

ACES VAULTING REPORT
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The Head of Vaulting in Mauritius is yet to be decided after the last FEI incentives to involve a member from the Central Committee of the Federation. Vaulting has known a lull in Mauritius since Covid hit and really since the Tri-Nations Cup in Oct 2019 .

The Africa Cup Vaulting will be happening in Kyalami, JHB from 27th April to 1st May 2022.

Mauritius is currently looking at possibly participating in the ACV although National competitions are still not permitted in Mauritius hence no selection possible. No other countries have yet shown interest.

There are difficult Implications with flying still as Covid PCR testing is still demanded on leaving and entering Mauritius which means that a possible non departure or self-isolation period may be needed on arrival in SA, hence maybe missing the competition and/or if positive in return, a quarantine period of 2 weeks is demanded by law in Mauritius in a Government facility on return for nationals or foreigners at their own cost. This makes it near impossible for parents to take the risk in accompanying or sending their children to partake in the ACV.

A request has been made this year by MESF to FEI to hold a 2nd ESEE focusing on training new coaches and updating skills of existing coaches and of also training new judges as numbers have dwindled. It would be good to host a Vaulting Challenge either before or after the ESEE, which has also been requested to the FEI for approval this year. This combined event would possibly be held in October 2022. Participation from neighboring countries is hoped for.

A need for judges and coaches, higher level coaching in particular to maintain the numbers in the juniors category especially is a necessity in Africa as well as equipment (surcingles, professional pads, movies) and appropriately trained ponies/horses as before. The freight for importing horses to Mauritius was drastically increased this year but it has been reviewed recently to lower the costs.

There has been no news or invites from other countries of Africa as regards to Vaulting.