

International FEI Driving Officials Course at the Olympic Equestrian Centre Munich

From 29 January to 1 February 2026, the FEI Course for all international Driving officials – FEI Judges, FEI Technical Delegates, FEI Course Designers and FEI Stewards – was held at the Olympic Equestrian Centre in Munich, Germany. As the venue will host the FEI World Championship for Single Drivers from 1 to 6 September 2026, it provided an ideal setting for this international educational programme.

Following the theoretical sessions, the topics covered were extensively applied in practice. Both a cones course and its corresponding course plan were thoroughly reviewed and analysed with regard to potential errors. In addition, the marathon obstacles and the entire marathon course were inspected in detail. These tasks were carried out partly on an individual basis and partly in teams, encouraging different perspectives and solution-oriented approaches.

A particular focus for the judges was placed on the assessment of the basic paces of the horses, including evaluations relevant to young horse competitions. In total, six horses were presented in driving, as well as three horses under saddle, all of which were assessed accordingly.

Within the framework of this FEI Course, participants were able to complete their mandatory continuing education requirements and achieve upgrades in their respective functions. In addition, new FEI Driving officials were appointed.

Both participants and course directors agreed that the course was an outstanding success. This was largely due to the exceptional commitment of Charly Geiger, who addressed all requests and concerns of the participants both during the preparation phase and throughout the course itself. Special thanks also go to the German Equestrian Federation (FN) for making the organisation and implementation of this course possible.