

FEI Group IX International Vaulting Cup 2011

The 5th FEI Group IX Vaulting Competition (2011) was hosted by Mauritius, the first time the event has left mainland Africa. Perhaps because Mauritius is more expensive to get to, there were only four Group IX teams: Malawi wanted to send teams but were unable to find sponsorship to cover the travel. However, it was very exciting that Madagascar was one of them — it was their first vaulting competition of any kind *ever*; they competed only in E-grade and performed fantastically well for newcomers.

Zambia and South Africa were the two continental countries to send teams, while Mauritius as host country fielded not only official Mauritian teams but also mixed international teams made up of expatriates from Europe and South Africa living in Mauritius.

In all, 50 vaulters competed over two days of competition, in team and individual events at E-grade (8 teams), D-grade (3 teams) and C-grade (2 teams). Mauritius (which now has twelve vaulting horses) provided horses for everyone.



The weather was perfect and complemented the arena, which was ideal for competitors, spectators and judges, with an astounding sound system expertly managed.

Ulrike Rieder (FEI) and Helen Anderson (SANEF) judged, with Barbie Gertenbach (FEI development) working with the scribes and potential judges. The event was run for the first time under the new Rulebook for the FEI Group IX Vaulting Competition. The scoring staff were magnificent: accurate and quick. The commentator made everything clear and interesting for the spectators.



Mauritius swept the board, coming first in all three grades, both in the team and individual events.

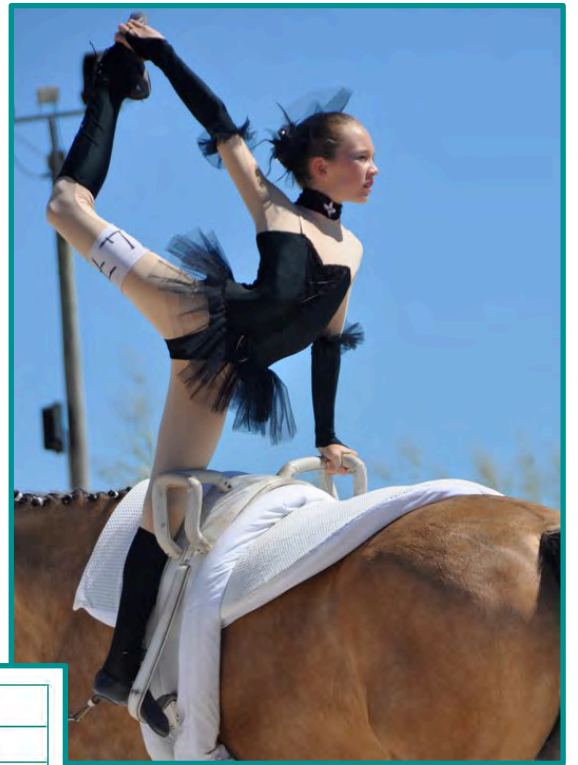
The day after the event Ulrike, Helen and Barbie ran a coaches' and judges' clinic, which was found to be very useful. It was very well-attended and the feedback was positive and enthusiastic, with a general consensus that more such clinics were needed.



Special thanks must go to Tina Fröhlich and Marina Rittelmann from Germany, who helped prepare the Mauritian vaulters before the show, and helped as scribes during the event. Marie Bella, also from Germany, coached the Zambians both in Zambia and Mauritius. Kenhardt de Vry from South Africa helped the Mauritian and Madagascan vaulters.



Although the event's taking place in Mauritius meant that numbers were lower than they have been, that was the only disadvantage. The amazingly good organisation and solid teamwork shown by the organisers made the 5th FEI Group IX Vaulting Competition an event to remember. Special thanks are due to Kim Gueho (Secretary-General of MESF), Clotilde Jauffret (President of MESF) the Ministry of Youth and Sports Mauritius, Jacqueline Braissant (FEI) and Stephanie Bax (owner of Centre Équestre de la Louisa, the host venue).



TEAM RESULTS: E-GRADE

Place	Team	Points
1	Mauritius	19.42
2	International 2	18.52
3	South Africa	18.35
4	Zambia 1	17.26
5	International 1	17.12
6	Zambia 2	17.06
7	Madagascar	15.42

TEAM RESULTS: D-GRADE

Place	Team	Points
1	Mauritius	20.70
2	International	19.39
3	South Africa	18.89

TEAM RESULTS: C-GRADE

Place	Team	Points
1	Mauritius	17.64
2	South Africa	17.49





INDIVIDUAL RESULTS: E-GRADE				
Age Group	Place	Name	Team	Points
10 & under	1	Margaux Koenig	Mauritius	6.54
	2	Alexandra Piat	Mauritius	6.33
	3	Thandi Bobo	South Africa	6.22
	4	Bunty Howard	Zambia 1	6.07
	5	Lea Hugnin	International 2	6.06
11-14	1	Coralie Harel	Mauritius	6.54
	2	Tessa de Froberville	International 2	6.54
	3	Savannah Fyall	South Africa	6.17
15 & over	1	Zara Willinger	Madagascar	5.14
	2	Mario Rakotobe	Madagascar	4.99
	3	Zuela Andrianavahy	Madagascar	4.92

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS: D-GRADE				
Age Group	Place	Name	Team	Points
10 & under	1	Oceane Fayolle	International	6.21
11-14	1	Blair Lenferna	Mauritius	7.35
	2	Louise Espitalier Noel	Mauritius	6.76
	3	Savannah Thompson	South Africa	6.74
15 & over	1	Eugenio Brentot	South Africa	6.78

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS: C-GRADE				
Age Group	Place	Name	Team	Points
10 & under	1	Melanie Harcourt Cooke	South Africa	6.01
11-14	1	Lambert Leclezio	Mauritius	6.84
	2	Florian Jauffret	Mauritius	5.41
	3	Joanna Seesaha	Mauritius	5.40
15 & over	1	Montana Wright	South Africa	6.16
	2	Damien Pretorius	South Africa	5.13

