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EVENTING “NEW” SCORING SYSTEM

Dear Secretary Generals,

In the first half of the year 2005 the FEI Eventing Committee proposed to you some considerations to change the scoring system.

Thank you so much for the multitude of return statements. In these statements we recognized tendencies which we have worked on and would like to forward to you.

First of all we have to make a note of the following:

As far as a change of the scoring system should be carried out, a new scoring system can only be implemented in **January 2009**, however the changes will have to be approved by the FEI General Assembly in April 2008. That means that we still have enough time to follow-up a thorough final discussion.

In February the 18th and 19th 2006, an “Eventing” level 3 Officials seminar on invitation took place in Hartpury/GBR. During this seminar, the scoring system was discussed as well.

The cornerstone, which forms the basis of the scoring considerations, is an easier “sell” of our sport in public by having a simpler scoring system.

The thoughts are to change the multiplying factor for the dressage phase from 1.5 to 1. This means that the score after dressage will be a percentage mark i.e. A good percentage of seventy percent (70%) would be a score of thirty (30.00).

This means that the riders start after graduation of the discipline Dressage with their dressage result where jumping penalties would be added to that score. Possible obstacle and time penalties in the phases of cross-country and jumping will be added subsequently. The cross country and show jumping time penalties would be changed to both be 0.5 penalties per second.

Two different systems are actually available:

1. no change of the existing system
2. a scoring system without coefficient for the dressage result

Please have a look at the following example to make this clear:

| Example | Current system | New system |
|-------------------|----------------|------------|
| 70% Dressage | -45 | -30 |
| 10 sec pen xc | -4 | -5 |
| 2 sec pen jumping | -2 | -1 |
| 1 pole jumping | -4 | -4 |
| Total | -55 | -40 |

Our sport passed through a lasting change. The endurance aspect is less weighted than it was in the case of the former traditional long events.

We would also like to ensure that the international scoring system be used nationally in the same manner. Insofar we are very interested in having a worldwide system which is synchronized hundred per cent. We feel this is a better development for all participants


The sport has developed due to higher requirements in the dressage (implementation of the flying changes) and the requirement to ride at a more difficult level in the Jumping phase. We feel that this change in the scoring system would follow this evolution.

The discussion we held in the last weeks and months on different levels it seems that many NF's are not sure whether the scoring system needs to be changed. If this is the case with your federation could you please discuss your argument in writing?

We are looking forward for your answer and thank you in advance for your efforts.

With our best wishes for a safe and successful year 2006.

On behalf of the FEI Eventing Committee



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