes in Ponies as they will restrict the number of countries that will be able to attend.</p> <p>A possible idea would be to allow the flying change in the Freestyle and give it a 0.5 point extra for technical difficulty.</p>
10		<p>Revision dressage tests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ponies working group established with Katrina Wüst as chair</li> <li>- Other tests – review coefficients/number of tests etc – establish working group</li> </ul>	The IDRC agrees that tests should be reviewed at least after every OG.
11		Horse inspection – proposal based on suggestion from Stephen Clarke and outcome of discussions in Veterinary committee and Veterinary department	<p>It is not practicable to inspect horses as they arrive at the Show Ground. It would require the show vet to be present potentially days before horses arrive and be available 24 hours per day. Also, checking the heart rate, temperature and breathing rate is not a good indicator of illness. More often than not these indicators will be raised due purely to the stress of travelling.</p> <p>Also, we DO NOT support ridden vet checks. Horses must be led. It is potentially unsafe to ride except on a competition quality surface. It is too easy to hide lameness when ridden. We have several suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short whips to be allowed on application.</li> <li>• Lead chains to be allowed for any horse.</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lunge lines to be allowed.</li> <li>• A safe and secure environment must be provided.</li> <li>• A timetable for the vet check should be provided to improve safety and prevent congestion.</li> <li>• The vet check should not conflict with the warm-up arena availability.</li> <li>• The waiting area should be safe and secure.</li> </ul>
12		<p>Protocol from Jumping committee on intoxicated Athletes and/or Officials. Should this be introduced for all disciplines?</p> <p><b>1.2 Protocol for Intoxicated Athletes and/or Officials</b></p> <p>Under the General Regulations, the Ground Jury after consultation with the responsible Medical Officer may at any time exclude from further participation in a Competition or an entire Event any Athlete who is unfit to continue by reason of a serious or potentially serious injury or health condition.</p> <p>The Jumping Committee awaits a proposal from the FEI Legal Department as to how to apply the protocol with regard to sanctions for Officials in case of intoxication.</p> <p>The Medical Commission recommends that <b>alcohol intake at Events be addressed in the FEI rules as a conduct issue specific to alcohol with a limit set as 0.08 with a breathalyzer test to be administered</b> if there was reasonable suspicion of intoxication by the FEI stewards. The alcohol limit will be presented to the 2011 General Assembly for approval.</p>	<p>We agree in principle that alcohol should not be allowed for any Athlete or Official and should not be allowed during or before a competition.</p> <p>Change the text on the left to include Officials:          "...Event any <b>Athlete OR Official</b> who is unfit to continue by..."</p>
13		Tests/level in Pan Am Games and Olympic Qualifying process for North and South America 2016	Qualification for OG should <b>only</b> be by Grand Prix.
14		JSP new members / age limit	Should be open to all judges on the same medical/eye test grounds as judges.
15		Use of protective headgear – based on input from Medical committee <i>"The FEI Medical Committee recommends the use of a properly fastened helmet on the show grounds while riding outside of the competition arena venue. In the competition arena and adjacent warm-up area, the head gear requirements are governed by the existing Discipline's rules".</i>	For clarification, we agree that riders <b>do not</b> need to wear a hat in the warm-up arena.

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16		<p>Other rules changes 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minor changes are included in the attached rules draft</li> <li>- Received proposals are included in the attached template</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARTICLE 454 3. It would be fairer to smaller NFs if they could take a reserve combination.</li> <li>• ARTICLE 457 – the word “sojourn” when used as a noun means “brief visit” and this makes the sentence’s meaning unclear. We suggest is rewritten to say something like:  “On no account and under penalty of disqualification, may any Horse take part in the Competitions mentioned above, if it has been schooled by anyone other than the Athlete concerned from arrival at the Olympic Show Ground or twenty four (24) hours before the planned Horse Inspection, whichever is the longer period, and until the end of the Individual Competition.”</li> </ul>
17		Other issues from the Action Plan 2011 – discussion on Action Plan 2012	
18		<p><b>Protocol in case of Bankruptcy of an Organising Committee</b></p> <p>The Bureau approved the following protocol, to apply to all CSI events, <b>effective immediately:</b></p> <p><i>“If the FEI has reason to suspect that an Organising Committee will not be able to meet its financial obligations, the NF concerned will be authorized to require that event to be bonded. Information will be included in event Schedules to indicate whether the event is bonded or not. If the FEI is aware of an event that is likely to default on payment of prize money, the athletes will be informed through their NF. If in spite of all precautions taken an Organising Committee fails to meet its financial obligations to the FEI, they will not be permitted to organize another event unless the total prize money foreseen is secured ahead of time in an account jointly held by the NF.” (R)</i></p> <p>The Bureau recommended that the other FEI disciplines consider whether they wish to introduce the above protocol; this would be coordinated by the FEI Secretary General.</p>	
19		Conflict of interest of Judges	
		A.O.B. (if time)	The IDRC requests that the Dressage Rules be changed to make a condition that all CDI 3*s, and above, should

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			show all marks by movement by judge wherever possible. Displaying marks by movement by judge should be mandatory at CDI 4* and CDI 5* – where it is not possible justification must be given.
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