

FEI JUMPING COMMITTEE MEETING

Windsor (GBR), 14 May 2007

The FEI Jumping Committee held the first of its two annual meetings in Windsor (GBR) on 14 May 2007. Among the items discussed were the following:

- The Committee supported the Veterinary Committee's recommendation to ban the use of heavy (weighted) boots for horses;
- Introduction of a check list with regard to conditions for grooms, to be included in the Draft Schedules and a rider's report form to be included in the Foreign Judge's report;
- A number of changes to the Rules for the FEI World Cup™ 2007/2008 season were approved. These have been published on the FEI website;
- Introduction of a maximum entry fee of € 1500 for Amateur Owner Classes;
- Review of the format of the Individual Jumping Final at the FEI World Equestrian Games. A proposal will be presented to the Committee at its second meeting;
- The Committee appointed a Working Group to review the FEI World Ranking Rules. Another Working Group was appointed to examine the Jumping Rules in view of the next revision;
- A North American Working Group was established to examine ways of improving international sport in North America;
- Several series were considered. A proposed Nations Cup Series in the Middle East is being followed up with Group VII. A low level European series designed to highlight speed horses is also under consideration;
- Two minor alterations to the Jumping Rules were considered and will be presented to the Bureau for approval;
- The Committee reconfirmed that tying the foot to the stirrup was not permitted. The manufacturer of the stirrup with a release mechanism on the sole of the rider's boot will be contacted in view of improving the safety of the stirrup.
- A strategic five-year plan for Jumping will be prepared and presented at the second meeting.
- The Committee agreed to reduce the speed of the competitions at the 2008 Olympic Games and the 2009 European Jumping Championship to 375 m/min in view of the size of the arena at the venues for these events.

The next Committee meeting will take place in October 2007 at the FEI Headquarters in Lausanne.