

ANNEX 1

Intent of International Reining Competition Between the National Reining Horse Association and the Fédération Equestrian International

This agreement is between the Fédération Equestrian International (**FEI**), and the National Reining Horse Association (**NRHA**), a not-for-profit association.

I. OVERVIEW

There have been many years of cooperation with the FEI, NRHA and others to produce international reining competitions. The overall growth in competition and interest in the sport of Reining can be attributed to the joint efforts of both organizations. As time has passed it becomes evident that the future can best be served by NRHA taking the lead in international competition. The following outlines how the process will move forward.

II. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION PROGRAM

Although there are many policies and procedures to be established, the following will be the guiding principles for their formation and is in relation to the international competition championship classes only:

- World and continental championships will be organized under the direction of NRHA.
- These championships will be managed and funded by third parties.
- Rules on horse welfare will be as per the FEI Veterinary Regulations. Other references to FEI statutes and requirements will not be part of this agreement.
- FEI Equine Anti-Doping & Controlled Medication Regulations will be in place.
- NRHA licensed Officials (Judges, Stewards) and NRHA patterns and competition scoring rules will be used.
- NRHA agrees to use the Nations Team format as per Article 301.4.3-9 of the FEI Reining Rules (teams of three or four per Nation, with the best three results to count) for the world and continental championships without any changes during at least the 2 years transition period (see Section IV below).
- Each FEI Member National Federation that is active in Reining (the “National Federation”) will be responsible for the manner in which they select their teams for the championships and will be responsible for their entry into the championships.
- In the case where a National Federation chooses to no longer be involved with reining, a NRHA affiliate or another body (as decided by NRHA and agreed by the National Federation) located in that country will take over the responsibilities of team selection and entry.

III. PERMANENT COMMITTEE

- Within 3 months from the date of signature of this agreement, NRHA will create a permanent committee under the jurisdiction of NRHA to oversee the organization of the world and continental championships.

- The committee will have representatives from different stakeholder groups and will include representation from National Federations who are active in reining, with full rights. There will be no more than 3 National Federation representatives on the committee, however in terms of National Federation feedback, all Federations active in reining will receive communication.
- The current Chair of the FEI Reining Technical Committee at the time of signature of this agreement will have a seat on this committee for a minimum of two years after the committee's creation, with full rights.

IV. TRANSITION PERIOD

- During the two years after the signature of the agreement (the "Transition Period"):
 - FEI will offer NRHA, if required, consultancy services regarding the organization of the championships.
 - FEI will work with NRHA to help facilitate strong relationships with the National Federations who are interested in continuing the sport of reining.
 - FEI will encourage and support the National Federations to compete in the same manner that they always have done in.
 - FEI will promote the championships. This promotion will be defined in a separate agreement between FEI and NRHA.
- After the Transition Period:
 - NRHA will have full and exclusive jurisdiction over the championships.

V. DISPUTE RESOLUTION & TERMINATION

Any dispute or difference between NRHA and FEI shall be resolved amicably and in good faith. This agreement shall automatically terminate when the Transition Period has ended. There shall be no extension or automatic renewal of this agreement unless otherwise agreed in writing by NRHA and FEI. If the response from the National Federations and/or show managers is not sufficient to hold a viable championship, NRHA may terminate this agreement with 90 days' notice.

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