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EEF Proposals for the 2017 FEI Sports Forum

1. Harmonization of entry fees worldwide

The proposal sent by the FEI to NFs on 20 December 2016 is in no way acceptable for Europe. Arguments and conclusions have been delivered by means of the minutes of the EEF Jumping Working Group and the letter sent to NFs on 15 February 2017. They will consequently not be repeated here but you will find the aforementioned minutes in attachment.

The following proposal has been developed by the EEF Jumping Working Group together with the EEF Board and involvement of the FEI Jumping Director as well as the Chair of the FEI Jumping Committee already back in 2014/15. It has then been put aside again by the EEF because neither the IT-system nor the Event Classification System (ECS) at that time has been proven to be ready to control and guide this proposal. It seems to be the time now for introduction.

The proposal is made on the basis that the OC is completely free to choose the amount of invitations (Type 2, see below). Only Nations Cup, World Cup and 6* events have to invite riders in descending order of the ranking list (Type 1). Riders get ranking list points in relation to the percentage of invitations chosen by the OC. The proposal is summarized hereunder:

EEF Invitation System proposal

Percentage of Home Riders:

5* Events between 10-35 %

4* Events between 20-40 %

2*& 3* Events between 30-50 %

1* Events between 30-100 %

Type 1	Type 2
Obligatory for NC, WC, 6* events. Open to all other shows.	Open to all shows (other than NC, WC, 6*)
OC Wild Card + FEI Wild Card 5+2	OC Wild Card + FEI Wild Card 5+2
Home Riders % in accordance with star levels as above	Home Riders % in accordance with star levels as above
Remaining riders invited in descending order of the ranking list	Percentage of invited riders to be determined by the OC.
	Remaining riders invited in descending order of the ranking
100% Ranking Points	x% Ranking Points in relation to chosen percentage of invitations.



- The OCs have to declare their status and invitation percentage at the time of the FEI calendar entry deadline in order to give the riders enough time to choose.
- Transparency for all stakeholders (riders, OC, etc) is given with the system in real time.
- **The entry fee regulations must stay as they are because Europe is in strong opposition to the proposed harmonization with the American entry fee regulation.**

2. Future of the FEI Nations Cup Jumping

The Nations Cup is the most valuable product in equestrian sport. The EEF is furthermore convinced that the Nations Cup is an indispensable prerequisite for equestrian sport to remain in the Olympic family. Date clashes with other big shows and other series endanger the Nations Cup because the number of top horses and the availability of top riders is limited. In order to make the Nations Cup more attractive for riders and owners we propose:

- at least double Ranking List points in the Nations Cup
- using the Nations Cup as a qualifier for Olympic Games, WEG, etc
- higher prize-money.

We know that higher prize-money is depending on finding sponsors. If it is impossible to find a sponsor for a worldwide series it should be considered to change the Nations Cup into a European series because already 15 out of 19 shows are located in Europe. We offer to do this.

We propose a qualification for the Final in 2 Divisions as already existing but with an amended formula:

Division 1: 10 teams, 8 shows, 4 results to count, 6 guaranteed starts.

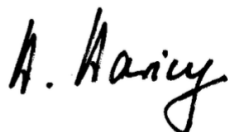
Division 2: 4 regional groups to pre-qualify through a Division 2 Final

(please see details in the *Annex*).

3. Table C at WEG

We believe that there is no need for a continued debate. We have received written statements from 22 NFs asking for the re-instatement of the Table C competition at future WEG. This is a very clear demand communicated by the EEF to the FEI accordingly.

This concludes the proposals of the EEF. No more no less!



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