

PROPOSALS FOR 2019 MODIFICATIONS TO THE FEI STATUTES

Lausanne, 23 October 2018

Dear Member Federations,

Please find below a summary of the proposed changes to the FEI Statutes together with the corresponding explanations as approved by the FEI Bureau during its in-person meeting on 18-19 June 2018 in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The proposed changes respond to 2 main aims, namely:

1) Good Governance.

To meet this objective it is proposed to change some articles due to:

- a. Alignment with the IOC Olympic Charter: e.g. Article 2.1 of the Statutes
- b. Strengthen the internal governance of the FEI by including the highest governance standards following the recommendations from Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) and/or the latest developments on this field: e.g.
 - Gender Equality;
 - Safeguarding of the sport;
 - Term Limits of Bureau Members.
- c. Modernisation purposes: e.g. replacing the name of "Bureau" by "Board".

2) Clarity.

Over the years it has become apparent that some articles require clarification (i.e. the spirit of the article needs to be more evident) to avoid misinterpretation.

Finally please be informed that we may need to introduce at a later stage some minor changes to correct errors or to be consistent in references, but these changes would in no case change the spirit of the article.

We would appreciate any comments you may have on these proposed rule changes by 31 August 2018. Thank you for sending your comments to Francisco P. Lima at francisco.lima@fei.org directly.

Sincerely,

Francisco P. Lima
FEI Director of Governance & Institutional Affairs

NOTE FROM HEADQUARTERS: *The proposed changes in the Statutes have been well received and welcomed by the equestrian community as no specific feedback has been provided. Therefore the initial rules proposals remain unchanged.*

1. All over the Statutes

All relevant Articles
Replacement of "Bureau" by "Board"
Explanation for Proposed Change
Modernisation, consistency with other international sports governing bodies and clarity. The FEI feels that the term "Board" (instead of Bureau) is more precise, clear and recognisable.
Proposed Wording
N/A
Comments Received
N/A
FEI Feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording
N/A

2. Objectives

Article 1.6
<i>To recognise the interests of all the constituencies of equestrianism including National Federations, Athletes, Owners, Organisers, Officials and sponsors, and to foster their harmonious collaboration;</i>
Explanation for Proposed Change
Inclusiveness. The formula proposed includes all constituencies of equestrianism, even those not listed in the article.
Proposed Wording
To recognise the interests of all the constituencies of equestrianism including but not limited to National Federations, Athletes, Owners, Organisers, Officials and sponsors, and to foster their harmonious collaboration;
Comments Received
N/A

FEI Feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording
N/A

3. Principle of equality and mutual respect

Article 2.1
<i>The FEI is based on the principle of equality and mutual respect between all National Federations, without regard to race, ethnicity, political opinion or religion.</i>
Explanation for Proposed Change
To align it with the Olympic Charter.
Proposed Wording
The FEI is based on the principle of equality and mutual respect between all National Federations, without regard to race, <u>sex, sexual orientation, language</u> , ethnicity, political opinion or <u>other opinion, national or social origin</u> , religion, <u>property, birth or other status.</u>
Comments Received
N/A
FEI Feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording
N/A

4. Gender Equality

Article 2.2
Add new paragraph to the existing Article
Explanation for Proposed Change
Inclusion of the Gender Equality principle in the FEI Statutes following recommendation by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). This general principle to be materialised and developed via specific polices.
Proposed Wording
<u>The FEI shall encourage and support the promotion of gender equality in sport at all levels and in all structures with a view to implementing the principle of equality of men and women.</u>
Comments Received
N/A

FEI Feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

N/A

5. Safe Sporting Environment
Article 2.3

Add new paragraph to the existing Article

Explanation for Proposed Change

Inclusion of the safeguarding policy as recommended by IOC. A specific policy on safeguarding against harassment and abuse is proposed to be included in the FEI General Regulations (see relevant proposed changes in the FEI General Regulations).

Proposed Wording

The FEI is committed to promoting a safe sporting environment and therefore all forms of harassment and abuse are prohibited and will not be tolerated by the FEI.

