



FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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FEI General Regulations

The General Assembly approved the main modifications to the FEI General Regulations.

The 23rd edition of the FEI General Regulations, with the updates effective from 1 January 2017, will be published on the FEI website [here](#).

Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games formats - Jumping, Dressage, Eventing

The proposed changes to the competition formats for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games were approved by the General Assembly and will now go to the IOC Executive Board for final approval in 2017. They are summarised below:

Jumping

- Teams of three horse/athlete combinations per nation, plus one reserve combination, no drop score
- 20 teams (60 horse/athlete combinations)
- 15 slots for nations not qualified with a team (maximum one horse/athlete combination per nation)
- Individual event will now take place before Team event
- Cut-off score: the exact cut-off and resulting penalty will be finalised in the Olympic Regulations
- The exact penalty for any horse/athlete combination that is eliminated, or does not complete their round for any reason, will be finalised in the Olympic Regulations

Dressage

- Teams of three horse/athlete combinations per nation, no drop score
- Each directly qualified team may bring a reserve rider/horse combination, or horse only
- One individual per nation not represented by a qualified team (no composite teams)
- Determine Team medals solely through results of Grand Prix Special (no longer a combination of Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special scores)
- Introduce new "heat system" (including "lucky losers") for Grand Prix: 18 individuals to qualify from Grand Prix to Grand Prix Freestyle (best two from each of the 6 heats, plus the next 6 with the best overall results)
- 8 top teams (24 starters) from Grand Prix to qualify for Grand Prix Special
- Introduce new system for starting order in Grand Prix
- Conduct Grand Prix Special to music

Eventing

- Teams of three horse/athlete combinations per nation, no drop score
- One reserve combination per team will be allowed. The reserve combination is an important element of the proposal in order to preserve horse welfare. If a reserve combination is substituted, it will incur a penalty for the team. The exact penalty will be finalised in the Olympic Regulations
- Maximum of two individuals per nation not represented by a team
- Order of tests to remain unchanged (1st Dressage; 2nd Cross Country; 3rd Jumping Team; 4th Jumping Individual)
- Olympic Eventing to take place over three days (Dressage test reduced to one day)
- Technical level of the three tests to be defined as the "Olympic level": Dressage and Jumping 4*; Cross Country: 10-minute optimum time, 45 jumping efforts, and 3* technical difficulty

- Qualification of athletes/horses to be achieved on the same Cross Country technical level to ensure implementation of the recommendations of the FEI Independent Audit in Eventing
- For the purpose of the Team classification only: any horse/athlete combinations not completing a test can continue to the next test if accepted as fit to compete at the relevant Horse Inspection
- For the purpose of the Team classification only: penalties for the non-completion of a test for any reason, Dressage =100 points, Cross Country = 150, Jumping = 100
- Rules for the Individual event remain unchanged

Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games format - Para-Equestrian Dressage

The proposed changes to the competition formats for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games were approved by the General Assembly and are summarised below:

- Teams of three horse/athlete combinations per nation, no drop score
- Each directly qualified team is entitled to bring four horse/athlete combinations, of which three will have to be declared to compete on the team after the Individual Championships test, in which all four will compete as Individuals.
- Maximum of two individuals per nation not represented by a team (no composite teams)
- Determine Team medals solely through results of Team test (no longer a combination of Team and Individual test scores)
- Top 8 per grade from the Individual test to qualify for the Freestyle test
- Order of tests: Individual Championship test, Team test, Freestyle
- Team test to be set to music

Jumping Rules

The General Assembly approved changes to the Jumping Rules and to the rules for Championships and Games. These changes can be viewed [here](#) in due course.

Dressage Rules & FEI Creator

The General Assembly unanimously approved modifications to the Dressage Rules, and these can be viewed [here](#) in due course.

FEI Dressage Committee Chair Frank Kemperman confirmed the FEI World Equestrian™ Games format will remain unchanged for 2018.

A presentation on the FEI Creator, a new electronic system where riders can declare their choreography in advance, was also made to the General Assembly. For full information on the FEI Creator see [here](#).

Para-Dressage Rules

The General Assembly unanimously approved approved modifications to the Dressage Rules, and these can be viewed [here](#) in due course.

Eventing Rules

The General Assembly approved modifications to the Eventing Rules. The main changes include the following regarding the Eventing competitions at the FEI World Equestrian Games™. The full updated rules will be available [here](#):

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- No quota restrictions for the FEI World Equestrian Games™
- Maximum 5 athletes per nation (team of 4 with a drop score, 1 individual);
- Minimum Eligibility Requirements revised including stronger technical parameters to ensure the standard of participation of all athletes and horses
- Technical specifications to be aligned with the Olympic level: Dressage and Jumping 4*, Cross Country: 10-minute optimum time, 45 jumping efforts, and 3* technical difficulty

Driving Rules

The General Assembly approved clarifications to the Driving Rules, and these can be viewed [here](#) in due course.

Endurance Rules

The General Assembly approved several changes to the Endurance Rules. These can be viewed [here](#) in due course.

Vaulting Rules

The General Assembly unanimously approved modifications to the Vaulting Rules, which include an additional medal - the Nations Team medal - now to be won at the FEI World Equestrian Games™. These modifications can be viewed [here](#) in due course.

Reining Rules

The General Assembly unanimously approved modifications to the Reining Rules, and these will be available [here](#).

