

CONSENT AWARD

dated 7 May 2024 and issued by the

FEI TRIBUNAL

Sitting in the following composition:

Sole Panel Member: Ms Harveen Thauli (CAN)

in the matter between:

FÉDÉRATION EQUESTRE INTERNATIONALE (FEI)

and

Jean Luc LEBOUCHER in his capacity as the **Person Responsible** in the following case:

Case: C24-0018 LEBOUCHER

FEI Case reference: 2024/US01, DADORA DES ISLOTS

Horse/ID/NF: DADORA DES ISLOTS /106SP65/FRA

Person Responsible/ID/NF: Jean Luc LEBOUCHER /10198840/FRA

Event/Date: Pony Measurement in Saint Lo (FRA) 18.01.2024

Prohibited Substance(s): Acepromazine

All the words used in this Consent Award beginning with a capital letter and not previously defined have the meaning set forth in the specific definitions of the FEI General Regulations and Statutes, the FEI Veterinary Regulations, the 2024 Equine Prohibited Substances List (the **Prohibited List**) and the Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations (the **EADCMRs**). The Equine Anti-Doping Rules (the **EAD Rules**) and the Equine Controlled Medication Rules (the **ECM Rules**) are set out in the EADCMRs.

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 for the FEI equestrian disciplines of dressage, jumping, eventing, driving, endurance, vaulting, and para-equestrian.
2. Mr Jean Luc LÉBOUCHER (FEI ID 10198840), the Person Responsible (the **PR**), attended the Pony Measurement in Saint Lo in France with his horse, Dadora Des Islots (the **Horse**), on 18 January 2024.

II. Factual background and initial proceedings

3. When the Horse was presented for Pony Measurement, it appeared to be sedated. The PR confirmed that he had sedated the Horse with Acepromazine.
4. Acepromazine is a sedative that reduces anxiety in horses. Acepromazine is classified as a Controlled Medication Substance under the Prohibited List. The Use of Acepromazine during the Pony Measurement gave rise to a violation of the ECM Rules (the **ECM Rule Violation**).
5. The FEI informed the PR of the ECM Rule Violation in a notification letter dated 15 February 2024 (the **Notification Letter**).
6. On 20 March 2024, the PR voluntarily accepted a Provisional Suspension, in accordance with Article 7.4.9 of the ECM Rules.
7. In the Notification Letter, the FEI provided the PR with a deadline of 20 days to explain the alleged ECM Rule Violation. He was also informed that if he admitted the ECM Rule Violation and accepted the sanctions, he would receive an automatic three (3) month reduction in the period of Ineligibility.

8. On 28 February 2024, the PR decided to admit the ECM Rule Violation and receive the 3 month reduction. He submitted an income tax document showing that he did not earn much income. As a result, he received a reduced fine from the FEI.
9. The PR signed the Acceptance of Consequences Form on 16 April 2024, i.e. before the FEI charged him with the ECM Rule Violation.

III. Summary of the proceeding before the FEI Tribunal

10. On 17 April 2024, the FEI submitted the duly signed Acceptance of Consequences Form together with the Notification Letter to the FEI Tribunal, and requested that the FEI Tribunal issue this Consent Award, confirming the accepted consequences that would be imposed on the PR.
11. On 1 May 2024, the Tribunal informed the Parties of the appointment of a one-person hearing panel to adjudicate and approve this matter. The Parties were asked to provide any objections to the constitution of the hearing panel by 6 May 2024.
12. On 1 May 2024, the FEI informed the Tribunal that it did not have any objections to the constitution of the hearing panel.
13. The PR did not object to the constitution of the hearing panel.
14. Neither party requested an oral hearing.

IV. Jurisdiction

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

Statutes 24th edition, effective 17 November 2021 ("Statutes"), Articles 1.5, 38 and 39.

General Regulations, 24th edition, updates effective 1 January 2023, Articles 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, effective 1 January 2021, updates effective 1 January 2023.

V. Early Admission and Acceptance of Sanction

16. In accordance with Article 10.8.1 of the ECM Rules: *“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

17. The PR has explicitly admitted the ECM Rule Violation and accepted the following consequences (in accordance with the Article 10.8.1 of the ECM Rules):
 - o a period of Ineligibility of three (3) months commencing from the date of this Consent Award (the voluntary Provisional Suspension already served will be credited against the imposed period of Ineligibility); and
 - o a fine of CHF 200.-.
18. The sole panel member confirms that the above Accepted Consequences comply with the ECM Rules and finds no grounds to object to their terms.

ON THESE GROUNDS

1. The sole panel member hereby ratifies the Accepted Consequences in the case of C24-0018 LEBOUCHER [2024/US01 – DADORA DES ISLOTS] and incorporates its terms into this Consent Award.
2. Each Party is hereby ordered to perform the obligations and duties pursuant to the Accepted Consequences.
3. The Consent Award is pronounced without costs.
4. This Consent Award is final and not subject to an appeal as the PR has waived this right.
5. This Consent Award will be published in accordance with Article 14.3 of the ECM Rules.

DECISION TO BE FORWARDED TO:

- a. The Parties:
 - FEI
 - Mr Jean Luc LEBOUCHER (PR)
- b. Any other:
 - The NF of the PR, the French Equestrian Federation

FOR THE TRIBUNAL



Ms Harveen Thauli (CAN)