



## **ALLOCATION OF FEI NAMED-EVENTS POLICY – UPDATED 10 NOVEMBER 2024**

1. Allocation of FEI Named-Events shall be made, in principle, during the June Board meeting unless a specific bidding process is required for a relevant FEI Named-Event as approved by the Secretary General.
2. The Secretary General shall have the right to approve specific bidding timelines for particular FEI Named-Events.
3. The Board will, in principle, decide on the allocation and the date of:
  - 3.1 FEI World Equestrian Games™/FEI World Championship(s): 5 years prior to the Games.
  - 3.2 FEI World Cup™ Finals, other FEI World Championships for Seniors and FEI Continental Championships for Seniors: 3 years prior to the Finals and Championships.
  - 3.3 Other FEI Finals & Championships (except Regional Championships<sup>1</sup>): 2 years prior to the Championships. The FEI may open a bid process for specific FEI Finals & Championships on a multi-year basis and, accordingly, the Board may allocate such FEI Finals & Championships on a multi-year basis.
4. Unless otherwise specified by the FEI, Organisers/National Federations (“NF”) must apply via the FEI Online Bidding Platform no later than the date indicated in the Bid Guide of the relevant FEI Named-Event the NF is interested in applying for.
5. If one bid is reopened (as per Article 106.7 GRs) the Secretary General shall have the right to decide on a specific deadline for NFs submitting applications/bids.
6. If one bid is reopened (as per Article 106.7 GRs) and no specific application deadline is decided by the Secretary General (i.e. the application deadline is defined as “OPEN”), the FEI shall have the right to close the application deadline as soon as it receives one bid that it is initially evaluated by the FEI and/or the relevant Technical Committee as suitable.
7. Late changes on the submitted bid elements evaluated by the FEI and approved by the Board (e.g. change of date, change of venue, etc.) can be approved by the Secretary General if accepted by the relevant Technical Committee and/or the relevant department.
8. The Board agrees to delegate to the Secretary General the right to open the application of FEI Named-Events for multi-years as per Article 106.8 GRs.
9. **Preferred Bidder Status**
  - 9.1 Further to a proposal from FEI Headquarters, the Board has the authority to grant “Preferred Bidder Status” to an Organiser bidding for a future FEI Named Event (a “Preferred Bidder”).
  - 9.2 Preferred Bidder Status means that the bid from the Preferred Bidder will be the only bid for the relevant FEI Named Event that is submitted to the Board for an allocation decision.
  - 9.3 The Board reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to revoke the Preferred Bidder Status from an Organiser at any time if justified circumstances are established.
  - 9.4 In evaluating whether or not to grant Preferred Bidder Status, the FEI Board shall take the following factors into consideration:
    - (a) The Organiser’s application/bid for a previous FEI Named Event (if applicable);
    - (b) The Organiser’s delivery of other FEI Event(s);

- (c) The feedback of the Organiser's National Federation; and
- (d) The feedback of the relevant Technical Committee(s).

The above list is non-exhaustive.

9.5 The grant of Preferred Bidder Status shall be made public after the Board's decision or at the time that the bidding process for the relevant FEI Named Event is opened, whichever is later.

9.6 The Board may only allocate a FEI Named Event to a Preferred Bidder if the Preferred Bidder and, subject to Clause 11.1.4 below, its NF have signed the relevant Host Agreement.

10. In order to keep all NFs and FEI stakeholders duly informed of the different bidding processes the FEI will:

- 10.1 Continuously update and manage the table of FEI Games, Championships & Finals on the bidding section of the FEI website available at: <http://fei.org/fei/events/bidding-process-information>
- 10.2 Periodically send updates to NFs and FEI stakeholders with relevant information regarding the bidding processes.
- 10.3 Maintain and manage a general email address available for resolving doubts, answering questions, etc: [bidding@fei.org](mailto:bidding@fei.org)

Information about the current FEI Named-Events available to bid for, the timeline for applications and the allocation date by the FEI can be found in following link: <http://www.fei.org/fei/events/bidding-process-information>. You are hereby kindly invited to periodically consult the above link in order to prepare and submit your bid within the relevant deadlines<sup>1</sup>.

## **11. FEI CSIO-SERIES EVENTS**

11.1 The following provisions will apply specifically for the allocation of the FEI CSIO-Series Events:

### **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

11.1.1 The FEI must consult with the relevant NF prior to the allocation by the Board of a FEI CSIO-Series Event to an Organiser.

11.1.2 As part of the consultation process, the NF shall have the right to:

- (a) Be provided with a copy of the bid application submitted by an Organiser in the territory of the NF who has submitted a bid to be part of the FEI Team Jumping Series;
- (b) Be provided with the opportunity to provide its written comments to the FEI on the Organiser's bid application and/or proposed date(s) for the FEI CSIO-Series Event, such comments to be provided by a deadline to be set by the FEI, acting reasonably;

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<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> As per Article 104.3 of the FEI General Regulations, Regional Championships shall be allocated and managed by the FEI Regional Groups (or by the Continental Associations officially recognised by the FEI if the concerned Regional Groups agree).

- (c) Inform the FEI of existing conditions/agreements between the NF and the Organiser(s) of CSIO-Standalone Event(s) that the NF requests are respected for FEI-CSIO Series Events allocated in the NF's territory.

11.1.3 The Board shall not allocate a FEI CSIO-Series Event on a date if:

- (a) A CSIO5\* Standalone Event is already in the FEI Calendar in the same country on the same dates; or
- (b) A CSIO5\* Standalone Event is already in the FEI Calendar in the same continent on the same dates.

If the Board allocates a FEI CSIO-Series Event on the same date as a CSIO5\* Event that is already in the FEI Calendar in the same country, the CSIO5\* Event can submit a Late Date application to change its date without the requirement to pay the Late Date application fee.

11.1.4 The NF shall not be obliged to sign the Host Agreement confirming the allocation of the FEI CSIO-Series Event. If the NF declines to sign the Host Agreement the NF shall have no liability or responsibility (financial or otherwise) in relation to the FEI CSIO-Series Event and the FEI Rules and Regulations shall be interpreted accordingly. Notwithstanding the foregoing the NF shall retain its full rights to make entries and select Athletes and Horses for the FEI-CSIO Series Event.

11.1.5 If after the consultation process, as set out above, the NF and the FEI do not agree regarding the potential designation of the relevant Event as a FEI CSIO-Series Event/inclusion of the Event in the FEI Team Jumping Series and/or the proposed conditions applicable to the allocation, the NF shall have the opportunity to make a written and/or oral submission to the Board prior to the allocation decision; the Board shall take the final decision in relation to the allocation/non-allocation.

#### **EEF SERIES**

11.2 The EEF Series will be integrated within the FEI Team Jumping Series for Nations concept.