

Executive Summary

Sport Operations Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: 28 September 2023



1. The committee were updated on the progress of the new tests and timelines for launch, this will be announced at the AGM. A proposal has been submitted to the Board to allow all new tests to be Qualifying status to make it easier for members to understand. Discussions about moving all qualification to scores is ongoing with more analysis to be done. For 2024 it will remain as it is, with more clarification in the rule synopsis released 1 December.
2. After an extensive review, the committee have proposed that the Associated Championships in 2024 are held at a central venue. Onley Grounds has been proposed pending Board approval.
3. A pilot HPS has been agreed to run with Somerford Park Premier League 2024, to allow silver riders an opportunity to bring out young horses in big atmosphere, but not be penalised by the current Premier League rule, when they are still eligible for Area Festivals.
4. The committee were presented with Championship data comparing 2022 – 2023 statistics at all levels. Discussions around participation levels are ongoing and which areas are starting to decrease are being monitored so we can analyse if there are any eligibility concerns or is the cost of competing in the current climate proving to be a barrier to participation.
5. Final rule proposals were prepared for the Board meeting, with work almost complete with the first draft of the rule book ready to proof.
6. Date of next meeting: TBC

Name of Director: Simon Bates

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