



Federazione Italiana Sport Equestri

Il Presidente

To the kind attention of

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RE: CSI/CSIO Harmonisation

Dear John,

The FEI proposal, in looking for the right balance between the current rules in Europe and the US, favours an increase in costs for Europe and diminishing those of the USA; in essence Europe would follow the USA, not vice versa; the proposal put forward by the organisers (AJO) is similar and even more beneficial for the European organisers within a reduced time frame;

The proposal of the European Federations (EEF) is completely different and calls for USA to adapt to the European system, reducing costs, even going as far as to eliminate them.

In principle, it is agreed by all that the majority of the competitions are in Europe and that it is necessary to bring the Americans to the European model and not vice versa; but a serious and transparent assessment of the economic aspects of the organisation of equestrian competitions needs to be made, especially in the jumping world, without hypocrisy, and sitting around a table with organisers from Europe and non-European organisers to find the best solutions, which cannot be found in the offices of FEI or National Federations.

A solution will probably, and should, take time and it is vital that the question be addressed at 360 degrees taking into account OCs in EU and USA, the costs for European Riders competing at home and in the States etc. etc.

Entry numbers

In line with the general tendency to standardise, control and moderate the entries, also taking into account the prizemoney it seems appropriate to also protect the Organising Committees,



and in particular with reference to doubling of the amount of prize money in the event of a higher than the allowed 100 declared entries per category.

With regards to this point, the FISE has, in the past proposed a solution to this norm.

Actual norm

As the norm stands today the maximum number of starters per competition is 100. If more than 100 starters are declared, the OC must split the class and provide the equivalent amount of prizemoney for the additional competitions.

For the avoidance of doubt, it is the number of declared starter in the competition, not the final number of starters, that determines whether the competition must be split.

Proposal

We would look at the idea of, once the maximum number of 100 has been reached, increasing the prize money in percentage terms up until what could be an accepted number of extra starters/entries, for example 30. After which the category would be divided as per actual norm.

Example

100 = total prizemoney €50.000

101 = total prizemoney €50.000 + 1% = 50.500 *total prizemoney to be distributed*

110 = total prizemoney €50.000 + 10% = 55.000 *total prizemoney to be distributed*

130 = total prizemoney €50.000 + 30% = 71.500 *total prizemoney to be distributed*

From 131 riders category divided and prizemoney doubled.

The number of 30 extra and the % are obviously a hypothesis that can be worked on.

Optional Fees

Stables

With reference to optional fees and with regards to larger stables, these may be supplied **upon specific request**. These stables cost extra and if a rider requests normal sized stables but the OC has no availability and has only the larger stables left, the rider should not have to pay the difference. This means that the OC must have enough standard stables to meet the requests of the riders.

INVITATION SYSTEM

The new FEI system appears very difficult to put into practice, it seems to have been worked out by IT experts who have no practical experience in the work of the secretariat of the Organising Committees and the Federations.

It is probably feasible to implement it at 5 * and 4 * level, but from 3 * down is difficult to enforce this theoretical scheme. It is completely inapplicable at a 2 * level.

We would suggest that the FEI to implement and test the new system only at 5* level, it would be easier to iron out any teething problems that are to be expected with a new system.

2* and 1* levels must leave the organiser free from constraints of invitations based on rankings or, however, limit their number to a minimum.



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Youth/Under 25 3*

It is often very difficult for some NFs to help their up and coming youth to gain experience at higher level competitions, and we would like to see some kind of invitation system which can help these youngsters to be invited to at least 3* level; possibly through a ranking for youngsters (which would obviously exclude those outstanding youths who already hold high positions in the top World Ranking)

Kind regards

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