Elections

Jack Huang, International Director of the Chinese Taipei Equestrian Federation, was elected Chair of [Group VIII](#) for the four-year term 2016-2020 by the FEI General Assembly.

The following Group Chairs were re-elected for the four-year term 2016-2020: [Group IV](#) - Mark Samuel (CAN) and [Group IX](#) - Mary Binks (KEN).

The following Deputy Chairs, proposed by each of the Group Chairs, were also approved by the General Assembly:

Monique Archer (BAR) - Group IV
Fuangvich Ainruth-Deva (THA) - Group VIII
Gigi Mathias (NAM) - Group IX

The General Assembly also re-elected the following Technical Chairs for the four-year term 2016-2010:

FEI Endurance Committee - Brian Sheahan (AUS)

FEI Audit & Compliance Committee - Brian Mangan (IRE).

FEI Solidarity update

The General Assembly was updated on the latest highlights from FEI Solidarity, the FEI's global sport development programme, by FEI President and Chair of the FEI Solidarity Committee Ingmar De Vos.

During the last five years, FEI Solidarity has financed over 154 National Federation projects, with 42 of these projects still ongoing, the FEI President said.

Tangible results can now be seen specifically from the Athlete Training programmes, where it is clear that development is linked directly to participation at key Games. Five out of the seven Athlete Training projects supported by FEI Solidarity in the Pan American region achieved the objective to qualify and send a Team or Individual Athlete to the Pan American Games 2015 in Toronto (CAN). There have been similar successes in Group IX.

In September 2016, the FEI Solidarity Committee agreed to support a further 73 new projects from 41 National Federations.

The General Assembly also approved the composition of the FEI Solidarity Committee 2017:

Group I: Ingmar De Vos (BEL), FEI President and FEI Solidarity Committee Chair

Group II: Theo Ploegmakers, President, Royal Dutch Equestrian Federation

Group III: Alexandru Tuceac, President, Republic of Moldova Equestrian Federation

Group IV: Pat Chemaly, President, Haiti Equestrian Federation

Group V: Juan Luis Rodriguez, President, Guatemala Equestrian Federation

Group VI: Fatima Morales, President, Paraguay Equestrian Federation

Group VII: HRH Princess Haya Al Hussein (JOR), FEI Honorary President

Group VIII: Mikaela Cojuangco Jaworski, President, Equestrian Association of the Philippines and IOC Member

Group IX: Hugues René, President, Mauritian Equestrian Sports Federation (MRI)

About FEI Solidarity

FEI Solidarity, launched in 2011 and inspired by the Olympic Solidarity model, is focused on providing opportunities for the next generation of athletes, and all those working in equestrian communities around the world so that local structures can be established to develop the sport.

FEI Campus update

FEI Director Education & Standards Dr Harald Müller updated the General Assembly on the development of the online education platform, FEI Campus.

The platform, which is planned to go live in 2017 and will be free of charge and open to everyone, will offer two categories of online delivery: Live Sessions (participants meet together in a virtual classroom) and Webcasts (participants can learn at their own pace, and webcasts can be used 24/7).

As well as courses and seminars for the FEI disciplines, other key subjects on which FEI Campus will offer content are veterinary education, horse care and management, and language training.

FEI Campus will also offer learning opportunities alongside the existing residential courses.

Veterinary Regulations

The General Assembly unanimously approved the modifications to the FEI Veterinary Regulations. The modifications will be available [here](#).

An extensive review of the Veterinary Regulations will be undertaken during 2017. The Chair of the FEI Veterinary Committee John McEwen asked the General Assembly and all FEI stakeholders to be part of this review.

Rio 2016 Olympic & Paralympic Games

FEI President Ingmar de Vos updated the General Assembly on the hugely successful Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, highlighting the venue, sports highlights, new flags at these Games and the FEI Equestrian Fan Experience, which was the most visited of all the International Federation fan zones at the Games.

Ralph Straus, FEI Commercial Director, gave the General Assembly an update on the FEI's collaboration with the Olympic Channel (www.olympicchannel.com).

Tokyo 2020 Olympic & Paralympic Games

Aki Murasato, Executive Director of International Relations of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Organising Committee, gave the General Assembly an update on key developments and an overview of the Games venues (<https://tokyo2020.jp/en/>).

Youth Olympic Games

An update on the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires (ARG) was given to the General Assembly by FEI Jumping Director John Roche. All information on the Games, which will take place from 1-12 October, is available at www.buenosaires2018.com.

FEI World Equestrian Games™ 2018 & 2022 bidding timelines

An update on the FEI World Equestrian Games™ 2018 was given to the General Assembly by Mark Bellissimo, creator of the Tryon International Equestrian Center in North Carolina (USA), which will host these Games from 10-23 September.

FEI Director of Games and Championships Tim Hadaway briefed the General Assembly on the FEI World Equestrian Games™ 2022 bid process, which can be found on page 3 of the bid process document [here](#).

FEI Sports Forum 2017

The FEI Sports Forum 2017 will be held in Lausanne (SUI) on 10-11 April 2017. The draft programme will be available shortly on the FEI Sports Forum hub [here](#).

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FEI General Assembly - wider updates

The 2017 FEI General Assembly will take place in Montevideo (URU) on 17 to 21 November 2017.

The General Assembly was today provided with updates from the FEI financial and IT teams, the Medical Committee, FEI Tribunal and the Equestrian Community Integrity Unit.

Delegates were also updated on latest developments from the International Horse Sports Confederation (IHSC) and World Horse Welfare.