



A Regional Meeting of the IEOC will be held at

**Adelaide Eventing Festival Friday**

**21<sup>st</sup> April 2023 at 5PM**

in the volunteers' tent (adjacent to the warmup dressage arena) By kind permission of the Adelaide Organising Committee

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome – Michelle Debenham, IEOC Vice Chair
2. Apologies
3. Report on recent IEOC activities - Michelle Debenham, IEOC Vice Chair
4. Report from the FEI Eventing Committee
5. Any Other Business

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**Attendance:** Michelle Debenham (Chair), Helen Christie (NZL), Christian Steiner (AUT) Polly- Anne Huntington, Michael Barnes, Norm Hindmarsh, Sylvia Roberts-Williams, Richard Mitton, Matthew Bates, Geoff Sinclair, Penny Dodd, Tracey Leigh, Chris Wallis, Emma Flegman, Lisa Gall, James Leva, Doris Riddett, Bernie Hewitson (NZL)

1. **Welcome** – meeting opened at 5:15 pm with Michelle Debenham IEOC Vice Chair welcoming everyone to the meeting and advising that discussion from this meeting was an opportunity to feed into the IEOC meeting to be held at Badminton on 28 April.
2. **Apologies** – Wayne & Prue Copping, Mike Etherington-Smith, Jill Sinclair, Ewan Kellett, Doris Ridett, Lindy Young
3. **Report on Recent IEOC Activities** – report from Michelle
  - 3.1 **Recent** survey done by the IEOC on its members won't be fully shared until after the meeting at Badminton. Results relate to officials' happiness, challenges and improvements
  - 3.2 The main focus for the IEOC remains education and appointment of officials and their safety.
- 3.3 **IEOC meeting with the FEI – feedback related to the agenda**
  - 3.3.1 Level 4 appointments need to be made more transparent. The IEOC suggests an independent panel for the selection of Championship officials. Comment was made that with so few events over the past 2 years, is the selection panel being sufficiently retrospective. It was noted this is difficult to determine until there is more clarity around what is being discussed

- 3.3.2 A query was made relating to the cup sizes for show jumping in Championship events – Geoff responded to say that there had been a rule change to specify 24 mm. Australia has requested a 25mm cup size. Penny commented that the show jumping rules were very specific for the size of safety cups and should Eventing be following the jumping rules?
- 3.3.3 TDs commented on the forum paper at the Jan FEI safety meeting regarding a rule that would assign a penalty for dislodging a flag. What would be the process for making a decision that would ensure consistency across events and NFs. It was noted that this topic was raised in 2018/19 by Sweden, who currently have a National rule in place whereby dislodging a flag = penalty. This has only been tested in Sweden to 3\*, where rider feedback has been negative. Insufficient evidence to adopt the rule internationally at this stage

#### **4. Report from FEI Eventing Committee – Geoff Sinclair**

- 4.1 per diem payments to officials (stewards) – recommended by FEI eventing committee €100/day. Stewards expressed concern that this payment was only for the Chief Steward and Assistant Chief Steward, however the FEI stipulate the number of stewards that are required to have a schedule approved – therefore they should also approve payment for the number of stewards required.
- 4.2 Sanctions post event – if there are issues identified after the completion of an event that were not picked up during the competition, it is suggested that a small tribunal view any available video post event, and decide if a sanction is warranted. This would specifically relate to dangerous riding and abuse of horse
- 4.3 Insurance – with the updated guidelines and training material available to ensure the correct fitting of MIMs clips, the FEI is confident that their insurance policies are adequate
- 4.4 Education – complete review of the process underway
- 4.5 Appointment of officials for 5\* and Championship events – process currently is that the OC sends their preferred list of officials to the FEI Eventing Committee (5 members) for approval. The committee reviews all participants at FEI officials' courses and may recommend alternative officials in a bid to encourage younger officials
- 4.6 Horse falls in high profile events
- 4.7 Fitting frangibles, weighing of fences

#### **5 Other business**

- 5.1 related to education. FEI stewards' course that was scheduled to be run at M3DE has been cancelled due to updated FEI requirements. Felt that we should be able to use AUS or NZL officials to run the course as there is currently insufficient F2F courses available to enable accreditation or upgrades. The cost of bringing European or American facilitators to run a course is prohibitive.

Meeting Closed: 6 pm