

## Eligibility Committee Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2023

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Present: Kelli Brummett, Peter Defrietas, Jesse Chase, Karen Shedlauskas, Paulus Beurskens, Angie Honeywell (Staff)

Not Present: Kevin Ball, Travis Chapman, Kaci O'Rourke, Morris Kulmer

1. The committee approved the previous meeting minutes, after Legends Class approval was added.
  
2. Should Cat 1 be included in Cat 2 and 6 eligibilities?
  - There was discussion on how it takes a different horse for aged events than Cat 1 events. Some people do show their aged event horses in Cat 1 but the majority of time they are schooling. It was also stated that we are trying to increase entries and don't want to deter people from showing in Cat 1 classes, supporting their affiliates, or running for world titles. Jesse had done some research and provided some examples. He said 21 people would change in the Top 200, mostly people moving around in L1 and L2 but not a huge effect. Some of the committee thinks it does not make a big enough difference to warrant the change. They also feel as if a lot more research needs to be done before making this decision. Just a few years ago the committee reviewed this using three years of data and multiple meetings and decided not to make this change. We would need to do the same due diligence and speak to members. Others felt that money is money, and we should look into it. **It was decided to discuss this further on the next call.**
  
3. Should we implement a factor up rule for categories 2 and 6 eligibility?
  - Peter and Karen presented issues that arose when they implemented this in 2019. Once the factor up was implemented there were only 11 L4 riders – this made it unfair for the L3 riders that had to move up to fill the top 35, and those that then had to move up from L2 to L3 etc. In 2019 the Executive Committee had to have an emergency meeting to reverse this decision and remove the Factor Up rule. **The committee voted to not implement the factor up rule.**

4. Kelli reminded Angie she would like the wording on the eligibility policy to be clearer for the Level one Cat 2 and 6. We will make these changes when we present the revised policy to the board for approval at the August meeting. The only item we currently voted in favor to change is adding Category 7 to the eligibility for Categories 1, 3, and 5.

The meeting was adjourned.