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FEI EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023 - BID PROCESSES REOPENED

Further to the withdrawal of Vejer de la Frontera's bids for various FEI European Championships 2023, the FEI Board has decided to reopen the bid process for the FEI European Championships 2023 where there were no other bidders. Therefore this decision applies to the following Championships:

FEI European Championships 2023 for Seniors

- FEI **Dressage*** European Championships for Seniors 2023
- FEI **Para Dressage*** European Championships for Seniors 2023

*Ideally the FEI would like to see the FEI European Championships for Dressage and Para Dressage combined.

FEI European Championships 2023 for Youth & Veterans

- FEI **Jumping** European Championships for Ponies
- FEI **Jumping** European Championships for Veterans

- FEI **Dressage** European Championships for Ponies
- FEI **Dressage** European Championships for Juniors
- FEI **Dressage** European Championships for Children

- FEI **Eventing** European Championships for Ponies

Bid Process Timeline

The bid process for these Championships will reopen on Friday 16 April 2021 and can be initiated by any interested party by completing a Bid Application Form and submitting it to the FEI via the **FEI online bidding platform**. A detailed Bid Guide which provides details about the requirements and opportunities relating to the various Championships is available on the bidding platform.

The applicable Bid Process Timeline is set out below:

16 April 2021	Re-Opening of the Bid Process. Bids/Applications to be made on the FEI Online Bidding Platform .
4 June 2021	Deadline for receipt of applications .
11 June 2021	Host Agreement sent to all Organisers/NFs who submitted an application.
May-June 2021	Review of applications by Technical Committee, FEI HQ.
15 July 2021	Deadline for Applicants to send back a signed version of the Host Agreement . Note: The Host Agreement must be signed by the Organiser and National Federation.
TBC	FEI Evaluation Commission Presentation.
August / September 2021 (in principle)	Allocation Decision by FEI Board* *FEI Board reserves the right to allocate earlier where possible.

Should you have any questions, please contact bidding@fei.org.

JUMPING

Covid-19 By-Laws for the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Series

The Board approved the Covid-19 By-Laws for the **Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Series 2021**, with the principle updates relating to the possibility for Division 1 OCs to request to the FEI

to have a team wild card slot:

Division 1 OCs may request to the FEI to have a team wild card slot for their Event, to be allocated by the FEI, for a non-Division 1 team qualified for the Tokyo Olympic Games; the wild card team is in addition to the eight teams to be invited as per Art. 5.1.3 of the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ rules (home team included).

For Division 1 Events for which a ninth team has been allocated by the FEI as a wild card team, the prize money distribution has been adjusted accordingly, to include the distribution in case of nine teams competing in the 2nd round of the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competition.

The maximum number of Athletes permitted to take part in Division 1 Events for which a ninth team has been allocated by the FEI as a wild card team is 70.

The method of point distribution for Division 1 and for the North American Region have also been updated.

The updated Covid-19 By-Laws will be included in the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Rules for the 2021 season and are published [here](#).

DRESSAGE

The document "Guidelines for the Grand Prix Special to Music – Background Music" has been updated regarding the moment the music must start playing.

The updated document can be found [here](#).

EVENTING

FEI WBFSH Eventing World Breeding Championship for Young Horses 2021

The Minimum Qualification Requirements for the FEI WBFSH Eventing World Breeding Championship for Young Horses in Le Lion d'Angers (FRA) from 21-24 October 2021 are now available [here](#).

In order to participate in the FEI WBFSH Eventing World Championship for Young Horses 2021, all horses entered must be registered in a WBFSH member studbook.

For the list of member studbooks, click [here](#).

Eventing Risk Management Programme

FEI approved Frangible Devices

The following British Eventing Reverse Frangible Pins (for rails up to 60 kg) have been approved and added to the FEI register of products, having met the Updated Standard for frangible/deformable cross country fences to be used as of 1 January 2021:

- FEI16GBR - BE Reverse pin – Short (for rails up to 60 kg)
- FEI17GBR - BE Reverse pin – Long (for rails up to 60 kg)

All information can be found on the dedicated Eventing page for [Deformable & Frangible Devices](#).

Eventing Online Frangible Device Information session

An Online Frangible Device session was held on 30 March 2021 for Officials and National Federations organising a limited number of Eventing events, to provide information on Frangible Devices.

The presentation along with the video recording of the session is available on the dedicated Eventing page for [Deformable & Frangible Devices](#).

VAULTING

Covid-19 related update to FEI Vaulting Rules and qualification criteria

Following a recommendation from the FEI Vaulting Technical Committee, the FEI Board approved a Covid-19 resolution related to Article 703.2.1 of the FEI Vaulting Rules regarding CVI qualification criteria for Individual and Pas-de-Deux 2* and 3* Competitions, to effectively lift/remove the “mandatory” qualification criteria as athletes have not had sufficient opportunities to comply with the star rating qualification procedure.

[Click here to view the FEI Vaulting Rules and Article 703.2.1: "for CVIs, qualification criteria for Individual and Pas-de-Deux 2* and 3* Competitions will be published annually on the FEI website."](#)

Note that this follows on from the resolution approved in 2020 to waive the qualification procedure (qualification scores) for the 2021 FEI Vaulting World Vaulting Championships for Senior and Juniors 2021 and the FEI will rely on the input/expertise of the National Federations to ensure that their athletes are up to the standard to compete in each level, in CVIs and at the Championships.

The updated Vaulting Qualification Criteria will be published [here](#).

