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Committee name	Dressage Technical Committee
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Committee Report	
Pt.	Subject
1	<p>General Overview:</p> <p>The DTC conducted remote monthly meetings throughout 2024 along with an in-person meeting held in Lausanne. These meetings have been essential for monitoring progress and ensuring continuity in our activities and initiatives, as part of the corporate memory.</p>
2	<p>Olympic Games, Paris 2024:</p> <p>The Summer Olympic Games held in Paris were an extraordinary success, showcasing remarkable organizational efficiency and record-breaking attendance to celebrate equestrian excellence. An iconic historical venue that enhanced the experience for both participants and attendees.</p> <p>Excellent media coverage, presence of celebrities from the show business world, including Snoop Dogg, different members of Royal Families and high ranked officials from the French government highlighted the event's significance.</p> <p>60 combinations qualified for Paris. 15 teams and 15 individuals. Two withdrawals (ESP and POR) and one not accepted at the reinspection (POL).</p>
3	<p>In person meetings:</p> <p>There were two important in person Stakeholder meetings held during the year, one in Riyadh in April and a second meeting in Lausanne at the beginning of October. These meetings provided an opportunity for key stakeholder groups to discuss the challenges facing the sport and to collectively agree on the future direction for Dressage. The meetings also provided an opportunity to review relevant research projects and to clearly agree on our goals and objectives for the future. Topics discussed included the priority focus on the wellbeing of all Dressage horses, tack and equipment, judging and assessment of the sport and the potential use of Artificial Intelligence.</p>

4	<p>Stakeholders Remote Meetings:</p> <p>In addition, members of the DTC and the Dressage Director held several meetings with Athletes, Trainers and Officials at several events throughout the year, providing a further opportunity for direct discussion and engagement. In advance of the meeting on the 01 October, members of the DTC and the Dressage Director also met the key stakeholder groups (IDRC, IDTC, IDOC and DO) and presented suggestions and ideas to address the challenges facing the sport. The feedback from these meetings was very positive and we look forward to continuing this approach as we collectively forge the future strategy for the sport.</p>
5	<p>Sports Situation 2024:</p> <p>More Athletes from countries being represented for the first time are now actively participating, showing increased interest in the sport adding to globalization.</p> <p>Main events, Games and Championships in 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FEI World Cup™ Final 2023/24 in Riyadh (KSA) - 15 combinations. - FEI U25 and Young Rider Championships in St Margarethen (AUT) - 100 combinations - FEI Junior, Children and Pony Rider Championships in Opglabbeek (BEL) - 170 combinations. - FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships in Ermelo (NED) - over 100 combinations in all levels. - FEI North American U25, Young Rider and Junior Championships in Traverse City (USA) - 47 combinations. - Balkan Championships - 42 combinations
6	<p>Officials' Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 Maintenance courses for FEI Dressage Judges - 2 Transfer-up courses for FEI Dressage Judges to Levels 2 and 3 - 8 Maintenance courses for FEI Dressage Stewards - 4 Transfer-up courses for FEI Dressage Stewards (Levels 1, 2 and 3) - 1 Transfer-up course for FEI Dressage Judges to Level 4 <p>I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the JAG, IDOC and JSP members in conjunction with the FEI Education and Dressage departments to ensure the quality of education of officials across the world in Dressage.</p>

7	<p>Sports Forum: The FEI Sports Forum last April focused on vital matters concerning welfare, equine ethics, anti-doping and sustainability emphasizing responsible training and humane guardianship.</p>
8	<p>Media and Perception: There has been significant media criticism of the sport, especially in relation to high profile cases involving failings of equine welfare in the sport. A key outcome from the meeting on the 01 October was the collective acknowledgement that there is a loss of public trust in the sport and this situation must be addressed by all stakeholders immediately.</p>
9	<p>Acknowledgments: The DTC would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of those who have played a vital role in the success of the sport this year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To the Dressage Department for their effective work and support.- To the volunteers whose dedication and commitment play an essential part in every event.- Thanks to all DTC members as their hard work and passion for the sport which drives our progress. <p>And to our Dressage Director, Ronan Murphy for setting a high standard for an organization with clear vision and guidance.</p>