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Membership cards & subscription renewals

I will be giving the necessary information for the production of the Membership Cards for 2004 to the printer in the next couple of weeks. If there has been any change in your official status, or if there were any mistakes on the 2003 badges, would you please let me know by the end of December.

Those of you who have not yet sent me a photograph, but would like the 2004 badge to have your photograph on it, please send one to me either via email or via ordinary post (Colle San Paolo – 06068 Tavernelle (Pg) – Italy) – again by the end of December.

Lastly, I would like to remind you that you can renew your ISJC annual subscription for 2004 via the on-line payment procedure on our website. The renewal fee is 50 Euros.

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FEI Bureau Meeting



The following is an extract regarding the Jumping Discipline from the FEI PRESS NEWS number 39/03, dated 5 December 2003.

The FEI Bureau held its statutory meeting on 4 and 5 December 2003 at Jerudong (BRU) on the kind invitation of the Brunei Equine Association.

The following items were discussed, approved and/or will be presented for approval to the 2004 General Assembly:

Samsung Super League and Samsung Nations Cup Series

Following the experience gained at the end of the first season of the Samsung Super League, and the comments received from all the parties involved, the Bureau approved several clarifications and rules modifications for the 2004 season such as:

- All Super League teams will return to the second round
- The top three teams in the Samsung Nations Cup Series after one third of the season will have the right to participate in all remaining events
- Non-Super League teams will no longer obtain points in Super League competitions
- In the Nations Cup Series, points will be awarded according to the team classification within that competition irrespective of the participation of teams from the Super League.

Junior participation at CSI two-star events

As of 2004, Junior riders once they have reached the age of 16 years are permitted to participate in Grand Prix competitions at CSI two-star events.

2006 WEG and European Championships

The team competition at the 2006 WEG will be run over two days. If requested by the Organising Committee the team competition at the 2005 European Championship may also be run over two days. The number of individual participants in the second round of the team competition will be limited.

2005 European Championship – speed

Due to the size of the arena to be used for the 2005 European Championship in San Patrignano



(ITA) the speed in the Championship competitions will be reduced from 400 m/min. to 375 m/min.

Minimum prize money for European and World Championships

A minimum prize fund of CHF 450.000 (Swiss francs) for European and World Jumping Championship competitions was established.

Amateur Owner Category

A new rider category for amateur owner was established for international events.

Entry fees for Continental Junior and Young Riders Championships

The maximum amount permitted to be charged as entry fee per horse for Continental Championships for Young Riders and Juniors is CHF 375.00.

Nomination of riders for CSI events

The FEI Secretariat has the right to nominate two riders for each CSI.

Sponsor Team Competitions and Team Registration

The Bureau approved rules for sponsor team competitions and for the registration of sponsored teams.

- Non registered teams cannot compete in a commercial team competition, which also applies to the Riders Tour Team classification.
- Teams may not represent a political or religious organisation.

CSI Events - Distribution of prize money

Events which distribute prize money based on the accumulation of points over a number of competitions at the same event must offer at least CHF 525.000 in prize money for such a formula to be authorized by the FEI.

Olympic Games Competition Formula

The Chairman of the Jumping Committee presented a proposal for a new Olympic formula the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing (CHN), aimed at making the jumping competitions at the Olympic Games more attractive for TV viewers and spectators.

The proposed formula will be sent to National Federations for review and approval at the 2004 General Assembly. It will also be available from FEI website.

CLARIFICATION of some GR ARTICLES

Art 164.2, 2.1, 2.2 - Appeal Committee - Duties

The Appeal Committee shall deal with the following matters

Complaints addressed to the Appeal Committee as well as objections and reports of abuse referred to it by the Ground Jury, and all cases of violations of the Statutes, Regulations and Rules which do not come under the jurisdiction of the Ground Jury

Q *Did it means that all cases of abuse of horses are to be referred to the Appeal Committee?
See art 169 § 1 → to the Ground Jury.*

A Cases of abuse of horse which are of a lesser nature may be dealt with by the Ground Jury. The Ground Jury should determine the level of abuse (usually: excessive use of the whip which may cause discomfort but where there is no actual damage done to the horse, jerking on the reins causing discomfort without actually causing damage, etc)

Article 167.2 - Objections

Only Presidents of NFs, Officials appointed under the Regulations or Rules, Chefs d'Equipe, or if there is no appropriate Chef d'Equipe present, Persons Responsible for horses taking part in the event and Team Veterinarians may lodge objections

Q *If the "official" Chef d'Equipe is not present can a "reserve" Chef d'Equipe replace him or can in this case the Person Responsible lodge an objection?*

