



IGNITE 3rd Annual Sports Science for the Olympic Disciplines Seminar.

Monday February 23rd, 2026 Wellington, Eye Candy Jumpers

This is our third seminar on sport science for equine athletes in the Olympic disciplines. Our goal is to provide evidence inspired health and performance improvements for every athlete. We do this by empowering decision makers in the stable, we anticipate that this will rapidly advance knowledge translation and lead to improved performance and wellness for equine athletes. So the seminar is open for all stakeholders working with or on equine athletes; riders, trainers, owners, veterinarians, physiotherapists, grooms, farriers etc. There is room for 100 participants.

Program:

08:00 Intro's Joop Loomans, Mark Revenaugh, Sissy Wickes. Moderator Tim Worden.

08:15 – 08:45 Horse – Rider interaction from a physiotherapist's perspective.
Kirk Peck PT PhD CSCS CCRT CERP Creighton University and Emily Rose PT DPT CERP Reaching Strides

08:45 – 09:15 Horse – Rider interaction from a psychologist's perspective.
Jenny Susser PhD Clinical Health Psychology, Sport & Performance Psychology

09:15 – 09:45 Whole Body Electric Stimulation.
Roland Meszter PhD Co-Owner and CEO of EQUERY and Veronique Swagemakers DVM Grand Prix Dressage rider and owner of Equine Functional Motion

09:45 – 10:15 Controlled Tendon Recovery.
Stephanie Davis DVM Virginia Equine Rehab and Performance and Henk Offereins DVM Equine Tendon and Apeiron

10:15 – 10:30 Coffee Break



10:30 – 11:00 Training Stimulus-Adaptation.

Cris Navas DVM PhD DACEVIM New Bolton Center Pennsylvania State University

11:00 – 11:30 Development and Impact of Objective Gait Analysis.

Jamie Textor DVM PhD DACVS DACVSMR SLEIP

11:30 – 12:00 Shoeing for success.

Bart Halsberghe DVM ISELP DACVSMR Global Equine Consulting, Bartek

12:00 – 01:00 Lunch

01:00 – 02:00 What is new in the industry? News from our partners

Dr. Colleen Loughran, Dr. JD Conway, Dr. Beau Whitaker

02:30 - 04:30 Practical Sessions 45 minutes each with the morning speakers

Pick 3 out of 6

- Horse – Rider interaction from a physiotherapist's perspective
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- Whole Body Electric Stimulation
- Controlled Tendon Recovery
- Training Stimulus-Adaptation
- Shoeing for Success

04:30 - 06:00 State of the Sport, Bridging the Gap Between Vets and Riders for our Social License to Operate. Round Table and Happy Hour.

With: Tim Worden, Tim Ober, Mark Revenaugh, Beau Whitaker, morning speakers, Road to the Top, riders, trainers and participants.

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