



IEOC Regional Meeting

Held at Melbourne International Three Day Event

Friday 10th June 2022, commencing at 5.30pm

PRESENT:

Australia Wayne Copping (Chair), Carolyn James, Suzy Burdon, Roger Kane, Emma Flegman, Heather Buckland, Jill Sinclair, Jamie Buckby, Chris Wallis, Ashley Copping, Geoff Sinclair, David Johnson, Ewen Kellett, Jo Crosby (Minutes)

New Zealand Janene Maxwell, Helen Christie

Great Britain Les Smith

APOLOGIES:

Australia Lyn Roycroft, Lindy Young, Pollyann Huntington, Robin Brown, Grant Johnstone, Jo Williams

New Zealand Katie Russell

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Meeting held at Adelaide International Three Day Event 15th November 2019. Accepted with amendment – Helen Christie was present.

REPORT FROM BADMINTON IEOC MEETING

- Suggested that riders do a CES exam similar to officials to encourage knowledge and use of the rules. Alternatively, they could be given access to the mock tests. Agreed that this suggested be forwarded to the FEI Education Department.
- Certain fences must now be deformable (see FEI Eventing rules Art 547.2.4). Frangible device is now available for tables, and use is to be encouraged where possible.

WHISKERS RULE: clarification of disqualification or elimination

See FEI Vet Regs Annex VI Sanction 39. The sanction for removal of sensory hairs is disqualification of the horse from the event. Questioned why disqualification is applied? Elimination of the horse may be appropriate. Refer to FEI Veterinary Department for clarification.

DIFFICULTY ACCESSING FEI COURSES FROM AUSTRALIA

Problems recruiting and retaining stewards. This is attributed to cost of training, (course fees and travel and accommodation costs) which is usually self-funded. Reported that some officials missing out on a course to be run in New Zealand had been advised by the FEI to attend a course in Poland! Courses are needed in candidate's own country and presented by local presenters.

The same problem is being encountered with recruiting and retaining vets, and 40% of official vets have been lost from the list since COVID.

Training pathways have improved, but we need a system of national equivalency for Level 1 officials.

We need to keep pushing at national level for courses to be held at larger events. Officials visiting from overseas can be utilised for training of local officials. Trainee judges also need the opportunity to shadow judge to gain experience.

CONFIRMATION OF WHEN RIDERS CAN REMOVE THEIR HELMET

Reported that there have been several recent incidences of high profile riders leaving the arena without their helmets on, without penalty (at the European Championships and again at Kentucky). Global consistency is required and ground juries need to apply existing rules, regardless of who the rider is. See Eventing Rules Art 538.1.1 Protective Headgear. Need clearer guidelines on when it is OK to remove helmets. Requested that IEOC approach the FEI on this matter.

ACTIONS

Suggest riders complete CES test similar to officials	Refer to FEI Education Dept
Removal of sensory hairs – should the sanction be elimination of horse, rather than disqualification?	Refer to FEI Veterinary Dept
More local courses for FEI officials	Refer FEI Education Dept / National Pathways Officer
Clarification of when it is permissible for riders to remove helmets	Ref to IEOC for referral to FEI Eventing