

**PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF  
STATUTES 2023**

24 October 2023

Dear National Federations,

Please find below a summary of the proposed changes to the FEI Statutes together with the corresponding explanations, the comments received as well as the reasoning for accepting or not accepting each proposal.

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Sincerely,



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**A. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES TO BE VOTED AT THE FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023**

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
International Dressage Trainers Club
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
31.7 – Term of Office Technical Committees
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The landscape of international sport and equestrian sport in particular has changed vastly over the past 15 years. A more professional and business-like approach to sport management is required.</p> <p>As a result, the tasks assigned to the various discipline committees has expanded greatly. Responsibilities now include strategic planning, advice on consumer facing aspects of the sport, harmonisation and coordination with other disciplines, modernising/shaping/modifying fundamental aspects of the sport (e.g. judging), to become consistent with increased emphasis on fairness, transparency and welfare; in addition to addressing specific technical aspects of the sport.</p> <p>As a result, the learning curve for new technical committee members is prodigious requiring a significant investment in time and study in order to be an effective committee member. And, the amount of time required to fulfil actual committee duties has also risen substantially.</p> <p>The current statutes limit committee members to one four-year term although a second term can be sought after a 2-year break. This is highly inefficient as just as a member is becoming their most effective the term is over. Allowing a second consecutive term would allow the committee to benefit from the accumulated expertise and productivity of each member. It would also encourage stakeholders to seek membership in a committee as they would have the opportunity to see their initiatives through to fruition.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023</b>
<p>NONE.</p> <p>Following a first discussion in June 2022, the FEI Board discussed again this proposal during its in-person meeting on 6-7 June 2023.</p> <p>During this discussion different views were shared by the Chair of the Discipline Committees (concerning mainly continuity Vs newcomers).</p> <p>Based on the discussion the FEI Board agreed not to put forward this proposal for the time being as it entails a significant structural change to the organisation of the FEI.</p> <p>Instead, and based on the objective of having more efficient Committees, the FEI Board mandated the FEI Headquarters to review the Job Descriptions and to organise Induction Meetings with the newly appointed members to provide them with a strong knowledge of the FEI Governance processes that can help their integration and full operation from year 1 of their terms.</p>
<b>Comments Received by 16 August 2023</b>
<p><b>GER NF:</b></p> <p>We do see the sense in allowing membership in a Committee for two consecutive terms. While 16 years may have been too long, we have learnt that a single term of four years is very short and the constant change of members impedes the work of the Committees.</p> <p>We cannot quite understand how this would require drastic structural changes. What exactly are those structural changes that would be required? What other rules would have to be changed? What side-effects would the proposed rule change have that the FEI deems undesirable?</p>

How are these structural changes more drastic than other changes that have been made/proposed e.g. with to the implementation of staggered terms (see also the change of Art. 31.13 proposed by the FEI this year)?

In other powerful FEI bodies (such as the Board) members may even serve up to three consecutive terms.

Induction meetings are welcome, but will not have a sufficient effect.

**NED NF:**

We would like to support the proposal from the International Dressage Trainers Club on a consecutive term for members or chairs of Technical Committees when there is unanimous support of all the committee members. We agree that the accumulated expertise is beneficial to the sport.

**SWE NF:**

The proposal to revive the Job description to have a more efficient Committees are welcome. However, it does not replace the possibility of extending a mandate period if necessary. We consider that the proposed change made by the International Dressage Trainers Club to the rule should remain.

**WORDING PROPOSED BY GER, NED AND SWE NFs:**

“31.7 Unless otherwise specified, any member of a Technical Committee who has served one (1) Term may not serve another Term in the same Committee without a break of at least two (2) years, unless the member becomes Chair **or there is unanimous support of the Committee for a second consecutive Term**. Filling a vacancy for any period of less than three (3) years does not count as a full Term. “

**SUI NF:**

We would like each member to have the opportunity to serve two terms. As the IDTC wrote in its comment, we also think that a member is becoming more effective in the second term thanks to the accumulated experience. One term is sometimes not long enough to bring some projects to fruition.

