

CAS 2022/A/8569 Sheikh Ali Al Thani v. Fédération Équestre Internationale (FEI)

ARBITRAL AWARD

delivered by the

COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT

sitting in the following composition:

Sole Arbitrator: Mr Jeffrey G. Benz, Attorney-at-Law and Barrister, London, United

Kingdom

Clerk: Ms Stéphanie De Dycker, CAS Clerk, Lausanne, Switzerland

in the arbitration between

Mr Sheikh Ali Al Thani, Qatar

Represented by Mr Jan Kleiner and Mr Lucas Stocker, Attorneys-at-law, Bär & Karrer AG, Zurich, Switzerland

Appellant

and

Fédération Équestre Internationale (FEI), Lausanne, Switzerland

Represented by Ms Anna Thorstenson and Ms Ana Kricej, Legal counsels at FEI, Lausanne, Switzerland.

Respondent

ON THESE GROUNDS

The Court of Arbitration for Sport rules that:

- 1. The appeal filed on 4 January 2022 by Mr Sheikh Ali Al Thani against the Fédération Équestre Internationale (FEI) with respect to the decision taken by the Tribunal of the FEI on 17 December 2021 is partially upheld.
- 2. The operative part of the decision rendered by the Tribunal of the FEI on 17 December 2021 is confirmed save for the item 2) a), which is so amended:
 - "2.) The Athlete shall incur:
 - a period of ineligibility of one (1) year. The period of ineligibility will *a.*) be effective from 13 October 2019 until 12 October 2020, All competitive results achieved by the Athlete during the period of ineligibility are disqualified."
- 3. The Award is pronounced without costs, except for the Court Office fee of CHF 1,000 (one thousand Swiss Francs) paid by Mr Sheikh Ali Al Thani, which is retained by the CAS.
- Each Party shall bear its own expenses incurred in connection with these arbitration 4. proceedings.
- 5. All other motions or prayers for relief are dismissed.

Seat of arbitration: Lausanne, Switzerland

Date: 2 June 2022

THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT

Sole Arbitrator