Comments Received

N/A

FEI Feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

N/A

6. Principles
Article 2.8 (current Article 2.6)

The National Federations agree to comply with, and be bound by, the Statutes, General Regulations, Sport Rules and any Decision issued by the authorised bodies of the FEI in relation to the conduct of international equestrian Events, all of which shall also bind Organising Committees, Officials, Horse Owners, Persons Responsible, Athletes, team officials and other individuals and bodies involved in FEI Events. In addition, by virtue of accepting an accreditation to an FEI Event, such person agrees to be bound by the FEI Rules and Regulations. National Federations are granted an exclusive license to use, modify, print and distribute as appropriate the documents referred to in this Article, which are FEI property, for the purpose of regulating Equestrian Sport within their national territory.

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification and correctness. The compliance of National Federations with the FEI Rules and Regulations is a condition of initial membership and an on-going condition of membership. This clarification is also required to ensure that the FEI meets its obligations under the WADA Code.

Proposed Wording

It is a condition of membership that The National Federations ~~agree to~~ comply with, and ~~be are~~ bound by the FEI Rules and Regulations including but not limited to, the Statutes, General Regulations, Sport Rules (which include the FEI Human and Equine Anti-Doping Rules) and any Decision issued by the authorised bodies of the FEI in relation to the conduct of international equestrian Events, all of which shall also bind Organising Committees, Officials, Horse Owners, Persons Responsible, Athletes, team officials and other individuals and bodies involved in FEI Events. In addition, by virtue of accepting an accreditation to an FEI Event, such person agrees to be bound by the FEI Rules and Regulations. National Federations are granted an exclusive license to use, modify, print and distribute as appropriate the documents referred to in this Article, which are FEI property, for the purpose of regulating Equestrian Sport within their national territory.

Comments Received

N/A

FEI Feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

N/A

7. Good Governance

Article 2.11

Add new paragraph to the existing Article

Explanation for Proposed Change

Nowadays good governance of sports organisations is a top priority for the public authorities, the IOC and the Association of Summer Olympic Federations (ASOIF). Basic principles of good governance shall be promoted and implemented not only by the FEI but also by the FEI members.

Proposed Wording

The FEI and the National Federations encourage and support the promotion and implementation of ethics and of the basic principles of good governance (including but not limited to the IOC Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance of the Olympic and Sports Movement) in equestrian sport and in their organisations.

Comments Received

N/A

FEI Feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

N/A

8. Name and Headquarters
Article 4

The International Equestrian Federation ("Fédération Equestre Internationale" or "FEI") is an Association established and organised in accordance with Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss civil code. The FEI Headquarters are located in Lausanne, Switzerland in the building specifically entitled the HM King Hussein I Building, located at Chemin de la Joliette 8, 1006 (the "HM King Hussein I Building"). The HM King Hussein I Building was gifted outright to the FEI, by letters dated 12 December 2007 and 16 September 2008 from HRH Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein, with the objective that it be used to advance the orderly growth of Equestrian Sport worldwide by promoting, regulating, and administering humane and sportsmanlike international competition in the traditional FEI Equestrian Disciplines and by helping those Disciplines to evolve in ways that enhance their attractiveness both for the participants and the public, while respecting and furthering the ideals and principles of horsemanship. The HM King Hussein I Building must always house the offices of FEI Headquarters and cannot be sold, leased in an amount that prevents it from being the sole location of FEI Headquarters' offices, or otherwise conveyed in its entirety unless a Resolution of the General Assembly achieved by at least a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all cast votes decides otherwise.

Explanation for Proposed Change

Alignment with the Olympic Charter. Further to ASOIF proposal the Olympic Charter had been amended at the 2017 IOC Session in Lima, Peru, to correctly describe the International sports federations as the bodies that "govern" their sports worldwide rather than "administrate" them as had formerly been the case.

