

JUMPING Officials Exchange Programme – 2018

Jumping Officials: Judges, Course Designers, and Stewards

The Jumping Officials exchange programme will focus on Judges, Course Designers, and Stewards.

Principles: Exchange of technical knowledge by sharing of knowledge and experience of the sport worldwide to strive for standardisation of officiating, of understanding and application of the rules.

The following three programmes are proposed, *in decreasing order of priority:*

1. Opportunity for Officials from developing & less experienced countries to officiate in countries that organise a high number of international events, to gain experience.
2. If requested, officials from more experienced countries to officiate in countries with less involvement in the sport at International Events, supporting OCs in the organisation of the event and officials of the host nation.
3. Experienced officials, but with officiating history limited to international events organised in their home NFs, to be able to gain experience and exchange knowledge at events in another region.

Budget: considering the limited funding, financial contribution for travel, and/or accommodation, will be reviewed on a case by case basis

Minimum application requirements

1. Applicant must be listed as FEI Official
2. Applicant must understand and speak English
3. Applicant must be already agreed, in principle, to be appointed at the event for which the application is being sent
4. Applicant must have some experience at international events organised in her/his home NF, or substantial experience at National events in case no international events are organised at the home NF
5. The event must not be in the FEI Official country of birth or residence
6. The application form must be sent at least 1 month before the start date of the event
7. The Official must not have any kind of offences/disciplinary issues registered in his FEI profile
8. Experienced officials who have officiated at FEI international events applying for the programme should mention in detail how the specific

event, for which they are requesting funding support, will add to their experience and learning, what different responsibilities are they expecting to experience at the said event

Criteria for evaluation of applications

For all applicants who fulfil the above mentioned minimum requirements, preference will be given to those:

1. Who have not benefitted from the programme previously
2. Who are from geographical regions with limited opportunity to gain experience
3. Who have been suggested to further their experience at FEI international events outside their own regions, by the course director (s) at a recent course that the applicant attended and successfully passed
4. Who have sufficient experience but only within their own country; or with the same event year on year

Additional points:

1. A maximum of two applications will be considered for officiating opportunity at the same event
2. The applicant must keep his/her NF in copy while sending the exchange programme application to the FEI Jumping Department. Before the decision is conveyed to the applicant, the FEI will check with the applicant's NF whether they support the application
3. The final decision on the outcome of the application, and the amount of financial contribution will be decided by the FEI Director Jumping
4. The financial contribution will be paid after the event, on receipt of the following documents:
 - a. Scans of relevant invoices of the type of expense that were agreed to be reimbursed at the time of communication of the application decision
 - b. Completed expense claim form reflecting the exact amounts as appearing in the relevant invoices
 - c. Feedback report (detailed report with pictures and/or videos, comments, mentioning the different responsibilities the Official fulfilled, specific learning experiences and differences, if any, compared to past experiences)