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PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF STATUTES

20 October 2021

Dear National Federations,

You can find below a summary of the proposed changes to the Statutes.

Please be informed that no comments have been received from National Federations on these proposed changes by the 30 August deadline.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'F. Lima', written over a light blue rectangular background.

Francisco P. Lima
FEI Director Governance & Institutional Affairs

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A. STATUTES. RULES PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY THE FEI

| Article No.–Article Name |
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| Reining - Relevant Articles |
| Explanation for Proposed Change |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>On 9 March 2021</u>, there was a meeting between the FEI, the FEI Reining Committee and the National Horse Reining Association (NRHA). In this meeting it was agreed that NRHA would send a proposal to the FEI by 15 April 2021 along the lines of the main principles of a legacy programme discussed during the meeting; - <u>On 16 March 2021</u>, despite the above, the FEI took the initiative to send NRHA an initial proposal of the principles of the legacy programme. These principles were subsequently discussed during the following weeks; - <u>On 7 May 2021</u>, NRHA agreed to the main principles of the legacy programme (see Annex 1); - <u>On 30 May 2021</u>, the FEI provided NRHA with its last feedback, including the comments received from National Federations (see Annex 2); - <u>On 4 June 2021</u>, NRHA agreed to the feedback provided by FEI (see Annex 3); - <u>On 15 and 16 June 2021</u>, the FEI Board approved the general terms of this legacy programme and agreed to submit to the General Assembly the removal of Reining as FEI Discipline. |
| Proposed Wording |
| N/A |
| Comments received by 30 August 2021 |
| None |
| Developments after 30 August 2021 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>On 15 September 2021</u>, the FEI shared with NRHA an agreement capturing the principles of the legacy programme as previously agreed by NRHA (See Annex 4); - <u>On 1 October 2021</u>, NRHA informed the FEI and published a statement that the said agreement was not in line with what had been agreed upon earlier (the agreement drafted by FEI contains all principles as previously agreed by NRHA); - <u>On 7 October 2021</u>, an online teleconference took place between NRHA and FEI representatives during which NRHA clarified and explained that they required now a simplified agreement. During this meeting the FEI asked NRHA to draft a document which NRHA would be willing to engage in; - <u>On 16 October 2021</u>, NRHA submitted a new agreement (see Annex 5); - <u>On 21 October 2021</u>, the Board decided not to sign the new agreement because it considered it devoid of any meaningful commitment. |

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FEI Final's Proposal

The FEI Board, at its meeting on 21 October 2021,:

- Agreed to maintain the decision taken in June 2021 and ask the General Assembly 2021 to remove Reining as an FEI Discipline given the fact that, as per the FEI Statutes, the FEI shall be the sole governing body for the FEI Disciplines, which is not the case for Reining; and
- Confirmed FEI willingness to help National Federations to create an international governing body for Reining to continue the FEI legacy if National Federations wish to do so.

Article No.–Article Name

New Article 31.13

Explanation for Proposed Change

To guarantee continuity and stability within a Standing Committee, the Board when necessary, to apply staggered Terms to the Members. In the past this was done through Transitory Provisions which turned out not to be the most effective way.

Proposed Wording

"The FEI Board shall have the right to apply staggered Terms in cases where all 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."

Article No.–Article Name

New Article 32.3

Explanation for Proposed Change

To:

- Clarify what applies to all other Standing Committees also applies to the Nominations Committee; and
- Provide an answer to an identified loophole.

Proposed Wording

"Members of the Nominations Committee shall not serve on other Committees or hold another position within the Board or Headquarters, and shall not serve more than one (1) Term without a break of two (2) years. Filling a vacancy for any period of less than three (3) years does not count as a full Term."

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| Article 2.2 - Principles |
| Explanation for Proposed Change |
| To reflect latest trends regarding diversity, inclusion and gender equality within the sports world. Suggested by the Diversity and Gender Equality Consultative Group of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) |
| Proposed Wording |
| <i>"The FEI shall encourage and support the promotion of <u>diversity, inclusion and gender equality in sport at all levels and in all structures with a view to implementing the principle of equality</u> of men and women."</i> |

| Article No.–Article Name |
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| Article 5.2 - Membership |
| Explanation for Proposed Change |
| Proposal made by the European Equestrian Federation Group on February 2021 following which a FEI Membership Working Group was created by the FEI Board on 16 March 2021 to study it and make a final suggestion to the FEI Board. The FEI Membership Working Group was composed by Vice President and Chair of Group VIII, Jack Huang (TPE), Chair of Group VI, Luiz-Roberto Giugni (BRA), Chair of Group IX, Gigi Matthias (NAM) and Deputy Chair of EEF Group, Soenke Lauterbach (GER). For the avoidance of any doubt: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Article 14.1 of FEI Statutes according to which each National Federation shall have 1 vote must be respected; and - The proposal from the FEI Membership Working Group is to be applied in the future and not retroactively; consequently, all existing FEI Members will have their existing rights guaranteed as per the FEI Statutes. |
| Proposed Wording |
| <i>"FEI membership confers upon a National Federation the right to host and to participate in international equestrian Events under and according to the FEI Rules and Regulations, and the right to attend and vote at a General Assembly. is composed of full members and associate members.</i> |
| <i><u>- Full Members are: (i) those members who were members on 12 November 2021; and (ii) those Associate Members who having fulfilled the development goals established by the FEI Board are granted full membership status by the General Assembly. A Full Member who acquires this status having formerly been Associate Member shall only have the right to vote on the FEI Olympic and Paralympic Regulations once it has participated in a World and/or Continental Championship for Seniors (in individuals and/or teams) in one Olympic Discipline and in the Paralympic Discipline respectively.</u></i> |

