



FEI BUREAU MEETING

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Key decisions and updates - FEI Bureau in-person meeting (12-13 April):

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FEI Sports Forum 2017

The FEI Bureau revisited all discussions at the FEI Sports Forum 2017, which was widely acknowledged as extremely successful and beneficial.

As this year's Sports Forum received strong youth input, it was proposed to continue with this trend and make youth a focus for the 2018 edition.

Following further discussions on the topics debated at the Sports Forum, the Bureau tasked the FEI Technical Committees and HQ Departments to review all points raised across Jumping (particularly FEI Nations Cup and CSI/CSIO requirements), FEI Officials, Dressage Judging Working Group, Eventing Risk Management and Endurance and potentially formulate proposals for wider National Federation and stakeholder input.

The Bureau also confirmed that the FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping is the absolute top priority for the FEI.

The Bureau agreed that the work of the FEI Officials Working Group was very important and should continue. Budget proposals for specific projects will be submitted to the Bureau based on recommendations from the Group. Further revisions will be made to the Code of Conduct for Officials before it is sent out for consultation and ultimately being submitted to the FEI General Assembly in Montevideo (URU) in November.

It was agreed that there was a clear message from the Sports Forum that the nationality and identity of athletes should be more clearly visible. The FEI Legal and Marketing departments will work on some proposals and the Technical Committees have also been asked to identify if changes are needed.

Multi-disciplinary topics

The Bureau approved proposed changes to FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations (EADCMRs) regarding cases involving minors. The changes relate to a Fast Track option for minors. These will be circulated to National Federations for input prior to a vote at the FEI General Assembly and, if passed, will be implemented on 1 January 2018.

Finances

A detailed financial report showing the healthy financial situation of the organisation was presented by the Chief Financial Officer.

The financial statements 2016 were approved by the Bureau and will be submitted for approval at the General Assembly.

The Bureau approved the allocation of additional funds to FEI Solidarity, specific provisions for prizemoney for the FEI Nations Cup™ Final 2017, and for the FEI Anti-Doping programmes for both equine (EADCMP) and human athletes.



Communications and Marketing Strategy

The Marketing and Communication Strategy was presented to the Bureau, highlighting research on the equestrian community and how this will be used to formulate a content production and communications strategy to engage with a wider fan base.

Update on international movement of horses

The FEI Veterinary Director provided the Bureau with an update on the international movement of horses using the High Health High Performance (HHP) framework, and the use of equine disease free zones. He also reported that a series of five regional workshops in South Africa, Guatemala, Uruguay, China and central Asia (exact location to be confirmed) will be organised by the International Horse Sports Confederation (FEI and IFHA) and World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) to improve regional movement.

FEI Disciplines

Jumping:

The FEI President informed the Bureau that the invitations for GCT/GCL events are being closely monitored by the FEI IT department and that, as a first report, the systems are being applied correctly.

Dressage:

Clarifications to the FEI World Cup™ Dressage rules 2017/2018 were approved by the FEI Bureau, and these changes will be available [here](#) in due course.

Para-Dressage:

The FEI Para-Dressage Forum will take place on 13-14 May in Stow-on-the-Wold (GBR).

Eventing:

The Eventing Committee Chair talked through a proposal to revise the star rating for the discipline from one to five star, ranging from the new one star level (1.05m) to the Olympic and WEG format. The new entry level would be designed to introduce developing countries to the sport and bring them under the FEI umbrella at an earlier stage.

Further details on this and a possible new series combining FEI Nations Cup™ and FEI World Cup™ Eventing, potentially for the 2019 season, will be circulated to National Federations and stakeholders for input in due course.



Driving

The proposal to implement the decision passed at last year's General Assembly to provide funding for overseas athletes participating in Driving at the FEI World Equestrian Games™ Tryon 2018 was approved by the Bureau. Full details will be provided in due course.

Endurance

In line with the Endurance Strategic Planning Group (ESPG) recommendation that the Technical Committee reports back to the Bureau every six months, the Chair provided Bureau Members with an update on Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the robust measurement of progress, the risk register and monitoring system put in place to ensure that strategic and operational plans are regularly reviewed.

Vaulting

Clarifications to the FEI World Cup™ Vaulting 2017/2018 rules were approved by the FEI Bureau. These will be updated in due course and published here: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/regulations/vaulting>

Veterinary Matters

The Chair of the FEI Veterinary Committee updated the Bureau on the good progress of the global rollout of the Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Programme (EADCMP): www.fei.org/system/files/Global%20EADCMP%20Guide.pdf.

The Chair underlined the importance of veterinary research projects, highlighting the ongoing work with the Global Endurance Injuries Study (GEIS), work on competing in challenging climates, and further work on hyposensitivity.

The Bureau was also informed that the Committee is looking at the future introduction of electronic passports, allowing FEI Veterinarians to focus on core work rather than checking horse identification and vaccination status.