Proposed Wording

The International Equestrian Federation ("Fédération Equestre Internationale" or "FEI") is an Association established and organised in accordance with Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss civil code. The FEI Headquarters are located in Lausanne, Switzerland in the building specifically entitled the HM King Hussein I Building, located at Chemin de la Joliette 8, 1006 (the "HM King Hussein I Building"). The HM King Hussein I Building was gifted outright to the FEI, by letters dated 12 December 2007 and 16 September 2008 from HRH Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein, with the objective that it be used to advance the orderly growth of ~~e~~Equestrian ~~s~~Sport worldwide by promoting, regulating, and ~~administering-governing~~ humane and sportsmanlike international competition in the traditional FEI Equestrian Disciplines and by helping those Disciplines to evolve in ways that enhance their attractiveness both for the participants and the public, while respecting and furthering the ideals and principles of horsemanship. The HM King Hussein I Building must always house the offices of FEI Headquarters and cannot be sold, leased in an amount that prevents it from being the sole location of FEI Headquarters' offices, or otherwise conveyed in its entirety unless a Resolution of the General Assembly achieved by at least a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all cast votes decides otherwise.

Comments Received

N/A

FEI Feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

N/A

9. Membership
Article 5.2

FEI Membership confers upon a National Federation the right to host in international equestrian Events under and according to the Statutes, General Regulations and Sport Rules, and the right to attend and vote at a General Assembly.

Explanation for Proposed Change

A clarification is proposed to confirm that National Federations not only have the right to host but also to participate in international equestrian events.

Additionally, "FEI Rules and Regulations" is already a defined term that had been used for a long time. This term includes any rule and regulation duly approved by an appropriate body of the FEI, including but not limited to Statutes, General Regulations, and Sport Rules (see for example Appendix A "Definitions" of the FEI General Regulations).

Proposed Wording

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~~Statutes, General Regulations and Sport Rules~~, and the right to attend and vote at a General Assembly.

Comments Received

N/A

FEI Feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

N/A

10. Functions and Powers of the General Assembly
Article 10.1 xiii)

To approve Equestrian Disciplines.

Explanation for Proposed Change

Correctness and precision. The General Assembly not only has the right to approve new equestrian disciplines but to remove an existing one. Such approval or removal shall be

decided upon further to the recommendation of the Board which will have previously examined in detail any such proposal.

Proposed Wording

To approve and remove an Equestrian Disciplines upon the recommendation of the Board.

Comments Received

N/A

FEI Feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

N/A

11. Functions and Powers of the General Assembly

Article 10.1 xxiii)

Add new paragraph to the existing Article

Explanation for Proposed Change

This new proposal is linked to the proposed new Article 20.1 xiii) "Functions and Powers of the Board". As you can see below in Section 16, it is suggested to include a new article whereby the Board shall have the right to suspend, provisionally suspend and/or remove any FEI **elected** office holder in cases of serious misconduct or serious allegation of misconduct. However, because the General Assembly has the power to elect certain office holders, it shall also have the right to ratify a decision of the Board to suspend or remove a given office holder.

Proposed Wording

To ratify a Decision of the Board to suspend or remove an office holder elected by the General Assembly pursuant to Article 20.1 (xiii);

Comments Received

N/A

FEI Feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

N/A

12. Chair

Article 15.2

If the President is not present and has not delegated chairmanship, Article 15.1 shall apply to the First Vice President, or in his or her absence to the Second Vice President.

Explanation for Proposed Change

This new proposal is linked to the proposed changes in Article 24 regarding the Vice-Presidents. As you can see below in Sections 18 and 19, it is suggested to remove the distinction between First and Second Vice-Presidents and make a general reference to the two Vice-Presidents. As a consequence Article 15.2 shall be amended and it is proposed that if the President has not delegated chairmanship to Chair the General Assembly, the Board shall take such a decision.

Additionally, all references to 1st and 2nd VP shall be removed and replaced by a reference to two Vice-Presidents

Proposed Wording

If the President is not present and has not delegated chairmanship, the Board shall appoint one of the ~~Article 15.1 shall apply to the First~~ Vice Presidents to Chair the General Assembly, ~~or in his or her absence to the Second Vice President.~~

Comments Received

N/A

FEI Feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

N/A

13. Composition of the Board

Article 19.1

The Bureau is composed of:

- (i) The President;*
- (ii) The First and Second Vice Presidents;*
- (iii) The Chairs of the Technical Committees for Dressage, Jumping, Eventing, Driving, Endurance and Veterinary (Technical Chairs);*
- (iv) The Chairs of the Regional Groups (Group Chairs);*
- (v) The Chair of the Audit and Compliance Committee, without a vote;*
- (vi) The Chair of the Athletes' Committee.*