**FEI Feedback**

The FEI Board rediscussed this proposal during its Teleconference on 11 October 2023 and acknowledged that there is disparity of opinions among the Technical Committee Chairs, being all opinions equally valid.

For this reason, the FEI Board agreed to discuss this proposal with the National Federations during the FEI Rules Session on 20 November 2023.

Should the National Federations agree on the possibility for Technical Committee Members to be eligible for a second Term reappointment, this reappointment however will not be made by unanimous support of the Technical Committee but must follow the standard Appointment Process as defined in the FEI Rules and Regulations, i.e.: submission of the candidacy endorsed by the National Federation, Nominations Committee vetting and appointment by the Board.

**Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023**

Subject to the discussion with National Federations on 20 November 2023:

“[...] any a member of a Technical Committee may serve two (2) consecutive Terms. Any Member who has served ~~one (1)~~ two (2) Terms may not serve another Term in the same Committee without a break of at least two (2) years, unless the member becomes Chair. Filling a vacancy for any period of less than three (3) years does not count as a full Term.

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

Regional Group III

**Article Number – Article Name**

Various

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Letter by Eurasia Equestrian Association on 24 December 2021:

*“As you know during the FEI Regional Group meeting November 2020 was established by the Eurasian Equestrian Association. The organization has passed official registration, has its own symbols, attributes and financial stability. Today, the concept of the Eurasian Equestrian Association has become a stable brand and is confidently perceived by all National Federations of our Regional Group and members of these organizations, as a synonym of the development of equestrian sport in our region. In a short period, various programs have been developed and implemented. With the support of the FEI, the FEI JUMPING NATIONS CUP and the FEI JUMPING WORLD CUP Eurasian League was created. The various FEI international competitions are held under the management of the Eurasian Association, and the main sport product of the Eurasian Association is the Eurasian Championships as well. The Eurasian Association has its own media resources, Maxima TV channel and equestrian magazine “Horse Expert” covering events at the National Federations of our group.*

*On behalf of the members of the Eurasian Association, the National Federations of the FEI Regional Group III, we kindly ask you to allow us to use the name of the Association of the National Federations of the FEI Group III used by us in the official sources of the FEI, by analogy with the European Equestrian Federation (Group I and Group II).”*

**Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023**

References to Regional Group III in the FEI Statutes to be replaced by Eurasian Equestrian Association (EEA) Regional Group.

**Comments Received by 16 August 2023**

None.

**FEI Feedback**

This proposal is therefore maintained.

**Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023**

References to Regional Group III in the FEI Statutes to be replaced by Eurasian Equestrian Association (EEA) Regional Group.

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

FEI

**Article Number – Article Name**

8.5 – Suspension and Exclusion form Membership

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Given the two-membership categories as per Article 5 (Full Member and Associate Member) and the different rights associated to them, Article 8.5 needs to be amended accordingly.

**Proposed Wording**

*"Upon expiry of any defined period of Suspension or upon full payment of any outstanding Financial Charges (including late payment penalties and interest), ~~the suspension will be automatically lifted and the relevant membership rights will be restored~~ ~~the suspended National Federation is automatically restored to full membership rights.~~"*

**Comments Received by 16 August 2023**

None.

**FEI Feedback**

This proposal is therefore maintained.

**Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023**

*"Upon expiry of any defined period of Suspension or upon full payment of any outstanding Financial Charges (including late payment penalties and interest), ~~the suspension will be automatically lifted and the relevant membership rights will be restored~~ ~~the suspended National Federation is automatically restored to full membership rights.~~"*

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

FEI

**Article Number – Article Name**

8.8 – Suspension and Exclusion form Membership

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Because it is the right of the Board to suspend or exclude a National Federation for persistent violations of the Statutes, a Decision of the General Assembly, or any FEI Rules and Regulations, the Board, and not the FEI Tribunal, shall have the right to hear the National Federation.

A National Federation suspended or excluded by the Board as per Article 8.8 shall have the right to appeal to the FEI Tribunal as per the FEI General Regulations.

