



## NOTES OF THE NATIONAL SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8 DECEMBER 2016

- Following recent advertisements for rotational vacancies on the National Sport Committee, it was confirmed that Richard Seals would take over the position currently held by Phillipa Curry and Terri Hill would serve an additional 3 years.
- **Bronze League Restrictions:** After considerable research and discussion the committee unanimously agreed to implement a rule that no rider will be eligible for the Bronze League Final if they have another horse in the Silver League during the respective league period. Furthermore, riders who accumulate points in the Silver League will be ineligible to participate in the Bronze League Direct Qualifiers / Semi Finals or Championship for one year (Summer and Winter League Period). The above rule to be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.
- **Pony Tack Rule Changes:** With implementation from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 the following rule amendments will apply:
  1. Hackamores to be permitted for 148cms ponies in Pony Gold League classes only. No other bit is permitted to be used with the hackamore.
  2. All pelhams must be used with one single rein. The rein must either be used with a connecting piece (roundings) or attached to the larger of the two rings of the bit.
  3. Nosebands must be constructed of leather and should be fitted flat against the head of the pony. Only one noseband may be worn. Rope, Elastic or chained nosebands are not permitted.
  4. Standing Martingales must be attached to a flat leather surface cavesson noseband that is at least 2cms wide.
- **Horse Tack Rule Changes:** With implementation from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 the following rule amendments will apply:
  1. Market Harborough reins are not permitted.
  2. The use of tongue straps are forbidden
- **Standing Martingales:** In conjunction with FEI rules the Committee discussed Standing Martingales at great length. It was agreed that consultation would take place with the appropriate Working Groups, Committees and Members Council.
- **Springboard 128cms/138cms Restricted Handicap – Rule 415:** With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017 (next qualifying period) it was agreed to amend the wording of the Springboard class as follows:

'In the 128cms Section Junior riders are eligible to enter, irrespective of Points achieved, before the calendar year in which the age of 10 years is reached. Riders who reach the age of 10 years and over in the current calendar year must not have won a total of 500 Points (pony/rider combination)'.

'In the 138cms Section, Pony riders are eligible to enter, irrespective of Points achieved, before the calendar year in which the age of 12 is reached. Riders who reach the age 12 years and over in the current calendar year must not have won a total of 850 Points (pony/rider combination)'.