

CONSENT AWARD

dated 26 July 2022 and issued by the

FEI TRIBUNAL

Sitting in the following composition:

FEI Tribunal: Mr. José A. Rodriguez Alvarez (MEX), one-member panel.

in the matter between:

FÉDÉRATION EQUESTRE INTERNATIONALE (FEI)

and

Mr. Raed MAHMOOD in his capacity as the **Additional Person Responsible (APR)** in the following case:

Case: C22-0024- Mr. Raed Mahmood (APR)

FEI Case reference: (2022/FT13 MIRLET)

Additional Person Responsible/ID/NF: Raed MAHMOOD/10018105/BR

Person Responsible/ID/NF: Hamad Isa Abdulla Yusuf AL JANAHI /10103865/BRN

Horse/Passport: MIRLET/106SB49/BRN

Event/ID: CEI3* 160 - Sakhir, Bahrain International Endurance Village (BRN)

Event/Date/ID: 16-19.02.2022, 2022_CI_1430_E_S_03

Date of sample collection: 19.02.2022

Prohibited Substance(s): Flunixin

Bar Code Nos.: 5610345

I. Parties

1. The Fédération Equestre Internationale (**the FEI**) is the sole IOC recognised international federation for equestrian sport. The FEI is the governing body of the FEI equestrian disciplines (Dressage, Jumping, Eventing, Driving, Endurance, Vaulting, Para-Equestrian).
2. **Mr. Raed Mahmood** (FEI ID 10018105), the Additional Person Responsible (**the APR**), is a Trainer from Bahrain and was in charge of the Horse, MIRLET (**the Horse**) at the CEI3* 160 - Sakhir, Bahrain International Endurance Village (**the Event**).

II. Factual background and initial proceedings

3. On 19 February 2022, the Horse was tested at the Event and returned a positive result for Flunixin, which is a Controlled Medication Substance under the FEI's Equine Prohibited Substances List.
4. The APR was informed of the positive result by the FEI through the Notification Letter dated 21 March 2022 and of an alleged Equine Controlled Medication Rule Violation (**the ECMRV**) pursuant to Article 2.1 Equine Controlled Medication Rules (**the ECMRs**) (*The Presence of a Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers in a Horse's Sample*). The Notification Letter informed the APR of the option to admit the Rule Violation, accept the proposed consequences and benefit from a three (3) months reduction of the otherwise applicable Period of Ineligibility of six (6) months asserted by the FEI in accordance with Article 10.8.1 of the ECMRs.

The APR was also informed in the Notification Letter of his option to request an analysis of the B-Sample, within 10 days of the date of the Notification Letter. The APR who was also the Owner of the Horse, in this case, requested for the B Sample to be analysed, which confirmed the finding of the "A" Sample, and the APR was notified about these results on 25 April 2022.

5. On 19 May 2022, the APR was subsequently charged with an ECMRV and provided with an option to admit the Rule Violation, accept the following sanctions as outlined in the Notice of Charge Letter:
 - Six (6) months ineligibility period in accordance with Article 10.2 of the ECMRs (subject to further reduction of three (3) months);
 - A fine of 2 500 CHF;
 - Elimination of Legal costs
 - Automatic publication of sanction.

6. On 20 May 2022, the APR submitted to the FEI a duly signed Acceptance of Consequences Form and accept the proposed sanctions as outlined at paragraph 5 above.

III. Summary of the proceedings before the FEI Tribunal

7. On 27 May 2022, the FEI submitted to the FEI Tribunal (**the Tribunal**) the duly signed Acceptance of Consequences Form alongside with the Notification Letter, Charge Letter and requested the FEI Tribunal to issue a consent award confirming the accepted consequences to be imposed on the APR.
8. On 31 May 2022, the Tribunal informed the Parties of the appointment of a one-person hearing panel to adjudicate and approve this case. The Parties were asked to provide any objections to the constitution of the hearing panel by 6 June 2022.
9. On 31 May 2022, the FEI informed the Tribunal that they did not have any objection to the constitution of the hearing panel. The APR nor the Equestrian Federation of Bahrain (**the BRN-NF**) did not inform the Tribunal of any objection to the constitution of the hearing panel. Therefore, by not responding within the deadline, it was deemed they agreed to the constitution of the hearing panel.
10. Neither party requested an oral hearing.

IV. Jurisdiction

11. The jurisdiction of the FEI Tribunal, which is not disputed, derives from the:

Statutes 24th edition, effective 19 November 2019 ("Statutes"), Arts. 1.5, 38 and 39.

General Regulations, 24th edition, 1 January 2021, Arts. 118, 143.1, 159, 164, 165 and 167 ("GRs").

Internal Regulations of the FEI Tribunal, 3rd Edition, 2 March 2018 ("IRs").

FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations, ("EADCMRs"), 3rd edition, changes effective 1 January 2021.

V. Early Admission and Acceptance of Sanction

12. In accordance with Art. 10.8.1 of the ECMR *“Where Person Responsible and/or member of the Support Personnel and/or other Person, after being notified by the FEI of a potential ECM Rule violation that carries an asserted period of Ineligibility of six (6) months or more (including any period of Ineligibility asserted under Article 10.4), admits the violation and accepts the asserted period of Ineligibility no later than twenty (20) days after receiving notice of an ECM Rule violation charge, the Person Responsible and/or member of the Support Personnel and/or other Person may receive a three (3) month reduction in the period of Ineligibility asserted by the FEI. Where the Person Responsible and/or member of the Support Personnel and/or other Person receives the three (3) month reduction in the asserted period of Ineligibility under this Article 10.8.1, no further reduction in the asserted period of Ineligibility shall be allowed under any other Article”.*

VI. Ratification of the Accepted Consequences

13. The APR has explicitly admitted the Rule Violation and accepted the following consequences (in accordance with the Article 10.8.1 of the ECMRs):

- A Period of Ineligibility of three (3) months commencing from the date of the Final Decision issued by the FEI Tribunal;
- Fine of CHF 2,500;

14. The Tribunal confirms that the above Accepted Consequences are in compliance with the ECMRs and finds no grounds to object to the terms of the Accepted Consequences.

ON THESE GROUNDS

1. The FEI Tribunal hereby ratifies the Accepted Consequences by the APR in the C22-0024 - 2022/FT13 MIRLET- Mr. Raed Mahmood (APR) and incorporates its terms into this Consent Award.
2. Each Party is hereby ordered to perform the obligations and duties as per the Acceptance of Consequences Form.
3. This Consent Award is pronounced without legal costs.
4. This Consent Award is final and not subject to a right of appeal as the APR has waived this right.
5. This Consent Award shall be published in accordance with Article 13.3 of the ECMRs.

DECISION TO BE FORWARDED TO:

a. The Parties:

- FEI
- Mr. Mahmood (APR)

b. Any other:

- The Secretary General of the BRN-NF of the APR.

FOR THE TRIBUNAL

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by 'R' and 'A', with 'Rodríguez' written below it.

Mr. José A. Rodríguez Álvarez (MEX)