**Proposed Wording**

*"The Board may suspend or exclude a National Federation for persistent violations of the Statutes, a Decision of the General Assembly, or any FEI Rules and Regulations. In cases other than Suspensions for non-payment of Financial Charges, an opportunity to be heard by the ~~FEI Tribunal~~Board shall be afforded to the relevant National Federation, and any Exclusion shall only become effective upon ratification by the General Assembly."*

**Comments Received by 16 August 2023**
**GER NF:**

It is not the right of the Board to hear the Members, but the right of the Members to be heard before any decision is made. Therefore, the Board has the duty to hear the Members.

It seems reasonable to allow for the right to be heard by the Board. But this cannot be the only/final "court of appeal". The final appeal authority needs to be different from the body that took the decision in the first place.

It might be a good idea to clarify in the text of the Statutes that decisions by the Board may be appealed to the FEI Tribunal.

**WORDING PROPOSED:**

*"The Board may suspend or exclude a National Federation for persistent violations of the Statutes, a Decision of the General Assembly, or any FEI Rules and Regulations. In cases other than Suspensions for non-payment of Financial Charges, an opportunity to be heard*

by the ~~FEI Tribunal Board~~ shall be afforded to the relevant National Federation, and any Exclusion shall only become effective upon ratification by the General Assembly."

Add: "The decision can be appealed to the FEI Tribunal as per Art. 162 General Regulations."

#### FEI Feedback

It is the view of the FEI that there is no need to include the above sentence in this Article as it is clear that any Decision can be appealed with the FEI Tribunal as per Article 162 of the FEI General Regulations. Else we would need to add similar provisions for any article where a Decision is taken, which is not practical.

#### Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023

*"The Board may suspend or exclude a National Federation for persistent violations of the Statutes, a Decision of the General Assembly, or any FEI Rules and Regulations. In cases other than Suspensions for non-payment of Financial Charges, an opportunity to be heard by the ~~FEI Tribunal Board~~ shall be afforded to the relevant National Federation, and any Exclusion shall only become effective upon ratification by the General Assembly."*

#### Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

#### Article Number – Article Name

9.3 – (General Assembly) Composition

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

There is no reference in the Internal Regulations to the possibility of the Board to invite third parties to attend the General Assembly as observers or presenters therefore this article can be amended accordingly.

#### Proposed Wording

*~~"To the extent permitted in the Internal Regulations of the FEI, the Board has the right to invite third parties to attend the General Assembly as observers or presenters."~~*

#### Comments Received by 16 August 2023

None.

#### FEI Feedback

This proposal is therefore maintained.

#### Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023

*~~"To the extent permitted in the Internal Regulations of the FEI, the Board has the right to invite third parties to attend the General Assembly as observers or presenters."~~*

#### Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

#### Article Number – Article Name

12 – (General Assembly) Quorum

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

This article must refer to Full Members with voting rights and not to all National Federations (which include Associate Members that have no voting rights).

#### Proposed Wording

*"For any General Assembly to be validly convened and pass Resolutions, an Absolute Majority of all the Full Members National Federations must be present or represented. If such Quorum is not reached, the Board may convene another General Assembly with the same Agenda within thirty (30) days, in the same location or in Lausanne, Switzerland. Such General Assembly will be validly convened even if no Quorum is then reached."*

#### Comments Received by 16 August 2023

None.

#### FEI Feedback

This proposal is therefore maintained.

**Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023**

*“For any General Assembly to be validly convened and pass Resolutions, an Absolute Majority of all the Full Members National Federations must be present or represented. If such Quorum is not reached, the Board may convene another General Assembly with the same Agenda within thirty (30) days, in the same location or in Lausanne, Switzerland. Such General Assembly will be validly convened even if no Quorum is then reached.”*

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

FEI

**Article Number – Article Name**

14.1 – (General Assembly) Voting Rights

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Wording suggested for clarification purposes.

**Proposed Wording**

*“Each National Federation that is a Full Member shall have one (1) vote. Each National Federation may also represent other National Federations within the limits set forth at Article 9.2 through a Power of Attorney. FEI Board Members do not have a vote and may not represent a National Federation.”*

**Comments Received by 16 August 2023**

None.

**FEI Feedback**

This proposal is therefore maintained.

**Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023**

*“Each National Federation that is a Full Member shall have one (1) vote. Each National Federation may also represent other National Federations within the limits set forth at Article 9.2 through a Power of Attorney. FEI Board Members do not have a vote and may not represent a National Federation.”*

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

FEI

**Article Number – Article Name**

17.4 – Amendments to the Statutes, General Regulations and Sport Rules

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

To clarify that the FEI Board is also entitled to propose amendments to the Sport Rules.

If this proposal is approved by the General Assembly, Article 20.1 vi. will need to be adapted accordingly.

**Proposed Wording**

*“Amendments to the Sport Rules are proposed by:*

- *FEI Headquarters with the Support of the relevant Technical Committee through the Chair; and/or*
- *A National Federation; and/or*
- *The Board.*

**Comments Received by 16 August 2023**
**GER NF:**

It is a debatable point whether the FEI Board is the most competent body to draft sport rules. Art. 20 Statutes stipulates the functions and powers of the Board. These focus on strategy, business and policy matters as well as general housekeeping. Complex discipline related matters do not fall within its scope of the Boards competence. Why not go through the headquarters that already have the right to propose amendments?

Also, according to Art. 20.1.vii. Statutes it is a function of the Board to approve the sport rules. If the Board also had the competence to propose the same rules, it would end up

approving its own proposals. This is not in accordance with the spirit of the Statutes that provide for a system of checks and redundant supervision in order to include the perspective of a minimum number of bodies and offices in the rule making process.

**WORDING PROPOSED:**

To remove Board.

**FEI Feedback**

It is important to clarify that:

- The FEI Board does not draft Sport Rules (Sport Rules are drafted by FEI HQ);
- The Board does not generally approve Sport Rules but only in very limited cases when they cannot await the next General Assembly and are required by the IOC, the IPC and/or their Regional Organisations (as per Article 20.1 vii of FEI Statutes); and
- here it is only proposed the possibility of the Board to propose amendments to the Sport Rules which must be ultimately approved by the General Assembly.

**Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023**

*"Amendments to the Sport Rules are proposed by:*

- o *FEI Headquarters with the Support of the relevant Technical Committee through the Chair; and/or*
- o *A National Federation; and/or*
- o *The Board.*

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

FEI

**Article Number – Article Name**

20.1 X – (Board) Functions & Powers

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Currently all Technical Committees Chairs are elected by the General Assembly therefore the last sentence must be deleted.

**Proposed Wording**

*"To appoint eligible Candidates as members of the Technical Committees, further to recommendation by the Nominations Committee ~~including Chairs who are not elected by the General Assembly~~";*

**Comments Received by 16 August 2023**

None.

**FEI Feedback**

This proposal is therefore maintained.

**Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023**

*"To appoint eligible Candidates as members of the Technical Committees, further to recommendation by the Nominations Committee ~~including Chairs who are not elected by the General Assembly~~";*



**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

FEI

**Article Number – Article Name**

31.7 – Standing Committees

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

This Article needs to be amended because all Technical Chairs are Board members therefore Article 19.6 of the FEI Statutes applies.

**Proposed Wording**

*"[...] ~~Any Chair of a Technical Committee who has served two (2) Terms (respectively three (3) Terms for Technical Chairs who are Board Members) may not serve another Term in the same Committee without a break of at least four (4) years.~~"*

**Comments Received by 16 August 2023**

None.

**FEI Feedback**

This proposal is therefore maintained.

**Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023**

*"[...] ~~Any Chair of a Technical Committee who has served two (2) Terms (respectively three (3) Terms for Technical Chairs who are Board Members) may not serve another Term in the same Committee without a break of at least four (4) years.~~"*

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

FEI

**Article Number – Article Name**

31.13 – Standing Committees

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

This Article was approved by the General Assembly 2021. To make it workable it needs to be slightly modified. Currently, the Board shall have the right to apply staggered Terms only when all Members of a Standing Committee are outgoing and/or eligible in the same year; therefore, it cannot be applied if for example one single member is neither outgoing nor re-eligible.