FEI CAMPUS

NEW - Human Anti-doping Course (updated with latest regulations)

This course has been fully updated with the latest changes in the **World Anti-Doping Code** and the **FEI Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes (ADRHA)**

NEW - Two ITA Webinars available

This first webinar, of a five-part series hosted by the International Testing Agency (ITA) takes a look at the anti-doping landscape, providing an overall picture of the current system and introducing key stakeholders and their roles. You will hear from Benjamin Cohen of ITA and Michael Ask of the Institute of National Anti-Doping Organizations (iNADO). Equally important is the perspective of those at the centre of the anti-doping system. Olympic Champion Christine Girard shares her experience and thoughts on the current clean sport system and priorities for the future.

The second webinar focuses on the Doping Control process. Marko Petric, an experienced Doping Control Officer and International-level judoka, will explain the urine sample collection process. Lara Santi is also a seasoned Doping Control and Blood Collection Officer and she will cover the blood sample collection process. Marc Mundell provides an athlete perspective, sharing his experiences and tips for athletes and their entourage. Marc is a two-time Olympian in race walking from South Africa.

Beat the Heat – Episodes 2 and 3 now available!

We are pleased to announce that episodes 2 and 3 of the Beat the Heat video series are now available on **FEI Campus!**

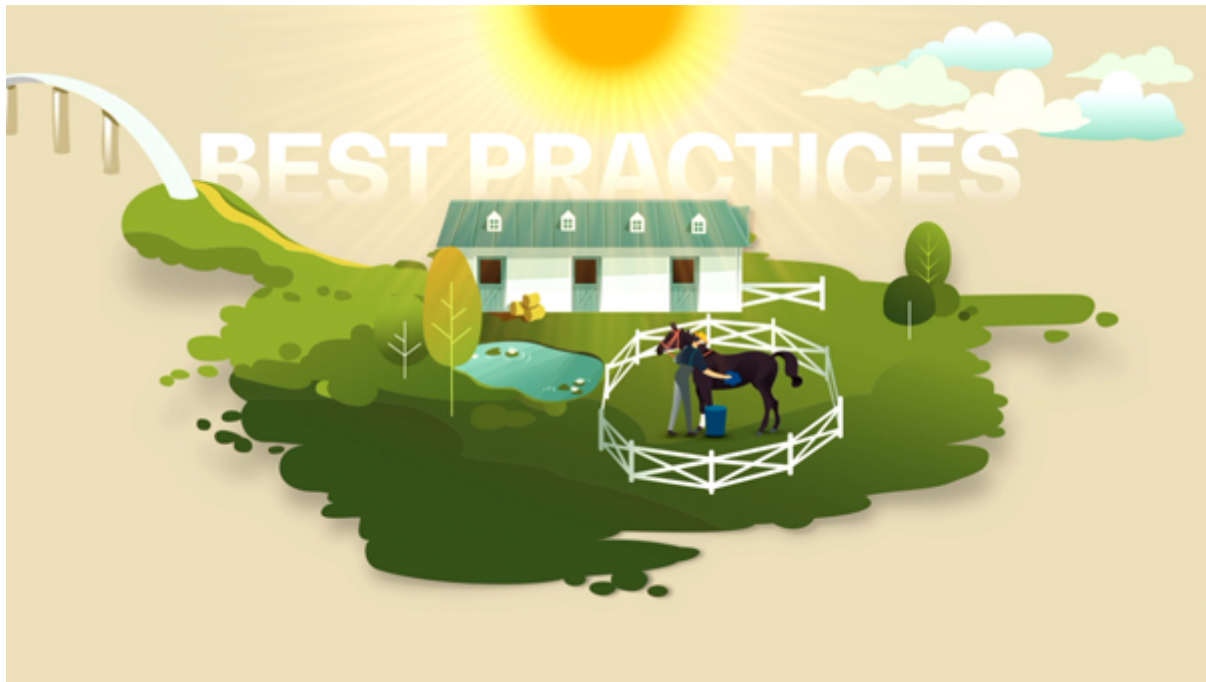
The FEI Beat the Heat video series has been created to provide insights and best practices when it comes to preparing for and competing/working in hot and humid climates. Developed by the FEI, in collaboration with medical and veterinary experts, the eight-part series provides top tips for both human and equine athletes, as well as all members of the community that are also required to travel and work/perform in hot and humid environments such as Athlete entourage and support personnel, Officials, Grooms, Horse Owners, etc.

The episodes are being released in close succession, with Episode 1 - **Equestrian Sport in hot and humid environments** providing an important introduction to heat and humidity and how this affects humans and horses, released last month. Make sure you check out episodes 2 and 3 on the theme of preparation.

Episode 2 – Equine preparation at home

A good preparation is key to a great competition for your horse, and when heat and humidity are part of the equation, this becomes even more crucial.

In this video we will show you how to handle acclimatisation, nutrition and cooling techniques for optimal results with your horse, and we highly recommend you to start as soon as possible while in your home country.



Episode 3 – Self preparation

It's not only the horses that will be greatly affected by heat and humidity. As an Athlete, Official, volunteer or staff member, you will also be exposed to these very challenging climatic conditions and will need to prepare accordingly.

This video will introduce you to the three main techniques to master while still at home, in order to get ready and be at your best for competition: acclimatisation, hydration, and cooling.



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:

BER - BERMUDA EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION

Ms Mckeisha SMITH has been elected President of the NF.

GBR - BRITISH EQUESTRIAN

Mr Jim EYRE has been elected Secretary General of the NF.

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