A Yes there may be a reserve CdE or the PR may lodge objection



Article 171.4 - Deposits	
The deposit shall be refunded if the objection, complaint or appeal is upheld. If the objection, complaint or appeal is rejected, the deposit is retained by the body with which the deposit was originally lodged, unless the body hearing the objection, complaint or appeal otherwise directs.	Q <i>Is a new deposit necessary by appeal after a first complaint, objection?</i>
A <i>Yes, the appropriate deposit at each instance is necessary</i>	
Article 174.8, 8.1, 82 - Penalties	
In cases of offences mentioned in paragraphs 7.4 and 7.5 above and which are of a less serious nature, the <u>President of the Ground Jury, the President of the Appeal Committee and the Chief Steward</u> , instead of instituting the procedures foreseen in the legal system, may deliver to the Person Responsible a yellow warning card, either by hand or by any other suitable means. The acceptance of a warning card suspends any penalty until new offences take place	Q <i>What is meant by President of the Ground Jury ? Is it the President of the Ground Jury mentioned in the schedule? Is it the President of the class? Is it the Ground Jury with min 3 members? Idem for Appeal Committee? What about the Chief Steward? Not the stewards?</i>
A <i>The President that is mentioned in the Schedule or the person who has been officially named to replace the President mentioned in the Schedule. The stewards may make a report to the Chief Steward who must issue the yellow card.</i>	
The Person Responsible <u>may or may not accept</u> the warning card. If the PR does not accept a card which <u>was not delivered at the event</u> , he must send it back to the FEI Legal Department within 48 hours of receipt, and the case will then be submitted to the Judicial Committee. The <u>non-acceptance of the warning card delivered at the event</u> entails the immediate institution of the normal procedures foreseen in the Legal System. Should the same Person Responsible receive one more warning card at the same or any other international event within one year of the delivery of the first card, the case shall be submitted to the Judicial Committee	Q <i>How can the PR send back to the FEI a card, which was not delivered at the event? How can the GJ record and lay down the non-acceptance?</i>
A <i>If the PR has left the showground he may still be issued with a yellow card via his CdE or NF. In this case the Ground Jury does not have to record this yellow card, as the FEI will receive notification and will record the non-acceptance</i>	
Where a warning card has been accepted, the offence for which it was delivered shall be taken into consideration when deciding the penalty to be imposed for a similar offence committed within the next twelve months	Q <i>Is 8.2 not the same as last sentence of 8.1?</i>
A <i>The last sentence of 8.1 is providing the procedure for the referral to the JC, while 8.2 is providing instructions that the offence committed with the first warning shall be taken into consideration when the PR is reported for a second warning.</i>	

STEWARDS' CORNER

The Steward of our dreams

In general, a good steward must have the same qualities as a good judge, and most of what we wrote in the previous article is applicable.

However, the stewards' position is more delicate, because they spend the entire show in close contact with the riders. Excellent communication skills and a well-developed sense of fairness and common sense are therefore fundamental qualities. While they must clearly know the rules



of the discipline, they must also be flexible, because they are not "policing" the event. By flexibility, we do not mean that they should either ignore an infraction by pretending not to see it, or conveniently "forget" a rule, but simply judge any situation that arises on its individual merit, using common sense, pragmatism and the

spirit of the rules.

More than any other event official, a good steward needs common sense and a sporting mentality. He is not a law enforcement officer, but someone whose duty is to ensure that all riders compete on a level playing field. His technical knowledge of the sport should be profound, and he should learn to know the riders and their individual quirks.

This is why we believe that for top level competitions (especially Olympics, Championships, WEGs and World Cup Finals) the Chief Steward should be someone who has competed at these levels. In our opinion, Paul Weier is a perfect example of such a person.

The role of Chief Steward at top-level events is comparable that of the conductor of an orchestra. To be able to read the score (know the rules) and wave a baton in the air (tell people what to do) is not enough. Riders have to see the Chief Steward as a professional, to respect him and to recognise his knowledge of horsemanship, otherwise they will tend not to take him seriously which can lead to unpleasant situations developing.

As we have already pointed out, the stress level in the practice arena is high. Both riders and horses are striving to achieve maximum concentration, and the intervention of a steward for minor infractions (for example, a top pole that is not 100% parallel to the ground) can break that concentration and cause great irritation. In extreme situations, it has not been unknown for riders to even request that the stewards intervene only when absolutely necessary.

Riders generally know when they are about to commit, or have committed, an infraction in the warm up arena, and a good steward will be able to intervene by just making eye contact or with a quiet word. The steward's job is a delicate one, and his attitude and approach can have a huge effect on the atmosphere and outcome of the entire event.

In the stables, things are different. If the steward has to use tact and savoir-faire in the practice areas, in the stables he must be tough with riders, grooms and organizers in order to safeguard the well-being of the horses. We feel that the provision of good, well-organized, well-ventilated, dry stables, good sanitary facilities for the grooms and adequate security fall under the Chief Steward's responsibility. This should include checking all the horses regularly, not only during the day, but during the night too.