**Proposed Wording**

*"The FEI Board shall have the right to apply staggered Terms in cases where ~~at the majority of the~~ Members of a Standing Committee are outgoing and/or re-eligible in the same year. The applicable Terms will be determined by a draw overseen by the Nominations Committee Chair."*

**Comments Received by 16 August 2023**

None.

**FEI Feedback**

This proposal is therefore maintained.

**Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023**

*"The FEI Board shall have the right to apply staggered Terms in cases where ~~at the majority of the~~ Members of a Standing Committee are outgoing and/or re-eligible in the same year. The applicable Terms will be determined by a draw overseen by the Nominations Committee Chair."*

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

FEI

**Article Number – Article Name**

34.1 iv – Technical Committees

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

To align the Statutes with the changes made in the Internal Regulations of the FEI in 2022 and to the current Education System. This change was not submitted in 2022 because no Statutory changes are proposed during President election year.

**Proposed Wording**

*The Technical Committees shall advise Headquarters on the following matters:*

- i. Amendments to the relevant Sport Rules;*
- ii. Management of International Events in their respective Discipline(s);*
- iii. Development of their respective Discipline(s);*
- iv. Appointment, ~~promotion~~ and education system of FEI Officials;*
- v. For Olympic Disciplines, the development of Olympic Solidarity programs;*
- vi. Any advice requested by Headquarters.*

**Comments Received by 16 August 2023**
**EEF:**

To take away the promotion from the Technical Committees is seen as step in the wrong direction. The promotion must be done by experts with enough expertise to evaluate the potential of the candidates.

**IDTC:**

Strongly opposes the removal of the Technical Committees as advisors regarding the promotion of officials. The TCs are the closest to the field of play and are best placed to evaluate the suitability of an individual for promotion. As this is an advisory capacity, we see no negative consequence for requiring Technical Committees input thus the change would only result in an appropriate centralisation of responsibility and degrade the influence of SHs and NFs.

**IJOC:**

We believe that the promotion of officials require combination of many aspects/institutions coming together and therefore should remain to be in the same system where diverse platforms must continue to provide feedback. In our view one of the important feedback providers is still the Jumping Committee (one of the technical committees as described in this item) comprised of members with sports knowledge and experience.

**FEI Feedback**

The FEI is not proposing a new change to the current education system but it is proposing the alignment of the Statutes to the changes already in place and approved by the General Assembly 2022 regarding the homogenisation and objectivisation of the FEI Education Systems.

By advising on the FEI Education System, the Technical Committees set the standards and defines the procedure of the education that is provided by experts (appointed FEI course directors). The FEI Education System describes the transfer-up and transfer-down processes (Promotion and Demotion) and the education of FEI Officials. The requirements to commence an Education are defined transparently and the examination and assessments are done by experts based on objective criteria. In addition, the MOU

Stakeholders provide feedback on the education system before the Technical Committees' advices the respective FEI Director to approve it.

**Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023**

*The Technical Committees shall advise Headquarters on the following matters:*

- i. Amendments to the relevant Sport Rules;*
- ii. Management of International Events in their respective Discipline(s);*
- iii. Development of their respective Discipline(s);*
- iv. Appointment, ~~promotion~~ and education system of FEI Officials;*
- v. For Olympic Disciplines, the development of Olympic Solidarity programs;*

*Any advice requested by Headquarters.*

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

FEI

**Article Number – Article Name**

36 – Other Committees and Subcommittees

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

To be amended for practical purposes so there is more flexibility as to the composition of other Committees and Subcommittees for the sake of efficiency when fulfilling its purposes and responsibilities.

**Proposed Wording**

*"36.1. The Board may establish temporary Committees for particular purposes. The Board shall appoint the Chair and members, define the terms of reference and decide the date when any such Committee shall make its report. ~~Any such Committee shall consist of not more than five (5) and not less than three (3) members, including the Chair. A Board member who is appointed to any such Committee shall automatically become the Chair of such Committee.~~*

*36.2. The Board may appoint Sub-Committees for the purpose of assisting any of the Standing Committees. ~~Sub-Committees shall be composed of a Chair and two (2) to four (4) other members.~~"*

**Comments Received by 16 August 2023**

None.

