

## **Annual Report: FEI**

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### **WORLD CUP CLASSES**

In the World Cup classes this past season we had 25 riders competing in the six World Cup rounds with 10 horses having their first start at this level. The winner was a first season horse – Windermere Cappuccino only an 8-year-old ridden and part owned by Tegan Fitzsimon. Second place was taken by LT Holst Andrea ridden by Brooke Edgecombe with third place going to Briar Burnett Grant on FibreFresh Veroana. Neither of the top two placegetters wanted to take up the opportunity of travelling to and competing at the World Cup Final in Sweden.

It was apparent at some of the shows that walking the course between rounds was disruptive and time-delaying which made for less interest for the spectators with unnecessary long gaps.

Surfaces that horses jump on at this level are of great importance so we need to keep our attention on this. Taupo seems to have issues with their ground due to problems with the weather and numbers of horses jumping on the surface.

With 2020 being an Olympic year all the outdoor World Cup classes will be Certificate of Capability classes.

### **CSI\* CLASSES**

These classes were held at Wairarapa, Taupo and Gisborne. The courses have been very good and the riders have enjoyed riding in these classes.

It's important that we continue to encourage riders to get their passports done and in good time, as this seems to be quite a big factor in stopping some competing in these classes.

This upcoming season we have more shows applying to run these classes. These classes are so necessary because they are a big part of helping our course designers with their upgrading to level 3.

### **WORLD JUMPING CHALLENGE**

This is the last year that this will be running due to lack of interest by shows. This year the Challenge was won by Emma Gaze.

Emma is not available to travel to the final and the FEI have invited the runner-up Mikayla Herbert who has accepted and will compete in Quito in September.

### **CHILDREN'S FEI CLASS**

There were only 4 starters this year with just two combinations jumping in the last round. With no shows applying to have it this season the decision has been made not to run it any more.

Anna Nalder represented New Zealand in Uzbekistan in April following her win from last season.