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Equestrian Sport CONFIRMED in Initial Sports Programme for LA 2028

Equestrian sport is now officially approved in the Initial Sports Programme for the Olympic Games 2028 in Los Angeles (USA) following the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Session in Beijing (CHN) on 3 February 2022.

The confirmation for inclusion in the LA 2028 Initial Sports Programme follows the announcement by the IOC in December 2021 that equestrian sport was amongst the 28 sports to be proposed. The equestrian disciplines for LA 2028 will be decided mid-2023 while

the Equestrian Events and the Quota will only be decided after Paris2024.

Universality, integrity and fairness, gender equality and popularity were highlighted as key requirements of the evaluation criteria to determine the disciplines and events for the programme, in line with the recommendations of Olympic Agenda 2020+5. Athlete safety, environmental sustainability and keeping the sport relevant to youth were also reiterated as significant factors in the decision making process.

See the FEI Press Release [here](#).

FEI Event Standards Stakeholder Survey - Reminder

We would like to remind everyone that the FEI has created a stakeholder survey to ensure the maintenance and continued improvement, of an already existing high standard, at FEI Events.

This survey, launched in December 2021 and ongoing until 14 February 2022, aims to help the FEI better understand the expectations of its key stakeholders, and the information collected will help guide the future approach of the FEI to ensuring that these are met.

Available in four languages (English, French, Spanish and German), we encourage everyone to take part in this survey, which should take no more than 10-15 minutes, and thank you in advance for your time and your pertinent feedback.

Have your say and take the **FEI Events Standards Stakeholder Survey today**.

FEI Elections and Appointments Process 2022

On 1 February 2022, the process for candidatures for the FEI Elections and Appointments 2022 was officially launched.

There are 24 positions open to candidacies including FEI President, Athlete Representatives in all the disciplines, Chairpersons for Group VI, the Veterinary Committee and the European Equestrian Federation*, as well as open positions for members of the following committees: Audit & Compliance, FEI Tribunal, Veterinary, Medical, Jumping, Dressage, Eventing, Driving, Vaulting and Para Equestrian. The candidacies for the Athletes' representatives will be reviewed by the FEI HQ to ensure they are in line with the objectives defined in the FEI Internal Regulations. All the other candidacies will be approved/vetted by the Nominations Committee.

The complete list of positions including details on job specifications and the relevant procedures in terms of deadlines, timelines and candidate requirements are now available [here](#).

The deadline to receive applications for all open positions is **1 May 2022 at 23:59 CEST**.

**This position will be taken by the EEF President to be elected in 2022, as per Article 24.13 FEI Statutes.*

The FEI is committed to diversity and inclusion within its workforce, and encourages all candidates, irrespective of gender, nationality, religious and ethnic backgrounds, including persons living with disabilities, to apply to become a part of the organisation.

About FEI President

The FEI Presidential term is four years, with the possibility of re-election for up to three consecutive terms for a maximum term of 12 years in office. Current President Ingmar De Vos (BEL) was elected President of the Fédération Equestre Internationale on 14 December 2014. He was re-elected for another four-year term as President of the FEI at the FEI General Assembly in Manama (BRN) on 21 November 2018. For more information on the current FEI President and former FEI Presidents, click [here](#).

About FEI Athlete Representatives

Since 2014 and every four years, Athlete Representatives are elected by their peers to form the FEI Athletes Committee and sit on their own discipline-specific Technical Committee. The Athlete Representative position carries a four-year term (non-renewable) and is an essential role and platform for athletes to have a voice in the decision making process. For more information on FEI Athlete Representatives, the eligibility criteria and how to apply, click [here](#).

FEI Insurance Coverage for Officials, Board and Committee Members

A new version of the FEI Insurance Coverage for Officials, Board and Committee Members is now available [here](#).

Eventing

FEI Eventing Categorisation of Athletes – update

The FEI Eventing Categorisation of Athletes was updated on 1 January 2022 and takes into account MERs obtained between 1 July 2013 and 31 December 2021. The lists of categorised Athletes are available on the [FEI Database](#).

The Athlete category is updated according to the performances twice a year: on 1 July and at the end of each calendar year, taking into account the rolling eight and a half years (8.5) in order to take into consideration the cancellation of events due to the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic.

FEI Eventing World Athlete Rankings and Zone Rankings 2021

The FEI Eventing World Athlete Rankings and Zone Rankings 2021 have been calculated and are now available on the [FEI Database Rankings/Standings section](#). The FEI Eventing Zone Rankings are processed once a year and take into account results obtained between 1 January and 31 December 2021.

Eventing Statistics Report 2010-2021

The Eventing Statistics Report 2010 – 2021 has been finalised and is available on the FEI [Eventing-Risk Management](#) page.

Eventing Horse Form Index (HFI)

As of 21 January 2022, the Eventing Horse Form Index (HFI) is available to National Federations, Athletes and Owners in the [FEI database](#) and for National Federations and Officials (appointed at an event), through the [FEI entry system](#).

The Eventing HFI is an index calculated by using the existing performance of a horse starting in FEI Competitions. It has been developed for Athletes, Owners, and National Federations to manage horses' performances, track their progress and help to make informed decisions prior to the competitions. It is a tool also designed to allow Officials to monitor horses entered at events and assess preparedness as well as performance during the Cross Country test.

National Federations are encouraged to communicate directly with their Eventing Athletes to discuss and help them check the HFIs of horses they are entering in competitions.

Detailed information can be found on [Inside.FEI.org](#). If you have any questions, please contact eventing@fei.org.