**FEI Feedback**

This proposal is therefore maintained.

**Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023**

*"36.1. The Board may establish temporary Committees for particular purposes. The Board shall appoint the Chair and members, define the terms of reference and decide the date when any such Committee shall make its report. ~~Any such Committee shall consist of not more than five (5) and not less than three (3) members, including the Chair. A Board member who is appointed to any such Committee shall automatically become the Chair of such Committee.~~*

*36.2. The Board may appoint Sub-Committees for the purpose of assisting any of the Standing Committees. ~~Sub-Committees shall be composed of a Chair and two (2) to four (4) other members.~~"*

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

FEI

**Article Number – Article Name**

38.1 – FEI Tribunal

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Remove the reference to Appeal Committee as it does not exist anymore.

If this amendment is approved references to Appeal Committee must be removed from Articles 42.1, 43.3 and in the Definitions Section.

**Proposed Wording**

*"Subject to Articles 38.2 and 38.4, the FEI Tribunal shall decide all cases submitted to it by or through the Secretary General, whether Appeals from or matters not otherwise under the jurisdiction of the Ground Jury ~~or Appeal Committee~~. These cases may be: [...]"*

**Comments Received by 16 August 2023**

None.

**FEI Feedback**

This proposal is therefore maintained.

**Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023**

*"Subject to Articles 38.2 and 38.4, the FEI Tribunal shall decide all cases submitted to it by or through the Secretary General, whether Appeals from or matters not otherwise under the jurisdiction of the Ground Jury ~~or Appeal Committee~~. These cases may be: [...]"*

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

FEI

**Article Number – Article Name**

38.1 – FEI Tribunal

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Following FEI's external Swiss lawyers' advice, it is suggested to remove art. 38.2 altogether, as it weakens the arbitral clauses (in favor of the FEI Tribunal and in favor of the CAS) contained in the FEI Statutes.

Under Swiss Law the de facto forum to bring legal action against an association is at the place where such association is headquartered (i.e., Lausanne in our case). However, in order for the FEI to object to the State Court's jurisdiction, the FEI would be in a better position without art. 38.2

If this amendment is approved by the General Assembly, provisions referring to art. 38.2 (e.g., art. 38.1) should be amended accordingly.

**Proposed Wording**

*~~"Civil actions against the FEI shall be brought before the courts of competent jurisdiction in Lausanne, Switzerland, subject to the matters which shall be referred to arbitration under the Statutes."~~*

**Comments Received by 16 August 2023**

None.

**FEI Feedback**

This proposal is therefore maintained.

**Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023**

*~~"Civil actions against the FEI shall be brought before the courts of competent jurisdiction in Lausanne, Switzerland, subject to the matters which shall be referred to arbitration under the Statutes."~~*

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

FEI

**Article Number – Article Name**

38.1 – FEI Tribunal

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Following FEI's external Swiss lawyers', it is suggested to amend this Article as shown below.

**Proposed Wording**

"All disputes shall be settled in accordance with these Statutes and other regulations of the FEI and, additionally, Swiss law."

**Comments Received by 16 August 2023**
**GER NF:**

Since Swiss Law is only supposed to fill gaps and apply whenever dealing with a question that is not already dealt with by "FEI law", we suggest the term "complementarily" instead of "additionally".

**WORDING PROPOSED:**

"All disputes shall be settled in accordance with **these Statutes and other regulations of the FEI and, complementarily,** Swiss law."

**FEI Feedback**

The initial wording was suggested by external Swiss lawyers based on their past experience and we suggest to keep that initial wording.

**Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023**

"All disputes shall be settled in accordance with these Statutes and other regulations of the FEI and, additionally, Swiss law."

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

FEI

**Article Number – Article Name**

51.2 and 51.3– Transitory Provisions

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

To be removed. Not applicable anymore.

