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Committee name	FEI Reining Technical Committee
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Chair	Sven Friesecke (SUI)

Committee Report	
Pt.	Subject
1	<p>On 13 November 2019, further to several discussions and meetings held between the FEI and the NRHA, the latter signed an agreement ("New Agreement") that defines the rights and responsibilities of both organisations to govern the Discipline of Reining worldwide.</p> <p>The General Assembly, on 19 November 2019, voted on keeping Reining as a FEI Discipline.</p> <p>Shortly after the decision taken by the General Assembly, on 25 November 2019 the NRHA contacted the FEI and provided an interpretation of the New Agreement that significantly modified the core principle of the New Agreement. This different interpretation was about the jurisdiction of the FEI and NRHA over International Reining Competitions with mixed age Horses. The NRHA also stated that they would not be able to implement the control mechanism to identify International Reining Competitions, which would be held under FEI. The New Agreement stated that failure to comply with this obligation would be considered a material breach of the New Agreement.</p> <p>The FEI Reining Committee concluded that based on the unsanctioned Event Rule, there was no way to achieve the 4-years Reining development plan objectives with a stand-alone FEI Reining solution, as Reining Athletes and Officials would take part in both, meaning FEI and NRHA events.</p>
2	<p>Due to the COVID19 situation, there were no Reining events held in 2020.</p> <p>The Young and Junior European Championships and the Senior World Championship in Givrins / Switzerland had to be cancelled.</p>
3	<p>The Technical Committee met regularly by videoconference. Mainly the current situation was analysed, and suitable ways were sought to develop scenarios for the continuation of international Reining championships. It will now be the task of the Board to define the basis for the further procedures with the discipline of Reining.</p>

4	<p>I hope that together we can create a new platform for International Reining Championships within a reasonable time to ensure the continuation of International Team and individual competition.</p> <p>The National Federations that have been active in Reining so far are all interested in continuing the international activities. Furthermore, the NFs' wish is to maintain the values of the FEI, such as Animal Welfare, Anti-Doping Regulations and others for these international events.</p> <p>The Reining Committee's goal is to continue to offer international championships for the worldwide active Reining Athletes. As before, these will mostly be Athletes who participate in NRHA Reining competitions. For this purpose a new institution could be created, which would be formed by the NFs concerned. The tasks of this organisation would include the dialogue between the NFs and the NRHA, the creation and implementation of clear guidelines and regulations, and the promotion of international activities. This new body to be formed would represent the interests of the NFs, define the appropriate measures and ensure their correct implementation.</p>
5	<p>The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Bettina and Anna for their hard work and leadership they provide to our committee. All Committee members also deserve my thanks for their initiative and willingness to contribute to a successful Reining future.</p>