

PONY RIDER'S COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

The Pony Rider's Committee met in Amsterdam (NED) on November 9 & 10 for their 2007 annual meeting. The following is a summary of the main issues discussed:

RESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

The Committee were notified of the resignation of Mr Ferdi Wassermeyer (GER) as Chairman for health reasons. In the absence of a Deputy Chair he was been replaced by existing member Jean Scott Mitchell who would take over as Acting Chair.

PONY MEASUREMENT PROCEDURE

The issue of measuring was discussed at length and the feedback of NFs was studied in detail. Both the FEI and the NFs share the responsibility for ensuring that only ponies in compliance with the FEI rules and meeting the FEI definition of a pony compete at international events: once a pony has been measured out according to FEI rules, NFs are subsequently responsible for ensuring that any such pony is not entered into any further international events.

It was agreed that the 2cm tolerance in place for on-site measuring will be maintained. NFs and indeed all stakeholders are once again reminded that the definition of a pony remains unchanged and that this tolerance is to be used for on site measuring only. Measuring will take place in 2008 at both the CH-EU-P and at CIP.

In order to carry out on site measurement as best as possible the current rules on measuring were modified. (see below).

JUMPING FORMAT CH-EU-P

The trial change in the format of the Jumping at the 2007 CH-EU-P would be maintained for the 2008 CH-EU-P with a view to its' being integrated into the rules in 2009.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS FEI 2007 CH-EU-P (SUI)

The Committee appointed the Ground Juries for the Championships.

FEI 2009 CH-EU-P : APPLICATIONS & ALLOCATIONS

The allocation of these Championships was deferred.

RULE CORRECTIONS & ADDITIONS

The rules in their entirety would undergo a full revision during 2008 for publication in 2009.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES AND ADDITIONS
Effective 1st January 2008

to
Rules for Pony Riders & Children
8th Edition, effective 1st January 2006

Approved by FEI Bureau November 2007

Annex C – I

Measurement Procedure

5. ~~The pony must either have all four shoes removed and the feet correctly prepared and balanced as for shoeing, with the wall taken down level with the bearing edge of the sole, or be shod.~~ **A pony must be presented for measurement in the shoes and pads in which he will compete at the competition. Once the competition has begun shoes may not be changed without the written authorisation of the President of the Ground Jury and the FEI Veterinary Delegate. Any shoe change after measurement – either authorised or suspected – may, at the discretion of the Ground Jury, result in a re-measurement of the pony. In the case of the second measurement differing from the first, the higher result will be taken into account. Details of all of the above must be sent with the Official Reports following any event.**

15. At the time of measurement, the physical condition of the pony must, in the opinion of the Measuring Veterinarian, be such that the pony is fit to compete. If the pony on presentation to the veterinarian shall in his/her opinion be unfit to be measured for any reason, or present evidence of improper preparation, the owner shall be informed that the pony cannot be measured and therefore cannot participate in the competition.

19. It is the responsibility of each NF to ensure that any pony measuring over height is not entered at any further international events and that the passport be sent to the FEI within the 15 days immediately following the event at which the measurement was carried out. The fact that the pony has measured out will be marked in the passport and recorded at FEI HQ and the passport will be returned to the NF.