Medical committee

The FEI Legal Director made a presentation to the Bureau on athlete welfare. In response to the Medical Committee's request, the Bureau mandated the Committee to further address Concussion, Return to Play, Injury Reporting & Surveillance, Helmet Rules review, Prize Giving protocols, Harassment & Abuse, and Recreational drug abuse.



FEI Championships & Finals 2017 - 2020

The following Championships and Finals were allocated for 2017-2020 by the FEI Bureau:

2017

FEI Children's International Classic Final - Beijing (CHN), 28 December - 1 January
FEI Asia Eventing Championship - Pattaya (THA), 7-10 December

2018

FEI South America Jumping Championship for Young Riders, Juniors, Pre-Juniors & Children - Las Condes (CHI), 5-11 November
FEI European Championships for Ponies (Jumping, Dressage, Eventing) - Bishop Burton (GBR), 7-12 August

2019

FEI European Jumping Championship for Young Riders, Juniors & Children - Zuidwolde (NED), 9-14 July
FEI WBFSH World Breeding Dressage Championship for Young Horses - Ermelo (NED), 1-4 August
FEI European Dressage Championship U25 - Roosendaal (NED), 7-11 August
FEI European Dressage Championship for Young Riders, Juniors & Children - Roosendaal (NED), 7-11 August
FEI WBFSH World Breeding Eventing Championship for Young Horses - Le Lion d'Angers (FRA) **date to be confirmed October*
FEI World Driving Championship for Young Horses - Mezöhegyes (HUN), 12-15 September
FEI World Vaulting Championship for Juniors - Ermelo (NED), 24-28 July
FEI European Vaulting Championship - Ermelo (NED), 24-28 July

2020

Longines FEI World Endurance Championship - San Rossore (ITA), 3-6 September
FEI WBFSH World Breeding Dressage Championship for Young Horses - Verden (GER), 5-9 August
FEI WBFSH World Breeding Eventing Championship for Young Horses - Le Lion d'Angers (FRA) **date to be confirmed October*

Olympic & Paralympic Games

The Bureau received an update from the FEI Director Eventing and Olympic on the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games venue development and the FEI's active role with the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee.

Venue construction will start this summer and is due to be finished by the end of 2019. The FEI procedure for appointing a footing advisor is ongoing and the selection will be finalised next month. Test events for Tokyo 2020 will take place in 2019.

The Bureau was informed that the second phase of the climate impact study will be conducted over the next 18 months, to update the 1996 findings and guidelines for National Federations on management of extreme weather conditions. Initial findings of phase 1 have already been delivered which advise the most appropriate times for competition and training.



YOG

The FEI Jumping Director gave the Bureau an update on plans for the Youth Olympic Games 2018 in Buenos Aires (ARG). Work is ongoing with the Organising Committee on the process for the acquisition and training of horses.

Continental Games

The FEI Olympic and Eventing Director updated the Bureau on a meeting with the Asian National Federations regarding the XVIII Asian Games. It was confirmed that the FEI's role is limited to providing technical support on horse and health issues. It is clear that there is a lack of progress in the construction of the venue and the FEI is pressing for a final proposal on venue construction. Work is ongoing to investigate the possibility of creating an Equine Disease Free Zone. A joint Technical Delegate meeting will be held in early May.

Regional Games

The Bureau was presented with an update on the 2017 XXIX South East Asian Games, XVIII Bolivarian Games, XI Central American Games, V Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, and for 2018 XVIII Mediterranean Games, XI South American Games (ODESUR) and XXIII Central American and Caribbean Games.

FEI World Equestrian Games™

The FEI Bureau was provided with an overview of preparations for the FEI World Equestrian Games™ Tryon 2018, including budgets, commercial plans, communications, sport and venue, horse logistics, veterinary, accommodation, transport and other operations.

An update on Samorin's WEG 2022 bid was also presented, and the Bureau were advised of the next steps in the bid process before an allocation is made.

FEI Solidarity

The FEI President informed the Bureau of the good progress of FEI solidarity activities, including an increased number of projects with National Federations. He also highlighted the introduction of a project with the IOC International Federation development programme to develop and organise courses for NF Administrators.

IOC/IPC

The FEI President updated the Bureau on discussions with the IOC and IPC, and specifically confirmed the support of the FEI for the IOC proposals regarding the restructuring of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).



FEI Management Report

Governance

Based on the criteria recently established by the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF), the FEI is evaluating how it can further improve its governance structure. Additionally, as ASOIF has asked each International Federation to nominate a good governance contact, the Bureau approved Francisco Lima, FEI Legal Counsel for this role.

FEI Campus

The Bureau was presented with an overview and update on FEI Campus, the FEI's E-learning centre, which will be launched in June 2017.

FEI Elections & Appointments

The Bureau was reminded that the closing date for applications for 2017 Elections & Appointments has moved to 1 May 2017.

FEI General Assembly 2018

The Bureau approved Bahrain as host for the FEI General Assembly in 2018.