

**FEI BOARD MEETING**  
Lausanne (SUI), 4 and 5 June 2024

The first in-person FEI Board meeting of the year took place on 4 and 5 June at the FEI Headquarters in Lausanne (SUI).

The main resolutions taken by the FEI Board during these two days are summarised below.

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## **EQUINE ETHICS AND WELLBEING COMMISSION ACTION PLAN**

The FEI Board approved unanimously an Equine Welfare Strategy Action Plan and established a dedicated Equine Welfare Fund of CHF 1 million (USD 1'119'000; EUR 1'030'000) to launch the Plan. A press release on this decision is available [here](#).

## **FINANCE**

### **Approval of 2023 Accounts**

The FEI Chief Executive Officer (CFO) presented the 2023 audited financial statement to the Board. Revenues in 2023 amounted to CHF 57,382,371 and expenses to CHF 54,962,911.

The CFO explained that the year had been good operationally with a net profit of CHF 3'489'295 bringing the operating fund up to over CHF 24 million close to the minimum of CHF 25 million defined in the FEI risk evaluation strategy.

The net financial results amounted to CHF 1'069'835 in 2023 due to a positive performance of the portfolio, which had begun to recover from the heavy loss incurred in 2022. Interest and inflation rates had stabilised after the sharp increases in 2021 and 2022.

Given the positive results, the FEI Solidarity Fund had not been used to finance projects in 2023 increasing its value by over CHF 1.2 million. As of 31 December 2023, the balance of the FEI Solidarity Fund amounted to almost CHF 11 million, which was accounted for in the audited figures.

The audited financial statement for 2023 was unanimously approved by the Board.

### **Revised Budget 2024**

At the FEI General Assembly 2023, the FEI had presented the 2024 budget with a deficit of CHF 391'115. This negative result – the first in many years – highlighted the need to analyse the operational spending and revenues based on the FEI's strategic priorities.

An in-depth review was carried out during which it had been decided to challenge the expenses and prioritise projects for 2024, resulting in a net cost adjustment of over CHF 391'000, bringing the revised budget to a neutral net result.

The revised budget for 2024 was unanimously approved by the Board.

## GOVERNANCE

### Elections and Appointments 2024

The Board was informed of this year's candidacies for elections and appointments, which had been positively vetted by the FEI Nominations Committee during its meeting on 28 and 29 May at the FEI Headquarters.

The list of candidates for positions to be elected by the FEI General Assembly on 13 November and appointments to be made by the FEI Board on 10 November have been published [here](#).

## FEI SOLIDARITY

The FEI President reminded the Board of the new FEI Solidarity Projects application process through the FEI Solidarity Online Catalogue. The deadline for online submissions is 1 July 2024. All the details regarding this new online application process can be found [here](#).

The President confirmed that the FEI continues its support to the Ukrainian equestrian community through the Ukrainian Equestrian Federation.

## ALLOCATIONS OF FEI NAMED EVENTS

The Board allocated the following FEI Series 2025/2026:

### FEI Jumping Ponies Trophy 2025

Qualifiers:

Herning (DEN), week 42

Lyon (FRA), 29 October – 2 November

Stuttgart (GER), 12-16 November

Final: Mechelen (BEL), 16 – 30 December

### FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth 2025

Qualifiers:

Oplabeek (BEL), 3 – 6 April

Compiègne (FRA), 17-20 April

Zduchovice (CZE), 23-27 April

Linz (AUT), 29 April - 4 May

Drammen (NOR), 8 – 11 May

Busto Arsizio (ITA), 16-20 April/ 14-18 May

Šamorín (SVK), 21 - 25 May

Zuidwolde (NED), 29 May-2 June

Babolna (HUN), 5–8 June

Hagen aTW (GER), 10-15 June

Zürich (SUI), 20-24 August

Final: Lier, BEL - 14-17 September

**FEI Dressage World Cup™, Western European League, 2025/2026 season**  
Qualifiers:

Herning (DEN), Week 42  
Lyon (FRA), 29 October - 2 November  
Stuttgart (GER), 12-16 November  
Madrid (ESP), 28-30 November  
London (GBR), 17-19 December  
Mechelen (BEL), 26-30 December  
Basel (SUI), 8-11 January 2026  
Amsterdam (NED), 22-25 January 2026  
Neumünster (GER), 12-15 February 2026  
Gothenburg (SWE), 18-22 February 2026  
S'Hertogenbosh (NED), 13 – 16 March 2026

**FEI Eventing Nations Cup™ 2025**

Qualifiers:

