

CONSENT AWARD

dated 13 November 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

Mathieu BRAUN in his capacity as the **Additional Person Responsible** in the following case:

Case: C24-0044 BRAUN (2024/FT31 RIAD DU FLORIVAL)

FEI Case reference: 2024/FT31 RIAD DU FLORIVAL

Horse/Passport: RIAD DU FLORIVAL/106YC63/FRA

Person Responsible/ID/NF: Perrine CAMPANINI/10055867/ITA

Additional Person Responsible/ID/NF: Mathieu BRAUN/10067111/FRA

Event/ID: CEI2* 120 CIM - Dompierre sur Héry (FRA) 24-25.05.2024

Event/ID: 2024_CI_0879_E_S_02_

Date of sample collection: 25.05.2024

Prohibited Substance(s): Firocoxib

Bar Code Nos.: 1354061

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 FEI Endurance Rules, 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 Mathieu BRAUN (FEI ID 10067111), the Additional Person Responsible (the **APR**), is a Trainer from France and the registered Trainer of the horse, Riad du Florival (the **Horse**). The rider, Ms Perrine CAMPANINI (FEI ID 10055867) competed with the Horse at the CEI2* 120 CIM - Dompierre sur Héry (FRA) from 24 to 25 May 2024 (the **Event**).

II. Factual background and initial proceedings

3. The Horse was tested during the Event and returned a positive result for Firocoxib. Firocoxib is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug used to relieve pain and inflammation and it is classified as Controlled Medication Substances under the Prohibited List.
4. The positive finding of Firocoxib in the Horse's Sample gave rise to a violation of the ECM Rules (the **ECM Rule Violation**).
5. The FEI informed the APR of the ECM Rule Violation in a notification letter dated 1 July 2024 (the **Notification Letter**).
6. In the Notification Letter, the FEI provided the APR 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.
7. On 24 October 2024, the APR decided to admit the ECM Rule Violation and receive the 3-month reduction. He also received a fine, which the FEI reduced after assessing his financial circumstances. The APR therefore submitted a duly signed Acceptance of Consequences Form to the FEI.

III. Summary of the proceeding before the FEI Tribunal

8. On 25 October 2024, the FEI submitted the duly signed Acceptance of Consequences Form together with the Notification Letter and annexes to the FEI Tribunal, and requested that the FEI Tribunal issue this Consent Award, confirming the accepted consequences that would be imposed on the APR (the **Accepted Consequences**).
9. On 30 October 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 4 November 2024.
10. On 30 October 2024, the FEI informed the Tribunal that it did not have any objections to the constitution of the hearing panel.
11. The APR did not object to the constitution of the hearing panel.
12. Neither party requested an oral hearing.

IV. Jurisdiction

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

Statutes 25th edition, effective 21 November 2023 ("Statutes"), Articles 1.5, 38 and 39.

General Regulations, 24th edition, updates effective 1 January 2024, 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

14. 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

15. The APR has explicitly admitted the ECM Rule Violation and accepted the following consequences (in accordance with 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; and
 - o a fine of CHF 500.
16. 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 C24-0044 BRAUN [2024/FT31 RIAD DU FLORIVAL] 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 APR 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 Mathieu BRAUN (APR)
- b. Any other:
 - The NF of the APR, the French Equestrian Federation
 - The NF of the PR, the Italian Equestrian Federation

FOR THE TRIBUNAL



Ms Harveen Thauli (CAN)