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Dear Mr. Roche,

The BEL NF would like to give here point of view about the worldwide harmonisation of the CSI/CSIO Requirements.

We are in favour of finding solutions to keep our sport successful and competitive. Trying to harmonise the CSI/CSIO requirements is certainly an issue that needs to be tackled. However, we can't forget that Europe is today the most successful continent in the equestrian sport and harmonisation is not equal to taking over the system of North America.

We need to safeguard the fact that Europe has very good competitions to educate and form young riders and young horses. If we make the competitions too exclusive, we will lose that unique feature.

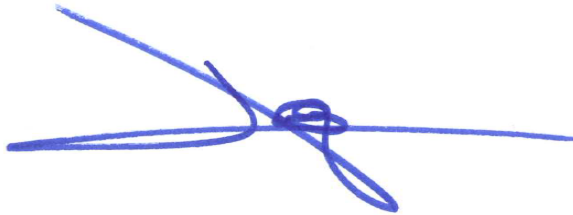
We support the proposition to have an entry fee that is in relation with the total prize money. The actual situation where a rider in a CSI3* with a total prize money of 125.000€ needs to pay the same entry fee as a rider in another CSI3* with a total prize money of 200.000€ is outdated. The organizer who gives more prize money needs to be supported. But what the maximum percentages needs to be for every category is something that needs to be discussed some more with all the stakeholders. Everyone is in favour of keeping our sport at the highest level and with 95 CSI5* on the calendar we cannot say the equestrian sport is in a crisis but we need to anticipate the possible fall-back in the future.

In our opinion the lower level events cannot all be treated the same way. A CSI2*-event at the same show as a CSI5*-event is in no way the same "sport" as a CSI2*-event organized as a single event and so the requirements cannot be the same. The OC of an CSI2* together with a CSI5* must be able to ask higher entry fees as this competition is on the grounds of a CSI5* and more quality is given. Maybe the Event Classification System can play a part in defining the maximum amount of entry fees.

We also doubt the invitation system is a good solution for the lower level events. Organizing a lower level event (in a single event) is a total different way of working than higher level events and we fear that by applying the invitation system also on the lower level events we bring their future in danger.

As you see there are a lot of points that needs to be discussed before coming to a proposition where all the stakeholders of the equestrian sport see the added value but the BEL NF absolutely thinks the greater part of our community needs to support the final proposition that the Jumping Committee will present to the General Assembly in November.

Best regards,

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