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#BreakTheBias

On 8 March, the world celebrated International Women’s Day 2022 with #Breakthebias the theme for this year.

In her Women’s Day blogpost, FEI Secretary General and President of the Association of Paralympic Sports Organisations (APSO) Sabrina Ibáñez urged everyone to #breakthebias, and aim for a world free of stereotypes and discrimination, where women can move ahead and achieve their true potential.
Read: **Stand up. Speak out. #Breakthebias.**

Promoting women in sport, and celebrating gender equality in the equestrian world is an important message for our community and for future generations who will place their trust and dedication in this unique passion and way of life. The equestrian world has a huge responsibility to promote the benefits of gender equality in sport – but also to make sure it extends beyond the field of play.

Together, we can all #breakthebias.

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**Update to the FEI Policy for Enhanced Competition Safety during the Covid-19 Pandemic**

As medical practice and the tools available to manage the Covid-19 pandemic have evolved considerably, the FEI has made important updates (effective immediately) to the **FEI Policy for Enhanced Competition Safety during the Covid-19 Pandemic**. The key changes to the Policy are outlined below:

1. The requirement for Organising Committees (OCs) to complete a risk assessment using the World Health Organization (WHO) tool is now lifted. At this stage, OCs are still required to communicate their Covid-19 plan to the FEI. The measures in the OC’s Covid-19 plan are expected to be compliant with the recommendations driven by the local public health authorities.

2. Recognising that these are now handled by OCs in compliance with the applicable local governmental guidelines, the following recommendations have been removed:
   - Consequences of close contact and contact tracing
   - Covid-19 screening at venue entry

3. The following recommendations remain in place but they have been updated to allow OCs to follow the locally applicable guidelines:
   - Social distancing requirements
   - Use of face masks

The FEI will update the discipline-specific, veterinary and media activities guidelines in accordance with the above changes. While this process is ongoing, OCs should read and apply these documents in light of the changes made to the FEI Policy for Enhanced Competition Safety during the Covid-19 pandemic.

For questions please contact catherine.bollon@fei.org.

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**FEI Sports Forum 2022**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

The online registration process for the 11th edition of the FEI Sports Forum opened on 4 March. We invite all persons wishing to attend the FEI Sports Forum in person to register here.

As a reminder, the first day of the Sports Forum will be dedicated to the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Regulations, with separate discussion sessions for each discipline. These sessions are an important part of the wide-ranging Paris 2024 consultation process undertaken by the FEI with various stakeholders. The first day will conclude with a session dedicated to the FEI World Championships 2022, with the Organisers from Heming (DEN), Pratoni del Vivaro and Verona (ITA) onsite to present their latest developments, and an overview of the overarching promotional campaign to engage fans and media worldwide.

The official signing of an agreement with the International Grooms Association will start the second day of the Sports Forum and will be followed by a discussion on FEI Event Standards. The rest of the day will proceed with sessions on the FEI Veterinary Regulations, as well as the FEI Eventing, Dressage and Para Dressage Rules.

The detailed programme is available here.
FEI Solidarity Relief Fund for Ukraine

As announced on 28 February, the FEI has set aside a CHF 1 Million FEI Solidarity Relief Fund for the equestrian community in Ukraine. Individuals can request financial and logistical aid at this dedicated email address UkraineSolidarity@fei.org. The distribution of the FEI Solidarity Relief funding is being managed internally by the FEI, with allocations made on a case-by-case basis, and approved by the FEI Executive Board.

FEI World Championships 2022

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Ticket sales for the FEI World Championships 2022 in Herning (DEN) and in Pratoni Del Vivaro (ITA) are now open. In Herning you will have the opportunity to experience, first-hand, all the sporting action in Jumping, Dressage, Para Dressage and Vaulting while Pratoni de Vivaro will showcase the best of Eventing and Driving. Don’t miss out on seeing the best athletes in the world compete for the prestigious title of World Champion!

Discover the different categories available to spectators, all with different prices, including normal entry tickets, reserved seats on the stands, weekly passes and exclusive VIP Pavilion tickets.

Save your seat here:

Ticket sales for FEI World Championships Herning 2022
Ticket sales for the FEI World Championships Pratoni - Roma 2022

FEI Solidarity

CALL FOR BIDS - FEI JUMPING WORLD CHALLENGE FINAL 2022

The FEI is calling for bids from potential organisers for the FEI Jumping World Challenge Final 2022.

History
The aim of the FEI Jumping World Challenge Series is to give less experienced Jumping athletes, who live in the more remote parts of the world and cannot easily take part in international Jumping competitions, the opportunity to compete internationally.