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- Associate Members: are those prospective National Federations that, having met all requirements to become a member of the FEI according to a process established by the Secretary General and approved by the Board, are granted this status by the General Assembly. Associate membership confers upon a National Federation the following rights:

- Host and participate in international equestrian Events under and according to the FEI Rules and Regulations;
- Right to attend the General Assembly, Regional Group and any other FEI official meetings;
- Right to receive FEI Solidarity Funds, subject to the FEI solidarity programme during the first 3 years as associate member;
- Right to become a full member subject to the fulfilment of the development goals as established by the FEI.

An associate membership does not confer upon a National Federation the right to:

- Propose or nominate candidates for elected and appointed positions;
- Remove a Group Chair from chairmanship;
- To vote at the General Assembly or at any other official votes organised by the FEI;
- Submit an item in the General Assembly Agenda;
- Request a revision of the FEI Rules and Regulations;
- Submit FEI Rules and Regulations proposals;
- Request an Extraordinary General Assembly;
- Receive assets in case of Dissolution of the FEI;

Except as otherwise mentioned in 5.2(ii) above or elsewhere in the FEI Rules and Regulations, Full Membership confers upon a National Federation full rights as per the FEI Rules and Regulations.

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| Article 6.2 – Application of membership |
| Explanation for Proposed Change |
| To reflect proposed changes in Article 5.2. |
| Proposed Wording |
| <i>"If the Board is satisfied that the applicant meets all requirements to become <u>an Associate Member or a Full Member</u> of the FEI, it will submit the application for decision to the next General Assembly."</i> |

| Article No.–Article Name |
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| Article 6.3 – Application of membership |
| Explanation for Proposed Change |
| To reflect proposed changes in Article 5.2. |
| Proposed Wording |
| <i>"In exceptional circumstances, the Board may grant <u>Associate or Full Membership</u> to an applicant but only on a provisional basis until the next General Assembly and without the right to vote <u>in the case of a Full Member</u>."</i> |

| Article No.–Article Name |
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| Article 8.9 – Suspension and Exclusion from Membership |
| Explanation for Proposed Change |
| To reflect proposed Membership modification |
| Proposed Wording |
| <i>"A National Federation which has been excluded ceases to be a member of the FEI. To regain its membership rights, the excluded National Federation must file a new membership application <u>to first obtain an Associate membership</u> and may only do so once any past dues have been paid in full."</i> |

| Article No.–Article Name |
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| Article 9.2 – General Assembly Composition |
| Explanation for Proposed Change |
| To allow for virtual General Assemblies |

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Proposed Wording

"Each National Federation has a right to participate in any General Assembly and to cast a vote on the Resolutions of the General Assembly. Each National Federation may be represented at any General Assembly by another National Federation. A National Federation may not represent more than two (2) other National Federations at the General Assembly. When a General Assembly is held by teleconference, by videoconference or by another means of communication (including a combination of any of the before mentioned methods), online voting is permitted according to the voting method approved by the Board. National Federations attending the General Assembly by teleconference, by videoconference or by another means of communication are deemed to be present. Voting by Proxy is only allowed if the General Assembly is exclusively held in person and no online voting is available."

NOTE FROM HEADQUARTERS: if this proposal is approved the proxy provision is to apply only as from the General Assembly 2022

Article No.–Article Name

Article 11.3 – General Assemblies. Meetings

Explanation for Proposed Change

To allow for virtual General Assemblies

Proposed Wording

"The date ~~and~~ place and manner of all General Assemblies shall be decided by the Board. A General Assembly may be held in person, by teleconference, by videoconference or by another means of communication, including a combination of any of the before mentioned methods."

Article No.–Article Name

ANNEX I - PROCEDURAL REGULATIONS OF A GENERAL ASSEMBLY. Article 3.2

Explanation for Proposed Change

To reflect the proposal submitted in Article 9.2 whereby proxies would only be allowed if a General Assembly is exclusively held in person and no online voting is available.

Proposed Wording

"Subject to Article 9.2. A-a National Federation which is unable to send delegates may nominate the delegation from another National Federation to act as its Proxy. No delegation may hold more than two (2) Proxy votes.



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| ANNEX I - PROCEDURAL REGULATIONS OF A GENERAL ASSEMBLY. Article 3.3 |
| Explanation for Proposed Change |
| To reflect the proposal submitted in Article 9.2 whereby proxies would only be allowed if a General Assembly is exclusively held in person and no online voting is available. |
| Proposed Wording |
| <i>"<u>Subject to Article 9.2.</u> ifn order to exercise its right to vote, each National Federation must notify the Secretary General of the names of its delegates or the National Federation and person nominated as its Proxy, in a written declaration signed by its President or Secretary General, not later than twenty four (24) hours before the start of a General Assembly</i> |