

FEI EQUIVALENCY FOR NATIONAL OFFICIALS – JUMPING

National Federations now have the opportunity to apply to the FEI for an equivalency of their national officials.

Applying for equivalency means that the **highest national education** obtained by a judge can become the equivalent of the **FEI education entry level**.

The process of applying for an equivalency is as follows:

In order for the FEI Education & Officials department to consider an equivalency request the following needs to be provided from the National Federation:

- **An education system** (or a detailed description hereof), including the different levels, entry requirements, criteria to remain listed, practical experience, exit criteria etc.
- **A description of the standard career pathway** (national as well as national to international).
- **An outline of the education contents** (curriculum, syllabi, exam types and evaluation criteria, examples of the standardised education material/content).

The National Federation needs to ensure that their highest level Officials are familiar with the FEI Regulations, the FEI Jumping Rules, applicable Codes of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse, Conflict of Interest, etc.

Once all documents have been received, these will carefully be reviewed by the Education & Officials Department, in consultation with the Course Director General for Jumping Judges, Jumping Course Designers or Jumping Stewards, following which a formal answer will be given.

If a National Federation is granted an equivalency for their **national Jumping Judges, Course Designers or Stewards** education, this means that:

- Their National Officials can be directly entered into an FEI Course for Transfer-up (promotion) to FEI L2, provided they fulfil the criteria mentioned in the FEI Education System for Jumping.
- Their National Judges can apply through their National Federation for the updated **online** FEI Jumping Judges L1 course on FEI Campus.

For National Federations which do not have established education systems and monitored career pathways in place, the FEI provides entry level education courses and certification.

For more information please contact the **Education & Officials Department**.



This online programme aims at preparing and certifying **National Judges from National Federations with an equivalency** for officiating as FEI Level 1 judges at FEI International Jumping events.

To become an FEI certified judge, national judges must:

- **Be approved and registered to this course by their National Federation**
- **Complete the course within three months**
- **Pass the online examination**
- **Take part in an online conducted interview to complete the certification process**
- **Have the English proficiency level of A2 (European Framework of languages)**

What judges will learn:

- ✓ categories of Officials;
- ✓ Judges' career pathway;
- ✓ FEI Code of Conduct;
- ✓ philosophy of judging;
- ✓ FEI Rules and Regulations;
- ✓ event schedules;
- ✓ arenas and schooling areas;
- ✓ obstacles;
- ✓ penalties during a round;
- ✓ time and speed;
- ✓ table of penalties;
- ✓ eliminations, disqualifications, fines;
- ✓ ranking;
- ✓ competitors and horses;
- ✓ jump-offs;
- ✓ selected competitions;
- ✓ and course inspection

This course is accessible to National Federations and all equestrian enthusiasts who are passionate and eager to extend their knowledge of this exciting discipline. All the fundamentals of judging at international level are included in this course which is based on a

syllabus established by the FEI with specifically crafted course material. Built-in learning quizzes are also provided which allow participants to test their knowledge and monitor their progression.

Through courses such as this, the FEI is able to promote the highest standards in the education of Officials, to support the healthy development of the sport and to nurture everyone's thirst for knowledge.

For more information please contact JumpingOfficials@fei.org.