By working closely with the FEI, Organizers should choose the right stewards for big events, according to their experience, approach and language skills. Organizers should assist their chosen team by giving them the correct tools to allow them to work to the best of their ability in order to achieve the common goal: the success of the event.

Unfortunately, there have been incidents in the recent past where stewards have treated riders in an unacceptable manner. They are not policemen, and the riders are not criminals.

So who is the steward of our dreams? He is not only an official, but also someone with technical knowledge, who – while maintaining control over the situation – does not behave in an officious manner. When he intervenes, he should be firm but non-conflictual or authoritarian, and allow the rider the benefit of the doubt. He should be understanding of the riders and their situations, and have a special "feeling" for the job. Unfortunately we feel there are stewards who should look long and hard in the mirror and ask themselves if they are really cut out for the work.



We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all stewards throughout the world who, weekend after weekend, work hard – sometimes in less than perfect circumstances – to fulfil their duties. We would appeal to all Organizing Committees to ensure that they appoint a sufficient number of stewards for their events so they can divide the burden of their duties more equably. A good stewarding team is not "a waste of space" but an excellent point of reference for all riders.



The International Jumping Riders Club is always willing to cooperate with Organizing Committees, Show Directors and Chief Stewards on all aspects of event management; it is better to examine important matters before the event than take drastic action during or after the event.

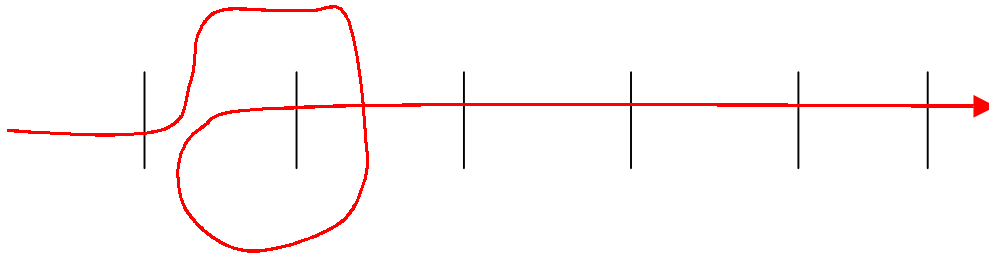
This article is based upon the points of view of several members of the IJRC.

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Director, IJRC*

Judging the Six-Bar Class

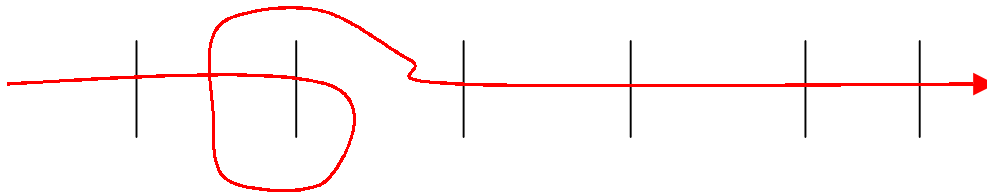
There has recently been a high volume of e-mail traffic between colleagues dealing with the following scenarios during a Six-Bar or Obstacles-in-Line competition (Art 262.3 & 4):

1.



The competitor intentionally circles the second (or any other) element before jumping it.

2.



Having jumped the second element, the competitor intentionally circles back around it before jumping the third element.

How would you judge this?

Replies and comments to isjc@hestri.com

Judges and Candidate Judges Course



In October, two French-language FEI Judges Courses were held in Lyon (Fra). The course director was Francis Michielsens, flanked by Jean Claude Bouard, Marc Damians and myself

The course was divided into two separate sessions, as outlined by the new FEI directives. The course for National Judges hoping for

promotion to Candidate International status ran from 12 – 14 October, and that for promotion to full International status was held after a few days, from 16 – 18 October.

Thanks to Marc Damians and his local contacts, both courses were hosted in the facilities of the Lyon Veterinary School, directed by Prof Charry, one-time President of the French NF. This Veterinary School is the oldest in France, and has relocated from its original site to more modern, functional buildings in the middle of a large



"domaine". Francis Michielsens was highly appreciative of the rooms allocated to the courses.

Participants and course directors lunched together every day – extremely well, it must be added! – in the facility restaurant. In the evening, Marc Damians led us on a discovery of the local gastronomic riches. Wonderful dinners in magnificent restaurants in Charbonnières, just outside Lyon, paved the way for those (or so it was rumoured) looking for exciting evenings at the Casino!

