

The **FEI DEVELOPMENT FUND** is available to all developing FEI Member NFs. Each FEI discipline has been allocated finance to develop their particular discipline. These programs generally take the form of providing experts to visit the NF and give practical advice, technical training courses, technical assistance, etc. This is co-ordinated through the Development Department of the FEI (Ms Jacqueline Braissant).

In addition, the FEI organises the FEI World Challenges in Dressage and Jumping. The FEI World Challenge is a world-wide series of International competitions in the two most popular Equestrian disciplines, Jumping and Dressage (adults & children). Riders compete under identical conditions against each other while remaining in their own countries. The FEI ensures this uniformity by providing the same Judges for each country in Dressage and by designing identical courses for Jumping. Currently, the FEI World Challenge takes place in 55 countries divided into 10 regional groups.

TECHNICAL COURSES FOR COACHES

Technical Courses for Coaches (Level 1 & 2)

- Financed by Olympic Solidarity (refer to **OS Programmes 2005-2008**) (<http://www.horsesport.org/development/PDFS/TechnicalCourses-Guidelines.pdf>)
- Financed by sponsor
- Financed by FEI Development Fund **only** upon presentation of evidence in case of non NOC support (OS or other funding)
- According to FEI Coaching System Level 1 and Level 2

Procedure for applications:

- The NF will submit a request to the FEI Development Department at least six months in advance.
- The Development Department will study the request and will decide on allocation of courses.

TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR OFFICIALS (Jumping, Dressage, Eventing and Vet.)

Basic Development Seminars for Judges, Course Designers

- Basic Seminars for Judges in Jumping, Dressage and Eventing and Course Designers in Jumping.

Procedure for applications:

- The NF will submit a request to the FEI Development Department
- The Development Department will study the request and will decide on each candidature, based on the applicant's previous experience and special needs of the NF and region

Financing:

- Through FEI Development Fund – Travel expenses of FEI Expert.

Deadline for applications:

- At least six months in advance for training courses. Otherwise, at any time.

Advanced Training for Judges and Course Designers – Jumping

- Advanced training for international candidate judges and course designers in Jumping who have a certain amount of training but, who lack international experience due to the limited number of international events held in their region or as a result of their inability to visit events in other countries.

- The FEI will select European or North American host NFs and high-level events which will serve as a training ground for chosen judges and course designers. Persons seeking practical judging experience will assist as a member of the Ground Jury or attend as an observer. Applicants requiring experience in course designing may act as assistants to the official course designer.

Special Training for Judges, Course Designers and Technical Delegate – Eventing

- Training of course designers, technical delegates or judges from developing NFs.

Advanced Training for Judges – Dressage

- Basic development training courses for judges (not for promotion)
- Contribution towards travel expenses for Judges who wish to attend FEI courses (for promotion)

Veterinary Courses – Veterinary

- Training of veterinarians: Subjects covered include the organisation and structure of the FEI, FEI Rules and Regulations, medication control, transport stress, organisation of veterinary services at events and the identification of horses and completion of passports.
- Courses should be organised on a regional basis. The FEI will arrange for a course director to be appointed who is knowledgeable in taking into account the needs of the NF/Group concerned.

Procedure for applications:

- The NF will submit a request to the FEI Development Department.
- The Development Department in conjunction with the relevant sports department will study the request and will decide on each candidature, based on the applicant's previous experience and special needs of the NF and region

Financing:

- Jumping, Eventing: travel expenses of persons selected and if possible, so will meals and lodging, will be covered by the FEI. It may be necessary for either the NF or the representative attending the course or the host organising committee to cover all or part of accommodation costs of participants.
- Dressage: Travel expenses of Course Director and if necessary NF organizational costs of NF will be covered by the FEI: Travel expenses of Judges selected will be covered by the FEI.
- Veterinary: travel and accommodation expenses of preferably one but not more than two course-experts and a contribution to participants' accommodation, as well as administrative overhead, will be covered by the FEI.

Deadline for applications:

- At least six months in advance for training courses.
Allocations for qualified applicants will be made on a first-come first-serve basis.
- Requests, which are approved but cannot be financed during the current year will, when possible, be carried over the following year.