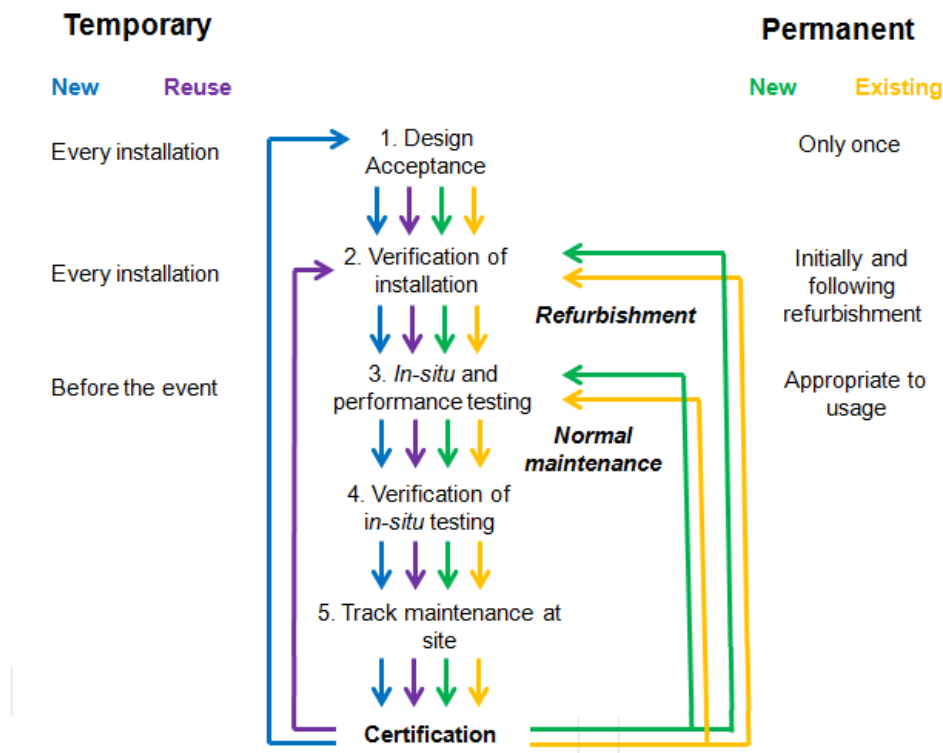


# Update on FEI Footing Standard

December 2016

## 1. Overall Testing Process

Progress has been made on the detailed processes concerning the overall testing Process. The steps (see figure below) will be outlined in detailed protocols. This is the preliminary schematic description of the way to a certified arena presented at FEI meeting in 2015. This is the template for the final procedure. Depending on situation steps 2 to 4 can be performed at the same occasion.



The research group summarized the following steps for the development of the protocols.

- Develop overall document to include timelines and specifics for each part of the certification process. Add in additional tests as discussed. Include new GUI from LR (SLU) in in-situ protocol and test protocol. Develop final draft report format for in-situ testing.
- Revise materials test differences table & procedures documents. Complete drafts. Check spreadsheet calculations for materials tests. Agree the format of materials testing reports for design acceptance/ in-situ testing.
- Develop draft protocol and report format for track-in-a-box procedures.
- Negotiate final materials test.
- Develop calibration procedure for OBST.

- Update final draft documents for review
- Finalize documents for FEI approval

## **2. Labosport**

On the 5 and 6 September the research group, FEI and Labosport met in order to discuss the procedures, methods and requirements for carrying out testing on a larger scale.

Labosport is studying the feasibility of reproducing the OBST.

## **3. Footing Expert**

The FEI is in process to draft a job description for an FEI Footing Advisor for the Olympic and Paralympic Games 2022 in Tokyo. This will be shared with you as soon as it is approved.

## **4. FEI Meeting Mainz /GER**

On the 3 April, the second meeting of the footing industry with FEI will take place in Mainz / Germany. Please find attached a flyer that provides more details. A hardcopy of the flyer is in the mail to all of you.

On the 4 and 5 April a meeting will take place, organised by Arno Lindner, called "MONITORING AND MAINTAINING RIDING ARENAS".

## **5. Meeting Working Group**

During the meeting at FEI in 2015 it has been suggested to create a working of the industry to work on certain documents such as communication of the standard, conflict of interest policy, maintenance staff education etc.

Hereby we would like to propose two dates for a meeting of the working group at FEI Headquarters in Lausanne.

Please let us know **as soon as possible** which date suits you best:

- Option 1 31 January (all day)
- Option 2 7 February (all day)

The following persons have confirmed their interest in joining the working group:

Stéphane Montavon  
Oliver Hoberg  
Markus Fleischmann  
Luca Rovere  
Lee Penrose  
Ben Agterberg  
Conny Herholz

Michael and Naomi Waidlich  
Bent and Alan Neergaard  
Christian Bauer  
Bart Poels  
Wolfgang Bacher and Maren Bohleber  
Kees Haaksman  
Jochen Bohlmann  
Kevin Dettmeier

### **Surface Guide**

The Swedish Equestrian Federation is in a process to review the Surface Guide ( see [http://inside.fei.org/system/files/Equestrian\\_Surfaces-A\\_Guide.pdf](http://inside.fei.org/system/files/Equestrian_Surfaces-A_Guide.pdf) ).

They will add a new chapter on turf. They are also outline the content for a maintenance manual/chapter. The FEI will support the project.

### **Testing in Gothenburg**

During the FEI European Jumping, Dressage & Para-Equestrian Dressage, and Driving Championships in 2017 (22-27 August) in Gothenburg, the FEI will test the arena surface for Jumping.

### **Dressage Surfaces**

It has been agreed to start a project in 2017 in order to test surfaces at Dressage Events, including a corresponding Rider Survey. The objective is to adapt the FEI Footing Standard to Dressage.