

EVENTING

TO APPOINTED NATIONAL SAFETY OFFICERS (with copy to respective National Federation)

Dear National Eventing Safety Officer (NSO),

First thank you and welcome to this new program for the FEI, designed to create a direct line of communication to the Eventing programs in your National Federation.

This will be a very important position and will allow the FEI to understand the real issues and position of the Eventing sport nationally and internationally. Taking also into account the development of Eventing in the recent year, communication between NFs and FEI Committees in regard to Eventing has become essential.

This will be the direct line between NF NSO's and the FEI Eventing Department in Lausanne and further the FEI Safety Committee.

The responsibilities of the NSO are to include:

1. Coordination:

1. Regular monitoring of the safety programs in your country
2. A direct line from the FEI safety committee to you to implement the policies of the safety committee
3. To provide a yearly national audit on national events the number of falls, type of falls and any injuries that occur in Eventing in your country. Statistics: Number of National competitions per year / per level / number of competitors / per level. (see details below*)
4. To provide a direct link to the FEI for support in implementing programs (Safety, communication, research, education of officials etc)
5. To provide direct communication from NSO to other NSO's
6. Provide FEI with all details on all serious accidents (all serious injuries rider and horse) immediately. (List of information required attached)
7. NF Responsibility – Competitor Entries: General Regulation Art 116 states that a NF is responsible to enter only rider and horse combination that are fit and competent to compete at that competition. NSO will need to work closely with their respective NF to ensure this requirement is met.

***Yearly national audit** – will need to set up by each NF involved in Eventing to allow to provide national statistics as benchmarking and for consolidating information together with other countries on national and International level.

2. Information:

In addition NSO will need to provide information on national standards to the FEI for as follows:

- National education and qualification standards for riders through the levels including how a rider qualifies to start at the 2* level

- national coaches certification program (if existing)
- National education and license of course designers
- To provide to the FEI how the medical and safety practices are handled, at your national and international competitions

3. Competitor Tracking:

The main purpose of the FEI safety committee is to make sure that a competitor and/or a horse can be tracked from competition to competition, in regard to multiple especially if that competitor and/or horse competes in multiple countries.

This information would include injuries sustained at a competition, yellow card infractions and dangerous riding penalties. This information must be available to the Judges/TD and OC at the following competitions even if taking place in another country.

It is suggested that a general FEI web based interactive system be developed to allow all to refer to information, enter information. Such a system should also cover tracking of injury, sanctions, suspensions, yellow cards and dangerous riding warnings. However also national information needs to be included.

5. Safety Forum:

NSOs will be invited to attend the FEI Safety Forum together with the FEI safety Committee to take place next year.

Please check the FEI Web-site on a regular basis for any updated information regarding safety.

We thank you very much for your attention and we look forward to working with you in the near future.

Kind regards

Signed FEI Safety Committee:

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Attachment:

- List of National Safety Officers 2008 (with email if provided)
- Information required on Monday after event of all serious accidents
- Medical release form