Explanation for Proposed Change

- Section (ii): clarify the new equal status of the two Vice-Presidents;

- Section (iv): This change is on request of the European Equestrian Federation and is related to Regional Groups I and II. This request aims to reflect a reality because Regional

Groups I and II have been working as one body for many years. Consequently, they ask to be represented within the FEI structure as one single body although maintaining their current 2 representatives in the Board. Consequently, no material change in the representation of the Board is required. For further information on how the EEF Regional Group representatives on the FEI Board will be elected, please see Section 20 below.

The distribution and composition of the Regional Groups III to IX remains unchanged, as does the right of the General Assembly to decide on any change of the Regional Group composition or the number of Regional Groups as per Article 30.3 of the FEI Statutes.

Finally, the numbering of Regional Groups III to IX remain unchanged.

Proposed Wording

The ~~Bureau~~Board is composed of:

- (i) The President;
- (ii) The ~~First and Second~~two Vice Presidents;
- (iii)The Chairs of the Technical Committees for Dressage, Jumping, Eventing, Driving, Endurance and Veterinary (Technical Chairs);
- (iv)~~The One (1) Chairs_ of each of the Regional Groups III to IX and two (2) Chairs for the EEF Regional Group-(Group Chairs);~~
- (v) The Chair of the Audit and Compliance Committee, without a vote;
- (vi)The Chair of the Athletes' Committee.

Comments Received

N/A

FEI Feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

N/A

14. Composition of the Board

Article 19.3

The General Assembly shall strive to have the Bureau composed of a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of women.

Explanation for Proposed Change

Further to the new proposed Article 2.2, the FEI aims to introduce proper gender equality policies throughout the entire Organisation and not solely directed to the Bureau (new Board), consequently this article is proposed to be removed.

Proposed Wording

~~RemovedThe General Assembly shall strive to have the Bureau composed of a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of women.~~

Comments Received

N/A

FEI Feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

N/A

15. Composition of the Board
Article 19.6

No Bureau member may serve more than three (3) consecutive full Terms in the same function.

Explanation for Proposed Change

Term Limits for office holders is an important indicator of good governance in the international sports federations. The main objectives of having term limits are: a) to ensure a gradual turnover of leadership and b) to reduce the potential for one individual or a small group to concentrate power.

However, the need for new leadership should be balanced against retaining institutional knowledge and recognising that it is counter-productive to force out skilled, committed people prematurely.

Within international sport, a limit of 3 x 4 year terms for a presidential or other senior role has become the general consensus standard among organisations which set limits. However, there are no standard rules regarding limits for an individual who moves between roles.

The current article would allow one individual to be on the Board for an indefinite period of time as the article currently requires that the full Term must be consecutive and in the same function. (i.e. one Board Member could be 12 years President, do a break of 1 year and be 12 more years President and so on, or; 12 Technical Committee Chairs, followed by 12 years of Regional Group Chair, followed by 12 of Second Vice-President, etc.)

The proposed change, will therefore limit the possibility of one individual to be in office as explained below.

However, it is important to note that in this proposal the President may only serve a maximum of three full terms as President.

Proposed Wording

~~No A Bureau~~Board member may serve a maximum of more than three (3) ~~consecutive~~ full Terms before a compulsory break of at least four (4) years.

~~in the same function.~~ After such break the Board member may serve either:

- One (1) additional full Term in a position that he/she has held before; or
- Three (3) additional full Terms in a different position than he/she has held before.

The requirement to take a minimum of at least four (4) years does not apply if a Board member is elected President.

The President can only serve a maximum of three (3) full Terms as President.