Montelibretti (ITA), 13-16 March  
Bicton (GBR), 22-25 May  
Strzegom (POL), 26-29 June  
Avenches (SUI), 19-22 June  
Haras de Jardy (FRA), 10-13 July  
Arville (BEL), 14-17 August  
Boekelo (NED), 9-12 October

**FEI Driving World Cup™ 2025/26**

Qualifiers:

Lyon (FRA), 29 October - 2 November  
Maastricht (NED), 7-9 November  
Stuttgart (GER), 12-16 November  
Stockholm (SWE), 27-30 November  
Geneva (SUI), 11-14 December  
London (GBR), 19-21 December  
Mechelen (BEL), 26-30 December  
Leipzig (GER), 14-18 January 2026  
Final: Bordeaux (FRA), 7 – 8 February 2026

The Board allocated the following Championships 2026:

FEI Jumping European Championship for Young Riders, Juniors and Children, Hagen ATW (GER), 12-19 July 2026  
FEI European Championship for Ponies in Jumping, Dressage and Eventing, Le Mans (FRA), end July 2026  
FEI Jumping European Championship for Veterans, Copenhagen (DEN), August – September 2026  
FEI Dressage European Championship U25, Pilisjászfalu (HUN), July 2026  
FEI Dressage European Championship for Young Riders, Pilisjászfalu (HUN), July 2026  
FEI Dressage European Championship for Juniors and Children, Olomouc (CZE), 11-16 August 2026

FEI Eventing European Championship for Young Riders and Juniors, Segersjö (SWE), 26-30 August 2026

FEI Driving World Championship for Singles, Munich (GER), 17-23/24-30 August 2026

FEI Driving World Championship for Young Horses, Kisber-Aszar (HUN), 6-9 August 2026

FEI Endurance European Championship for Young Riders and Juniors, Jullianges (FRA), 29 July – 3 August 2026

FEI Endurance World Championship for Young Horses, Barroca d'Alva (POR), 11 September 2026

## **FEI Eventing European Championships for Juniors & Young Riders 2025 – change of date**

The Board approved the change of date for the FEI Eventing European Championship for Juniors and Young Riders 2025 at Strzegom (POL) from 7-10 August to **20-24 August 2025**.

## **FEI Asian Championships 2025, Pattaya (THA) – change of date**

The Board approved the change of date for the FEI Asian Championships 2025 at Pattaya (THA) from 1-14 December to **24 November - 7 December 2025**.

The reason for this change is because Thailand is also hosting the South East Asian Games in 2025, and the equestrian events are expected to be held during the week of 8-14 December 2025.

## **DIGITAL HORSE PASSPORT**

The FEI Board expressed its support for the future implementation of a digital horse passport solution. The digital horse passports would be an important asset ensuring biosecurity and simplifying the movement of horses with fail-safe information on the horse's identity, as well as real-time monitoring of its movement. These passports would also contain up-to-date vaccination and medical records, allowing for a higher level of monitoring and prevention of potential disease outbreaks.

The project will be presented to the National Federations during a session at the FEI General Assembly 2024.

## **RULES REVISION 2024**

The Board reviewed the proposed changes to FEI Rules and Regulations which will be circulated to the NFs and Stakeholders on 26 June 2024.

These included:

- FEI General Regulations;
- Jumping Rules;
- Dressage Rules;
- Para Dressage Rules;
- Veterinary Regulations;

- FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations, which are undergoing full revision this year in accordance with the [Periodical Rules Revision Policy](#). The main proposed changes were presented in [Session 3](#) at the FEI Sports Forum 2024 and the National Federations and Stakeholders initial comments have been taking into account.

In accordance with the [FEI Rules Revision Policies](#), the key dates after the Board meeting are as follows:

- **26 June 2024:** The FEI provides National Federations and Stakeholders with the first Draft of the proposed Rules changes.
- **21 August 2024:** National Federations and Stakeholders are given seven weeks to review the first Draft and the proposed amendments laid down in this first Draft. They make comments and/or propose any changes in relation to the amendments referenced in the first Draft only.
- **16 October 2024:** Final Draft of the proposed Rules changes is provided to National Federations and Stakeholders.
- **12 November 2024:** Rules Session at FEI General Assembly.
- **13 November 2024:** Voting of Rules at the General Assembly.

## FEI DISCIPLINES UPDATE & RESOLUTIONS

### Jumping

The FEI Jumping Director informed the Board of the Jumping Committee's decision to agree to the addition in the FEI Calendar 2025 of multiple CSIOs for Seniors in one country and in particular in Canada, Germany, and the UAE. The Board took note of the Committee's decision to always review such requests on a case-by-case basis.

