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GENERAL STATEMENT re HIND BOOT INCIDENT

It has come to the attention of SASJ that there were alleged contraventions of the Rules relating to hind boots at the Youth Festival held at Maple Ridge during 24 to 27 September 2020.

SASJ has investigated the incident.

Due to COVID-19 Regulations no boot checks were allowed, and this hindered the ability of the officials to conduct proper checks. Nevertheless, the officials present ought to have intervened when they were alerted to the alleged contraventions and any Athletes riding with illegal hind boots ought to have been eliminated according to FEI Jumping Rules Article 257.2.9. This did not occur, and the officials concerned have been reprimanded.

However, it remains the responsibility of each rider to ensure compliance with the Rules, regardless of whether any contravention is identified by an official or not.

Officials, Owners of Horses, Persons Responsible, Athletes and/or Team Officials found to be contravening any of the Rules will be subject to the imposition of sanctions by the Ground Jury. All those participating in an Event are strongly advised to familiarise themselves with the Rules under which the Event is being run.

Yours Sincerely

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