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Comments of the SUI NF to

1. The Clarifications and update to the Jumping Draft Schedule for 2017 relating to the CSI Invitation System and Entry Dates

The SUI NF has no comment to make to the above mentioned document. It is just a sign that the rules are very complicate and difficult to understand. The multiplication of series with different entries rules creates these complications. Perhaps the FEI should have more accurate rules for the entries of new series and should also try to unify as much as possible the entries restrictions.

2. Harmonisation of the CSI/CSIO Requirements worldwide.

Harmonisation of the entry fees worldwide.

The idea to harmonise the entry fees worldwide is valuable and should be realised only if this harmonisation doesn't harm the development of the jumping sport and make it more difficult for many young riders and for the building of young horses. The proposal made by the Jumping Committee on 20 December 2016 is not at all acceptable for Europe as it will introduce prohibitive fees for the lower level shows. It is also not understandable that the system, which is presently working in about 80% of all shows, should be replaced by a system that is presently applied in about 10% of the show jumping scene. In other words the large majority of the shows would have to apply the system of a very small minority. Changes should be made in the American entry fees system and not the opposite.

We fully support the sentences of the EE, which were formulated by the EEF Show Jumping Working Group:

The proposal is not acceptable for Europe because under European conditions:

- It goes completely against the concept of **people's sport** and will bring equestrianism in Europe back to **an elite sport** with unforeseeable consequences for the industry, the popularity and the interest of the media to our sport.
- The proposed scheme is far too expensive, it is a system that is only positive for a few organisers and not for riders/owners/FN.
- It destroy the structure of building up young horses and riders and the important connection of sport and breeding.
- It will make very difficult or impossible the development of our sport in European developing countries like the East European countries.
- Due to the height of the entry fees, some shows will become national events again what will of course impact on the number of FEI registered athletes and horses and events. This will of course result in lower income for the FEI and the universality goal of the FEI will suffer.
- The present system in Europe based on entry fees, spectators tickets and sponsoring encourages the media coverage of the events.



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- In summary, we recommend to keep the level of the fees in Europe at least at the existing level and to **impose a fee system including entry fee, manure cost, electricity, hay, parking etc. in order that the athletes will pay a definite maximal sum and not variable amounts.**

We take also this opportunity to repeat our concern with the current development of the series/tours/leagues. We fully understand that it is no more possible to limit the market and block organisers in principle. But the FEI as a Sport Organisation should impose an invitation system that is positive **for the development and expansion of the sport** and not only reserved to a closed elite. The FN (specially the home FN) should get the possibility to nominate many riders and the athletes in the lower part of the ranking list should get enough start possibilities. The system elaborated by the EEF with the 2 types of events would help to make the pay-cards less attractive and should be implemented without delay.

We thank you in advance for taking into consideration our remarks.

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