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## **INTRODUCTION**

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1. This Memorandum is not a Rule-Book; it is issued on the authority of the FEI Eventing Committee with the aim of bringing to Organising Committees, Officials, Responsible Persons and Competitors in International Events, details concerning the organisation and the running of Eventing competitions.
2. The organisation of an International Event is complex and requires an expert Organising Committee to provide for all the details required for the smooth running of such an Event. The FEI Officials (Ground Jury, Appeal Committee, Veterinary Commission, Technical Delegate, Course Designer, Chief Steward) all have a precise part to play. However, the FEI Officials and the OC must work together in that perfect harmony indispensable to the success and regularity of the competition.
3. The order of topics follows as closely as possible the order of the Rules for Eventing. Matters that are clearly covered in the Rules are not generally included again in this Memorandum which also includes some guidance on the interpretation of the Rules.
4. The Memorandum should be read in conjunction with the Statutes, the General Regulations, the Rules for Eventing and the Veterinary Regulations of the FEI. In addition, the Rules for Jumping and the Rules for Dressage will be needed from time to time.
5. Every eventuality cannot be provided for in the Rules. In unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the Ground Jury (or the Appeal Committee) in consultation with the TD to make a decision in a sporting spirit and to approach as nearly as possible the intention of the Rules for Eventing and the General Regulations of the FEI.
6. The Rules must always be strictly observed and there are minimum standards that must be achieved at all FEI competitions. This Memorandum includes many recommendations for 'best practice' which are the standards to be aimed at and are essential for Four Star Events or major Championships. The FEI recognises that new events and/or those at the lower star levels will not always be able to achieve all of these (perhaps due to cost or other limitations). The first consideration for all officials and the OC must always be the safety of the rider and the welfare of the horse, closely followed by the need to ensure fair play in competition.