The FEI Jumping World Challenge Final has been organised in many regions of the World (Latin America, Africa, Europe, Central Asia, etc.) and is a wonderful opportunity for the host country to share their culture and horsemanship with athletes from around the world.

The Final
The FEI Jumping World Challenge Final which is open to 20 athletes, plus a maximum of two wild cards, is held on borrowed horses.

Financial contribution
A financial contribution towards the organisational costs is allocated by the FEI to the host National Federation.

Opportunities linked to the organisation of the Final
- Organisers may coordinate the Final with a CSI show taking advantage of the FEI's financial contribution to cover costs of FEI officials.
- Competition coverage on FEI.TV.
- Allocation of the Final may result in governmental grants for the financing of venue improvements (examples in Algeria and Ecuador where new footing could be financed for the competition’s venue).
- A feature story on the organisation of the Final will be produced.
More information on past editions of the FEI Jumping World Challenge Final can be found here.

**Featured stories of past editions:**

FEI Jumping World Challenge Final Uzbekistan 2018  
FEI Jumping World Challenge Final Ecuador 2019

National Federations interested in hosting this event are kindly requested to contact Andreina Wipraechtiger.

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**Eventing**

**RISK MANAGEMENT - FRANGIBLE DEVICES**

The British Eventing Reverse Frangible Pin for rails up to 90 kg (for use on back rails of Oxer and Corner fences) has been approved.

It has been added to the register or products having met the Updated Standard for frangible/deformable Cross Country fences Version 2.(5) with the following FEI registration numbers:

FEI18GBR - BE Reverse pin – Short (for rails up to 90 kg)  
FEI19GBR - BE Reverse pin – Long (for rails up to 90 kg)

In addition, three videos for the MIM Corner Kit (45, 60 and 90 degree angle videos) have been added.

All information relating to frangible devices is available on the Deformable & Frangible Devices webpage in the FEI Eventing hub.

**FEI EVENTING RULES**

The FAQ Judging Narrow Fences has been updated and is available in the FEI Eventing Rules section on Inside.FEI.org.

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**Vaulting**

**FEI VAULTING GUIDELINES 2022**

The FEI Vaulting Technical Committee has made some amendments to the description of the end position of the Cartwheel exercise.

These modifications have been highlighted in green and the FEI Vaulting Technical Committee emphasised that these changes are purely clarifications of the description.

The FEI Vaulting Guidelines 2022 are available in the FEI Vaulting Rules section on Inside.FEI.org.

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**PARA DRESSAGE**

**FEI Para Dressage Classification Research Recruitment**

Dr Sarah Jane Hobbs and her team from the University of Central Lancashire and Hartpury University are continuing their recruitment of Para Dressage Athletes for the testing phase of the Classification Research project. The next session of testing will take place from 23 to 27 March, and we invite all Para Dressage Athletes who are interested in taking part to contact Dr Sarah Jane Hobbs. Should there be Athletes interested in taking part, but who are unavailable on those dates, please contact the Para Dressage Department as there may be the possibility to run further sessions.
All information regarding the Classification Research project, including information about taking part in the testing phase, can be found on the **FEI Classification Research web page**, and Dr Sarah Jane Hobbs’ presentation from the Para Equestrian Forum on the project is published on the **FEI Para Equestrian Forum Hub**.

We would like to ask National Federations to please share this news with all Para Dressage and Dressage Athletes.

For any questions, please contact the **Para Dressage Department**.

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**FEI Educations & Officials**

**FEI RULE CHANGES VIDEO EXPLAINERS 2022 NOW AVAILABLE**

We would like to inform you that the different explainer videos on the FEI rule changes for 2022 are available on **FEI Campus** in the relevant sections (FEI Disciplines & FEI Veterinary).

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**FEI Directory**

**UPDATES TO 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:

**GBR - BRITISH EQUESTRIAN**
The Federation has a new phone number and the fax number is not in use anymore.

**HON - FEDERACIÓN ECUESTRE DE HONDURAS**
Ms Heike DITTMANN has been elected as Secretary General of the NF.

**ISL - THE EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF ICELAND**
Mr Gudni HALLDORSSON has been elected as President and Ms Berglind KARLSDOTTIR as Secretary General of the NF.

**SMR - FEDERAZIONE IPPICA SAMMARINESE**
Mr Sergio MICHELOTTI has been elected as President and Ms Cecilia MOLINARI as Secretary General of the NF.

**SUI - FEDERATION SUISSE DES SPORTS EQUESTRES**
Mr Damian MÜLLER has been elected as President of the NF.

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