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Committee Report

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1.	INTRODUCTION
	<p>For the first time in nearly three years, 2023 saw only a few minor disruptions in the FEI Jumping Calendar and the sport in general. While this is, of course, a very positive outcome, we must not forget that the year began in the most inauspicious way with the tragic loss of our Jumping Director and friend, Marco Fusté. Although all too brief, Marco's time at FEI Headquarters nonetheless left an indelible legacy and he will be remembered by all of us with respect and affection.</p> <p>I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Jumping Department staff, and particularly Paule Gerritsen, for stepping up in very difficult circumstances in order keep the Jumping Department running seamlessly.</p>
2.	ACTIVITIES OF THE FEI JUMPING COMMITTEE
	<p>2.1 FEI JC in-person meetings and conference calls</p> <p>In 2023, the FEI JC had two in-person meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 30 and 31 May 2023 in Lausanne - 26 and 27 September 2023 in Barcelona <p>All other meetings were held as video conferences on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10 January 2023 - 27 February 2023 - 20 March 2023 - 3 July 2023 - 15 August 2023 - 23 October 2023 - [tbc] November/December 2023 (if necessary) <p>2.2 Meetings with various Stakeholders</p> <p>In 2023 the JC Chair attended the following meetings and video conferences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sharjah (UAE), 2 February 2023: Meeting with regional WC Organisers - Online, 14 February 2023: Meeting FEI, IDTC, IDRC and IJRC - Online, 7 March 2023: VC with LFJWC Western European League - Online, 27 March 2023: VC with IJRC, JOC and IJOC - Omaha (USA), 8 April 2023: Meeting with IJRC - Online, 17 April 2023: VC with IJRC, EO, IJOC and JOC - Online 19 October 2023: VC with IJRC, EO, IJOC and JOC

In order to sustain and build on already-established good working relationships, there were informal telephone calls or meetings with other Stakeholders.

2.3 Revision of the FEI Jumping Rules

After the full FEI Jumping Rules Revision in 2021 of the 2022 Jumping Rules, only a few minor changes were proposed to and approved by the FEI GA in Cape Town (RSA) in November 2022.

2.4 FEI Jumping EU-CH and Continental Games for Seniors 2023

2023 was a rich year for Jumping Championships and Games.

The EU-CH for Seniors was held in Milan (ITA) in late August and early September. A sell-out crowd enjoyed top sport over the 5 days of competition, which also saw teams battling for three available 2024 Olympic slots.

The 2022 Asian Games, delayed by one year as a consequence of the global pandemic, took place in October in Hangzhou (CHN).

The 2023 Pan-Am Games take place in Santiago (CHI) in late October and early November, and the remaining regional team slots for Paris 2024 will be fiercely contested.

2.5 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™

After two seasons of cancellations and/or disruption, the 2022-2023 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ season ran worldwide with no issues. The series continues to be popular with all stakeholders and produces excellent sport.

For the second time in 6 years, Omaha (USA) hosted the Longines FEI World Cup™ Finals as a multi-discipline (Jumping, Dressage and Vaulting) event.

2.6 Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™

All scheduled 2023 Longines FEI Nations Cup™ events took place.

In late September and early October, the 2023 Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final, where one 2024 Olympic Games team qualifying slot was available, ran in Barcelona (ESP), and was a huge success.

Following several online and in-person meetings with all relevant stakeholders, the FEI finalised the plans for a long-awaited innovative concept – the FEI Longines League of Nations™ – that will see the introduction in 2024 of a truly international series for the best 10 teams selected from a worldwide pool.

I would like to thank everyone involved for their invaluable contribution in the developmental stages, and in particular our Top Partner, Longines, for their strong support of this new series.

2.7 Longines Ranking Working Group

In 2023, the Longines Ranking Working Group held two meetings to discuss ranking-related issues:

- 2 August 2023 in Milan
- 10 October 2023 (Lausanne and online) with GCL Representatives

2.8 FEI Jumping Officials**2.8.1 Appointment of Officials**

In accordance with confirmed dates and venues, the FEI JC appointed the Officials for most of the 2024 Championships, Games and Finals.

2.8.2 Education of Jumping Officials

The fourth FEI Course for Transfer-Up to, and Confirmation of, Level 4 Jumping Judges that began in the summer of 2023 with an online phase will be finalised in November 2023. All previously-listed L4 Judges who chose to do so are now in compliance with the Confirmation procedure.

The third FEI Course for Transfer-Up to L4 Jumping Stewards that began in July 2023 with an online phase will also be finalised in November 2023.

The first FEI Pilot Virtual In-Person Maintenance Course for Jumping Judges was run in early November. A similar project will also run for Jumping Stewards later in the same month.

Throughout the year, FEI Course Directors ran multiple In-Person Maintenance and Transfer-Up Courses for Judges, Stewards and Course Designers across the world.

2.9 FEI JC Members and Elections

The two new FEI JC Members Rodrigo Pessoa (BRA) as Athlete's Representative and Michael Stone (IRL) have integrated fully into the FEI JC.

On completion of his four-year term after the 2023 FEI GA, Henrik Ankarcrona (SWE) will leave the FEI JC and will be replaced by a candidate TBC by the FEI Board.

2.10 Miscellaneous

As always, the FEI Jumping Committee made recommendations on important aspects of the sport, such as suggesting items for inclusion in the FEI Tack, Equipment and Dress Database, and FEI TackApp, as well as rules for FEI-approved series.

3. DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE FEI BOARD

- Rules for the Longines Rankings 2024
- Major League Show Jumping 2024
- FEI Jumping Children's Classics 2024
- EEF Nations Cup Series Rules 2024
- Sunshine Tour Series – Grand Prix Final 2024
- Rolex Grand Slam Rules 2024
- Cavaliada Tour Rules 2024
- Sunshine Tour Series – Young Horses Finals 2024

4.	CLOSING REMARKS
	<p>While nowhere on the scale of 2020 to 2022, 2023 has nevertheless produced its own challenges that, with the outstanding dedication of the FEI Jumping Department team and the Members of the FEI Jumping Committee, have been addressed and overcome. I am extremely grateful for their valued and valid contribution.</p> <p>My special thanks goes to Henrik Ancarkrona (SWE) for his valuable input, especially during the last two years where he supported me as Deputy Chair of the FEI JC.</p> <p>At the beginning of September, following an extensive selection procedure, the JC was delighted to welcome Todd Hinde as Jumping Director. The enthusiasm that he has shown for his new role in the first two months leads us to believe that our sport is in safe hands.</p>