The Board approved the rules for the FEI Jumping World Challenge Final 2024 (to be published [here](#)).

The Board was informed of the approval by the Jumping Committee of the proposed changes to the Cavaliada Tour Rules for the 2024/2025 season (to be published [here](#)).

### Dressage

The Board approved the creation of a USEF Dressage Named Series (the exact name is to be determined), a new series proposed by the USEF. A primary objective of the Series would be to promote and grow equestrian sport by highlighting elite competition and engaging with fans and stakeholders through a Series and Final that will be live-streamed and tracked using a leader board.

This new Series will be comprised of competitions at the Grand Prix level, including CDI3\*, CDI4\*, CDI5\*, CDIO and CDI-W events held in the US culminating with a Final held annually in December featuring Grand Prix Freestyle.

The Series will be launched in 2025.

## Eventing

The Board approved the concept and rules for the FEI Eventing Nations Cup™ 2025. The updated document will be published [here](#).

The Board approved a proposal by the USEF to develop a Series with all CCI4\*-S competitions in the USA with a series final being a CCI4\*-L competition. The objective to hold the final on the CCI4\*-L level is to promote the CCI4\*-L & Championship concept in the USA.

The Series will be launched in September 2025.

## Endurance

### Update on FEI Endurance World Championship 2024

The Board was informed of the appointment process of an approved time keeping and data handling company for the FEI Endurance World Championship 2024 at Monpazier (FRA).

The company, which had been initially proposed for the FEI Endurance World Championship 2024, did not complete the approval process successfully. It is now seeking another approval opportunity. The Board supported the organisation of additional testing by the FEI of this timing system at Monpazier (FRA) at the expense of the company at a date to be determined after the FEI Endurance World Championship 2024.

## Driving and Para Driving

The Board approved the rules for the FEI Driving World Cup™ 2024/2025. The updated document will be published [here](#).

## Veterinary

### FEI Commissioned Research and Development

The Veterinary Director informed the Board of some of the major research projects commissioned by the FEI. These include projects on:

- fluid kinetics to support evidence-based guidelines on fluid therapy for horses;
- a saliva-based method to identify prohibited substances;
- the correlation between footing and forces affecting horse limbs with potential risk of orthopaedic injury, and
- the study on air quality.

## FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List

The Board approved the changes to the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List (EPSL) proposed by the [FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List Expert Group](#).

Antihistamine, antipsychotic, corticosteroid, metabolic modulator, nitazenes, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory, toxin, and vasodilator substances will be added to the List.

In particular, botulinum toxin (aka botox), a potent toxin used as a nerve blocking agent, will be added as a Banned Substance.

The proposed changes approved by the FEI Board will be forwarded to the National Federations for their feedback and the final changes will be presented to the Board at their teleconference on 27 August. The confirmed changes will then be published [here](#) by 1 October 2024 and will be effective as of 1 January 2025. It is necessary for the FEI to provide at least 90 days of notice before changes to the EPSL come into effect.

The List review process is carried out on an annual basis and revisions are made in response to scientific advances and information available regarding the use of substances in horses.

For more information on the EPSL review process, click [here](#).

## **PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES**

The Board heard an update report on preparations for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Updated information is available [here](#).

## **CONTINENTAL AND REGIONAL GAMES**

The Board heard a short update on the allocation and locations of the following Continental and Regional Games due to be organised between 2025 and 2027:

- Bolivarian Games, Ayacucho & Lima (PER), 2025
- XX Asian Games, Aich & Nagoya and Tokyo Baji Koen (JPN), 19 September – 1 October 2026;
- Central American & Caribbean Games (ODECABE), Santo Domingo (DOM), 2026
- South American Games (ODESUR), Santa Fe-Rosario (ARG), 12-16 September 2026
- XX Pan American Games, Lima (PER), 2027 (same venue as the 2019 Pan American Games for Equestrian)

## **EDUCATION AND OFFICIALS**

The Board heard an update about the CES Officiating Review due on 15 December 2024, which the Board decided not to apply given the drastic consequences.

In order to address these, a multi-disciplinary FEI Officials' Working Group was established. It will analyse the objectives of this maintenance requirement and



study more efficient ways to achieve it. The FEI Officials' Working Group will submit their findings to the Board.

**FEI ANNUAL REPORT 2023**

The Board approved the Annual Report 2023. It will be published in the FEI Annual Report Library [here](#).