



## Executive Summary

### Sports Operations Technical Committee Meeting

**Date of Meeting: 19 June 2019**

1. Updated Terms of Reference documents handed out to the Sport Operations Committee.
2. Championship Pathways project discussed by the Board, supported by results / feedback from the members' survey. Proposals to be finalised and then put forward for Board approval at the July Meeting. Once ratified, member communication will then be scheduled for August, with venues also invited to submit expressions of interest for 2020 Area Festivals.
3. Working party set up to look at non-international FEI classes and groups of riders within Small and Middle Tour. In parallel with this, review requirements for a minimum percentage to attend Premier Leagues. FEI PYO to remain as non-qualifier at this time, will be followed up within this working party.
4. Combined Training rules approved for 2019-2020. An additional class will be called 'all-comers'; this will have 80cm and 1m tracks and an Elementary test. Combinations that have ridden at medium or above must enter this class. Instead of four marks deducted from the total score for SJ penalties, 4% will be deducted off the dressage score. Also riders may enter on a class ticket and if they qualify they have a time period to join as a Club member for the Championship. A full rule summary will be updated for the start of the first rounds in October 2019.
5. Update dress code for Combined Training to BD dress rather than Club. Health and Safety issue raised with hoodies and jumping.
6. For 2020 Associated Championships, Gold riders will now be allowed to participate and will have their own section.
7. Work is underway for the 2020 rule book; no major changes, primarily updates for clarification or simplification, with internal reviews having now taken place.
8. Succession planning required for Technical Committees, to provide continuity and ensure that all knowledge / experience of committee work does not leave at the same time.
9. Proposed streamlined handbook for Club & Quest members, available on-line as a download.
10. Proposal sent to Board to amend the retirement rule. Amendment will state that retirement should be done before the final centre line; if this is not done then the result will still stand.
11. Proposal for all organisers to include an additional tab on their online entries for Emergency ICE contacts for riders that come alone to BD competitions.
12. Maximum width requirements for bits will be placed on hold until the FEI have issued their proposed rule changes for 2020. If approved at the FEI General Assembly in November, BD will monitor the implementation before determining any action required for 2021.
13. Organiser roadshows proposed regionally to advise on rule updates, new IT systems and progress for the year to date.
14. The Committee thanked Tamsyn Cowie for her significant contribution during her tenure as Sport Operations Director and wished her well for the future.
15. Date of next meeting: 2 October 2019.