Watch on Replay! FEI Eventing Online Risk Management and National Safety Officer (NSO) Seminar

The FEI Eventing Risk Management and NSO Seminar which took place on 22 January 2022 is available to watch on replay on the dedicated [FEI Eventing Risk Management webpage](#).

You will also find all the presentations, annexes and statistics as well as a report highlighting the key discussions.

Vaulting

FEI Vaulting Guidelines 2022

FEI Vaulting Guidelines & Code of Points:

Following the 2021 Online FEI Vaulting Seminar, and based on the comments of the participants, the FEI Vaulting Technical Committee have made some amendments to the first proposal of the 2022 FEI Vaulting Guidelines.

The 2022 FEI Vaulting Guidelines and the Code of Points, effective from 1 January 2022, are available [here](#).

FEI Vaulting Guidelines, effective 2022, main changes:

- Part I of the Guidelines is revised to avoid redundancies and will ensure easier navigation in the different chapters.
- Judging system with Reference score and General deductions: Effective 1 January 2022, the new Reference score system is implemented for the Technical exercise "Cartwheel movement from neck to back" and for Free Test exercises only. The description of the Cartwheel is incorporated to the 2022 FEI Vaulting Guidelines.
- Effective 1 January 2023, the methodology to evaluate exercises using the Reference score system, will also be applicable to Compulsory exercises and the remaining four Technical exercises.
- The description and scoring of the Compulsory exercises for 2023 can be found as Annex III to these Guidelines 2022. The FEI Vaulting Technical Committee would like to give the Vaulting community time to become familiar with this system. The descriptions and scoring of the four remaining Technical exercises will be published on the FEI website in due time.

Our sport is developing rapidly, and the Guidelines aim to reflect this development by supplying a more professional, detailed and precise system for setting up the scores. The main goal of the revision of the FEI Vaulting Guidelines is to add more details, clarifications and meaningful reference scores for the exercises, which will ensure a more consistent judging and at the same time provide a more detailed guidance for athletes.

For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the [FEI Vaulting Department](#).

FEI Vaulting - Free Test concept 2023

Since 1 January 2022, the FEI can test a new scoring system on a trial basis at selected events with the prior agreement of the relevant Organising Committee. This new scoring system is not being used to calculate the official results but for "testing" purposes. The details of the new scoring system are explained [here](#).

The FEI, in consultation with the FEI Vaulting Committee, may make revisions to the new scoring system if the testing requires amendments. Any changes will be published [here](#). If the FEI Vaulting Committee and the FEI conclude that the trial of the new scoring system has been successful, it will be proposed for inclusion in the FEI Vaulting Rules 2023.

Save the Date! - FEI Vaulting Forum 2022

The FEI Vaulting Technical Committee is pleased to announce that an online Forum will be held on **Saturday 19 March 2022 from 15:30 to 18:00 CET**.

The Forum will explore in detail the reference score, its methodologies and the Cartwheel exercise.

The registration for the Vaulting Forum 2022 is now open and all members of the Vaulting Community are invited to join. Please find attached, the **official invitation**, or visit the **FEI Online Education Calendar** (discipline - Vaulting - Search to view the list of Vaulting Courses available).

Interested participants should contact their National Federation in order to be registered. The deadline for registration is **4 March 2022**.

Any questions can be directed to the [Vaulting Department](#).

Para Dressage

Para Equestrian Forum 2022 – Wrap Up

Over 130 participants, including Officials, Athletes, Trainers and National Federation representatives, took part in the 2022 edition of the Para Equestrian Forum, which was held online due to the pandemic.

The Forum was held over three days with sessions which looked at the Development of Para Dressage, the structure of the sport and Classification.

While the Forum discussions were conducted with a view to developing the sport structure in 2022 and the Paralympics Games in Paris 2024, the meeting was also an opportunity to reflect on past accomplishments.

We would like to thank all participants for joining the Forum and for providing such interactive discussions which will serve a solid basis for the upcoming full Rules Revision process and developments to take place in 2022.

All the relevant information, documents and presentations relating to the Forum can be found in the **Para Equestrian Forum Hub**. For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the **Para Dressage Department**.

Veterinary

FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List: call for suggestions by List Group

The 2022 Equine Prohibited Substances List, effective since 1 January 2022, is available in PDF format for download on the **FEI Anti-Doping Rules** hub page. The review process for changes to the 2022 Equine Prohibited Substances List is now underway, and all details regarding the process can be found on the **FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List Expert Group** page in the FEI Clean Sport section.

In preparation of the 2023 List, we invite National Federations, veterinarians, athletes, grooms, judges and other interested parties to submit their suggestions for consideration by the List Group via the **FEI Prohibited List Suggestions Form**.

Please complete all fields, including information regarding the substance, its use, application and specific reasoning for inclusion or change of category as applicable.

Suggestions should be submitted to **Caterina Termine no later than 14 March 2022 for consideration during 2022**.

FEI Directory

Updates to the FEI Database

Monthly summary on the key changes/updates in the FEI Database with regards to the FEI's member National Federations. All details can be found on the FEI Database by clicking on each NF's name listed below:

CRC - FEDERACIÓN ECUESTRE DE COSTA RICA

Ms Inge Puschendorf has been elected President of the Federation in January 2022.

KAZ - EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

Mr Anuar Malik has been elected President of the Federation in November 2021.

QAT - QATAR EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION

Mr Bader Mohd Al Darwish has been elected President of the Federation in December 2021.

TUR - TURKISH EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION

Mr Hasan Engin TUNCER has been elected as President of the Federation in November 2021

Mr Bilun BIBER has been elected as Secretary General of the Federation in November 2021.

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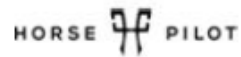
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