

## **Executive Summary**

### **Officials Committee Meeting (Via Zoom)**

**24 September 2025**

1. Provisions surrounding welfare training were discussed, with reference to the online training that is now available for judges to attend. Protocols for unlevel/irregular horses were discussed.
2. The noseband measuring gauge was discussed, with positive feedback so far about the trial roll out.
3. An update on the Operational Plan was provided, with reference to the transition onto the new online Learning Hub for Training & Education, workforce training & development supported by quality assurance processes. The review of Steward resources and specific noseband measuring training was also included.
4. Updates to the Judge Education system policy were discussed & agreed by the committee, with changes coming into force after the autumn 2025 assessments.
5. The process & priority of selecting panels & judges for the Winter & Nationals championships were discussed & agreed by the committee.
6. Steward support and guidance in regard to managing challenging situations in competition were discussed. The existing protocols were considered to be sufficient at this stage; however, they will be recirculated to ensure all officials are aware of the process.
7. Provisions surrounding the practicalities of judging horses in bitless bridles were discussed with recommendations put forward for further discussion at the Sport Development Committee.
8. Possible presenters for the 2026 Principles of Dressage seminar were discussed & agreed. The event will take place at Hartpury College on 21 and 22 March 2026, and will be count towards CPD for judges, coaches and stewards.

**Date of next meeting: TBC**