

Executive Summary

Sport Operations Technical Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting 25 July 2018

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- 1) 2019 Rules – riding in rugs and sponsors' rugs, shirts, definition of an equine, Velcro straps, adjustment to maximum numbers of tests in a day, on island arrangements, plus new FEI definitions discussed and to be highlighted on production of 2019 Handbook.

The format and wording has been examined in detail by the Working Party to ensure greater clarity. Many thanks for their hard work.

- 2) Eligibility – Bronze upper limit to increase from 25 points from 15 at the level above. Widening the bronze section and better progression from Quest with more appropriate placement for those in transition of Bronze to Silver

Forever Gold – International and Grand Prix riders will no longer 'come back' to silver. This will not apply to U21, who are only Gold on their International horses, or to Para.

Clarification of status of Advanced and Intermediate event horses and riders.

- 3) Stewards – agreed to work closely with the Stewards to produce a manual and discussion around tack fitting and welfare issues. Numbers of official Stewards at Championships discussed and to be specified.

Official tack check will align with international competition and be compulsory on completion of test. Riders can seek advice and request an unofficial check before the class.

- 4) Judges – recognise the use of Speaker Watches as an excellent training tool, and await results of trials in a competition environment before introduction for BD competition. These watches are therefore not permitted in BD competition at this time.

Judges' Committee request for payment of £2 per horse at Premier Leagues was approved to go to the Board for ratification. A similar request for Regionals was held back for further investigation due to the cost of £3 per horse to cover three judges. The need for judges' payment to approach the minimum wage recognised but this impacts on venue financial models.

Approved proposal that Championship class results be signed off by the C Judge to go to Judges' Committee.

- 5) The group had a presentation on statistics together with projections for results relating to the rule changes which the Board had also seen. The change to performance in championships rather than accumulation of points for eligibility is assigning the right combinations to the right class
- 6) There are two committee vacancies to be advertised with the competencies of List 1 Judge with international experience and top level trainer.
- 7) Venue tenders and format of Championships discussed with Maggie Jackman to ensure BD sponsor recognition is considered, as well as delivery of member experience.
- 8) Five venue applications were considered – two rejected as immediate area already well-served, two accepted and one referred for further research.

Keysoe's submission to run an outdoor CDI was endorsed for application to the FEI with early Autumn identified as a suitable gap in the International calendar

Date of next meeting – 3 October 2018