

**CONCEPT FOR FEI COURSES FOR EVENTING OFFICIALS 2002**

In order to address the different issues raised by the Eventing Safety Committee recommendations, the additional points raised in the Open Forums and in line with the "Final Report on the Future of the Sport" the concept for the Eventing courses for 2002 has been based on the following principles decided by the Eventing Committee:

- Explain and interpret correctly all new safety rules with special focus in explaining principles behind them.
- Provide adequate training for implementing all measures related to the monitoring of the sport with special emphasize on the qualifications and falls.
- Improve the standard of Dressage judging in general and provide special training for the implementation of the new 2002 Eventing Dressage tests.

A special course procedure has been set up for 2002 to address these specific issues:

1. All Judges courses be organised together with TD and CD courses.
2. Each Eventing course be jointly directed by two FEI appointed Directors. One Eventing TD specialist familiar with new safety procedures and one "pure" dressage specialist.
3. TD specialist, that will be responsible for explanation and interpretation of new rules and safety program implementation, will be selected from the Eventing TD list with the additional requirement to be specifically familiar with the new safety procedures to be implemented this year
4. Dressage specialist, will be responsible for the dressage judging part only, will be appointed from the Dressage Official Course Directors list or recommended by the Dressage Committee.
5. FEI will review with the OC of each course the travel costs for the Course Directors as it has a limited budget to pay for long distance flights for two Directors.
6. NF/OCs of the course may, as in the past, invite National Course Directors to assist the FEI Course Directors at their own expense.

It is planned that the Eventing Committee will review each year the Directors lists and course procedure to constantly adapt to new requirements of training.

It is also planned that a special meeting of the yearly appointed Course Directors will be organised in the beginning of each year to ensure in all courses a consistent approach in regard to the interpretation of rules and view of the sport.

As an example for 2003, one of the main objects for the Eventing courses will be the explanation and interpretation of the new 2003 Rules for Eventing.

**Courses planned for 2002:**

**Lexington (USA)** – 24-27 April 2002, directed by Linda Zang, USA (Judges - Dressage) and Jennifer Millar – NZL (Eventing - TD/CD)

**Saumur (FRA)** 23 – 26 May 2002, directed by Mrs Mariette Withages (BEL) (Judges - Dressage) and Hugh Thomas - GBR (Eventing - TD)

**Luhmühlen (GER)** 13-16 June, directed by Mr Dieter Schüle – GER (Judges - Dressage) and Michael Etherington Smith - GBR (Eventing – TD/CD). National Course Directors: Bernd Springorum and Wolfgang Feld