**Proposed Wording**

~~"51.2. For the Term 2019-2020, the Board shall appoint the Chairs of the Vaulting and the Medical Committees during the FEI Board meeting immediately after the General Assembly 2019. The current Term of the Chair of Para Equestrian remain unchanged. For the Terms 2020-2024, the Chairs of Vaulting, Para Equestrian and Medical Committees, shall be elected by the General Assembly in 2020 according to the process set out in Article 24 and Annex I of the FEI Statutes.~~

~~51.3. At the General Assembly 2019 a Chair and 7 Members of the FEI Tribunal shall be elected as follows:~~

- ~~– Chair for the Term 2019-2023~~
- ~~– 3 Members for the Term 2019-2023~~
- ~~– 2 Members for the Term 2019-2022~~
- ~~– 2 Member for the Term 2019-2021~~

~~A draw shall be held during the General Assembly 2019 to allocate the relevant Terms."~~

**Comments Received by 16 August 2023**

None.

**FEI Feedback**

This proposal is therefore maintained.

**Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023**

~~"51.2. For the Term 2019-2020, the Board shall appoint the Chairs of the Vaulting and the Medical Committees during the FEI Board meeting immediately after the General Assembly 2019. The current Term of the Chair of Para Equestrian remain unchanged. For the Terms 2020-2024, the Chairs of Vaulting, Para Equestrian and Medical Committees, shall be elected by the General Assembly in 2020 according to the process set out in Article 24 and Annex I of the FEI Statutes.~~

~~51.3. At the General Assembly 2019 a Chair and 7 Members of the FEI Tribunal shall be elected as follows:~~

- ~~- Chair for the Term 2019-2023~~
- ~~- 3 Members for the Term 2019-2023~~
- ~~- 2 Members for the Term 2019-2022~~
- ~~- 2 Member for the Term 2019-2021~~

~~A draw shall be held during the General Assembly 2019 to allocate the relevant Terms."~~

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

FEI

**Article Number – Article Name**

Annex I – Procedural Regulations of a General Assembly

Article 3.1

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Clarify in the Statutes that National Federations belonging to Financial Level 1 may be represented by 3 Delegates and to introduce gender representation for National Federations that are represented by more than 2 Delegates.

**Proposed Wording**

*Each National Federation may be represented by two (2) delegates. Financial Level 1 National Federations may be represented by three (3) delegates. ~~but e~~Each delegation has only one (1) vote.*

*If a National Federation is represented by more than two (2) delegates, delegates cannot be all of the same gender.*

**Comments Received by 16 August 2023**
**GER NF:**

A National Federation should attend with delegates who have expertise and can contribute to relevant topics. This may well be persons of the same gender. Gender should not prevail expertise.

**WORDING PROPOSED:**

Delete proposed new sentence

**FEI Feedback**

The FEI believes that it is important to promote the participation of all genders in line with the equality and inclusiveness principles endorsed by the international sport organisations and by the FEI.

### Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023

Each National Federation may be represented by two (2) delegates. Financial Level 1 National Federations may be represented by three (3) delegates. ~~but~~ Each delegation has only one (1) vote.

If a National Federation is represented by more than two (2) delegates, delegates cannot be all of the same gender.

~~51.3. At the General Assembly 2019 a Chair and 7 Members of the FEI Tribunal shall be elected as follows:~~

- ~~– Chair for the Term 2019-2023~~
- ~~– 3 Members for the Term 2019-2023~~
- ~~– 2 Members for the Term 2019-2022~~
- ~~– 2 Member for the Term 2019-2021~~

~~A draw shall be held during the General Assembly 2019 to allocate the relevant Terms."~~

### Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

#### Article Number – Article Name

Annex I – Procedural Regulations of a General Assembly

As per Article 19.2 of the FEI Statutes, excluding the President, the Chair of the Athletes' Committee, and non-voting members, there may not be more than 2 members from the same National Federation.

*Board Members shall be elected in the following order:*

- *First. Election of Regional Groups Chairs in the following order: EEF Regional Group, Eurasian Equestrian Association (EEA) Regional Group, Group IV, Group V, Group VI, Group VII, Group VIII and Group IX.*
- *Second: Election of Technical Chairs in the following order: Jumping, Dressage, Para Dressage, Eventing, Endurance, Driving, Vaulting, Veterinary and Medical."*

#### Comments Received by 16 August 2023

None.

#### FEI Feedback

This proposal is therefore maintained.

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