All those attending the two sessions listened attentively to the presentations, and the French contingent mingled happily with those from Algeria, Belgium and Croatia. Each participant completed entrance and final written papers, and was also "interviewed", thus providing the possibility of evaluating the psychological aspect of each candidate. This is an essential element in deciding whether or not a candidate has the necessary qualities to become an international judge. The whole event was an excellent occasion for all those present to get to know one another better.

Many thanks to the French Equestrian Federation, the Veterinary School, all participants and especially to Francis Michielsens, and please remember... France is already working on the next French language course! Spread the word!

Jean-Loup Caplain
ISJC Vice President

Say no to live exports

A Day in the Life of a Continental Feed and Watering Station

"The big international freighting wagons start rolling in about midnight. You can smell the calves before they arrive.



You can hear them bawling above the high whine of the truck tyres from miles away; you can hear the lambs too...Then you hear the horses coming –

usually they're silent but for the clumping about in the back of the wagons. Feet and hocks slamming into steel. Each time the wagon lurches round a

corner, the horses are smashed into the lorry's side.

It's still hot. This is high summer. I measured it at 48° C during the day and the night is not much cooler. In winter it's so cold here that you can't speak.

The horses on this first wagon are a group of Lithuanian workhorses – big heavies. They stand behind their bars in a state of semi-shock. Most of these horses will never have been in a transport of any kind before, never mind a 100-hour one-way ticket to the Piombino ferry and a captive bolt in a Cagliari butchery in southern Sardinia.

The tighter they load them, the more likely they are to collapse – not sometimes, always. One falls from exhaustion and the rest collapse like dominoes. Getting half a dozen massive horses to their feet when they're lying in a tangle in the back of a wagon takes a lot of doing. There's a



collapsed mare on this wagon, they have to get her on her feet so the wagon can pass through the Slovenian veterinary inspection, who won't let the wagon pass with collapsed animals inside.

She's right up front, so all the horses will have to be unloaded. It's now 1.30 am and there are 15 trucks with all classes of livestock in waiting to get their documentation to say that they've had feed and water. The horses fight as soon as they hear the sound of running water – you see the appalling lacerations from horses ripping at one another's back in wagons waiting for the water to go in. How do you feed and water 26 heavy horses in a wagon anyway? How? You stuff hay through the ventilation bars, probably no more than a ½ kg per horse, and these horses will be very hungry. Water arrives in a little metal-framed gadget, which maybe one horse can drink out of at a time, and there isn't enough time to let them all drink. So the fighting breaks out. Good job the horses are tethered. Not so good for the horses that can't reach the water. Tough on those who have their backs ripped open.

So the wagons come and go and we unload the mare. She's in deep shock. The vet says it's too far. She's stamped "Unfit for travel". She gets shuffled into a stable and off goes the wagon without her.

Altogether about 400 horses will go through this place in one night on their way to the abattoirs of the EU."



This is an extract from the latest ILPH (International League for the Protection of Horses) Newsletter. Please help them to continue their work, not only of campaigning to stop live horse export for meat trade in Europe, but of preventing cruelty and informing equine owners throughout the world. Even a small donation makes a difference.

Visit their web site and become part of their work in progress. www.ilph.org

Thank you.

Frances Triulzi

The Last Word

Seasons Greetings

How time flies! As 2003 draws to a close, it is natural both to look back and consider what we have accomplished during the year, and also to look forward to what 2004 will bring.

Firstly 2003. At the end of 2002, the ISJC numbered 100 members spread over 30 nations. At the end of 2003, we have lost a maximum of 6 members (2 have decided not to remain members as their level of activity is negligible, and 4 have simply not renewed their subscription for 2003 – but there is still time!), but we have welcomed 31 new members into the fold. 7 more have applied to join, but at the time of writing, have not yet completed the procedure. At the end of 2003, therefore, the ISJC numbers 125 members across 39 countries. The one negative note is that in spite of opening the doors to Course Designers, none have chosen to join. This is clearly an area that needs work, but I feel we can consider 2003 "a good year".

And now 2004. The focal point is the General Assembly and one-day seminar which will take place in Milan during the World Cup Finals in April. The President of the Italian Federation, the event hosts, has made it clear that he hopes to make the occasion an unforgettable one for all those who will be able to attend. Unfortunately at the moment we are unable to provide any more details on times or on accommodation, as the OC is working frenetically to dovetail our requirements within the framework of the Finals

and other parallel events, but as soon as these become available, we will advise you immediately.

On 6 March, there will be a Management Committee meeting in Brussels, where many subjects will be on the agenda. And of course, we must aim to increase our membership base. Each and every one of our current members can contribute by encouraging their non-member colleagues and friends to join.



On behalf of the Communications Group and the whole Management Committee, thank you for all your help and encouragement over the past 12 months. We wish you a happy, healthy, prosperous and - above all - peaceful 2004.

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