



Dear Mr.Roche,

As the President of one of the developing National Equestrian Federations NF Turkey, in reference to the letter that has been published by the EEF regarding the FEI proposal of 'Harmonization of entry fees' and the controvertial topic of 'The Future of Nations Cup' Turkish Equestrian Federation supports EEF's objection on both topics.

On the matter of 'Harmonization of Entry Fees', Turkish Equestrian Federation believes that the standardization of entry fees in relation to the prize money will be as calculated in the report of EEF which means the destruction of building young horses and riders, taking the equestrian sport out of to become a 'people's sport' and defining it as an elite sport where horses and riders will be obviously limited to a certain public, the increase of costs to join a show over the years which has been proven by numbers.

We believe that this standardization and harmonization will highly decrease the number of horses and riders drastically. It will limit developing countries, such as Turkey, not to be able to join standard shows or limit horses and riders that participate under our flag.

On second matter, Nations Cups, we highly feel unwelcomed the Nations Cups League due to the new rules that have been modified in the beginning of the year that limits the participants to Division 1 competitions thus those who will compete at Division 2 competitions although they will not receive points. Again, as a developing country, Turkish Riders do not have a chance with those who will be their opponents. We believe all divisions should have their own rules that takes into consideration the countries that are competing within.

As Turkish Equestrian Federation, we would like the sport to have more riders and horses that could lead to more opportunities for horse owners, riders, trainers, officials and all those who are a member of the equestrian sport. Although the intention of the FEI is to globalize the sport to have equalized standards, the implementation of the globalization of the rules and new regulations might not be as beneficial as planned on paper. Therefore, we would like to support the stance of the EEF on the matter of harmonization of entries and the globalization of the sport in application of the new rules and regulations to Nations Cups.

Best regards,

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