

## Session 3 – Monday, 15 April, 14.00 – 16.30

### Review of Legal System (Chapter VIII, FEI General Regulations)

**Format:** This session will include a presentation of some proposed changes to the FEI Legal System followed by a panel discussion and Q&As.

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#### Topics:

##### 1. On-site Legal Processes

- **Protests**
  - Clarification on what can/cannot be challenged onsite and who makes final decision.
- **Future of Appeal Committee**
  - Review of Appeal Committee's current role and proposals for changes
- **Use of Video Evidence**
  - When should FEI Officials be allowed to rely on/request video evidence as part of the decision making/protest processes?
  - Use of videos recorded on personal devices (smart phones, tablets etc.)
- **Yellow Warning Cards**
  - Should Athletes be held responsible for actions of their Support Personnel & receive a Yellow Warning Card for that?

##### 2. Sanctions

- **Introduction of a catalogue/table of sanctions with more guidance for Athletes, Officials etc. as to what sanctions apply for particular offences.**
  - Today, the range of sanctions for some offences goes from a warning up to lifetime ban. For more general offences e.g. horse abuse, new proposal to have 4 different categories of sanctions depending on seriousness of offence:
    - "Low-end", "Mid-range", "Top-end", "Max"

##### 3. Administrative Disciplinary Process

- **Proposed clarification that FEI HQ can directly impose sanctions for less serious offences up to a certain level (e.g. fines up to CHF 2000, suspensions up to 3 months, provisional suspensions, demotion of officials).**
  - More efficient way of dealing with "minor" cases.
  - Right to be heard before sanction is imposed.
  - Right of appeal to the FEI Tribunal

**4. *Start Date of Suspensions***

- **General principle: Suspension starts from the date of notification of the suspension.**
  - New Proposal: FEI HQ would have the possibility to start the suspension from a later date. This is to deal with those disciplines that have “off seasons” in order to ensure that the suspension has a real effect.