Comments Received
N/A
FEI Feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording
N/A

16. Functions and Power of the Board

Article 20.1 xiii)
Add new paragraph to the existing Article.
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>The FEI feels it is important for the Board to have the right to suspend, provisionally suspend or to remove elected office holders in cases of serious misconduct or serious allegations of misconduct.</p> <p>However, as explained in Section 11 above, in cases of office holders elected by the General Assembly who are suspended or removed by the Board pursuant to this new Article, the General Assembly retains the power and the right to ratify such a decision.</p>
Proposed Wording
<u>To suspend, provisionally suspend and/or remove any FEI elected office holder in cases of (including allegations of) serious misconduct such as, but not limited to, violation of FEI Code of Ethics, FEI Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, FEI Code of the Welfare of the Horse, FEI Safeguarding Policy against Harassment and Abuse, acts defined as criminal by the relevant national law, fraud of any kind, and violence. Any Decision taken pursuant to this article must be taken by Qualified Majority;</u>
Comments Received
N/A
FEI Feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording
N/A

17. Functions and Power of the Board

Article 20.1 xvii)
Add new paragraph to the existing Article.
Explanation for Proposed Change
There is no doubt that the approval or removal of an equestrian discipline by the FEI will have a significant impact on the FEI as a sport governing body, in terms of organisational,

structural, legal or financial consequences. Given these consequences it is advisable that a comprehensive internal evaluation process is carried out under the supervision of the FEI Board before an equestrian discipline is approved or removed by the General Assembly.

Proposed Wording

~~To recommend the approval and removal of an Equestrian Discipline.-~~

Comments Received

N/A

FEI Feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

N/A

18. Elections of Board Members

Article 24.6

Candidates for the position of First Vice President shall be voting Bureau members proposed by National Federations. The President shall select a Candidate for Election by the General Assembly.

Explanation for Proposed Change

The separation between First and second Vice-Presidents is proposed to be removed. However, it is maintained: 1) that at least one of the two Vice-Presidents shall be a voting Bureau Members, and; 2) the election process.

Proposed Wording

~~At least one (1) of Candidates for the Candidates for position of First~~ Vice President shall be a voting BureauBoard members ~~proposed by National Federations.~~

The President shall ~~select~~ propose a the Candidates for Vice Presidents for Election by the General Assembly.

Comments Received

N/A

FEI Feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

N/A

19. Elections of Board Members

Article 24.7

Candidates for the position of Second Vice President shall have proven knowledge and experience of Equestrian Sport and shall be proposed by National Federations or by the Bureau, and shall not be a non-voting Bureau member. The President shall select a Candidate for Election by the General Assembly. The Second Vice President shall not be from a National Federation that belongs to Groups I, II or IV if the First Vice President belongs to one (1) of these Groups.

Explanation for Proposed Change

The proposed change aims to clarify the new status of the Vice Presidents and the new grouping of Regional Groups I and II.

Proposed Wording

~~If a~~ Candidates for the position of ~~Second~~-Vice President ~~is not a voting Board member he/she~~ shall have proven knowledge and experience of Equestrian Sport and shall be ~~proposed-Supported~~ by ~~his/her~~ National Federations ~~or by the Bureau, and shall not be a non-voting Bureau member.~~ ~~The President shall select a Candidate for Election by the General Assembly.~~

~~The One (1) Vice President shall be from a National Federation that belongs to EEF Regional Group or Regional Group IV and the other shall be from a National Federation that belongs to Regional Groups III, V, VI, VII, VIII or IX. Second Vice President shall not be from a National Federation that belongs to Groups I, II or IV if the First Vice President belongs to one (1) of these Groups.~~

Comments Received

N/A

FEI Feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

N/A

20. Elections of Board Members

Article 24.11

Add new paragraph to the existing Article.

Explanation for Proposed Change

As mentioned in Section 13 above, the European Equestrian Federation (EEF) has requested to unify Regional Groups I and II. The new proposed EEF Regional Group shall keep 2 representatives within the Board. This Article explains how these 2 representatives are elected. In order to keep a high level representation both the EEF President and EEF 1st Vice-President shall be the sole Candidates presented to the FEI General Assembly for Election for the position of EEF Regional Group Chairs on the Board. It is clarified though

that these EEF representatives must meet the same FEI eligibility requirements as any other FEI Board Member.

Proposed Wording

EEF Regional Group is entitled to two (2) representatives on the Board. The EEF President and EEF 1st Vice President shall be the sole Candidates presented to the General Assembly for Election for the position of EEF Regional Group Chairs on the Board provided that they meet the relevant FEI eligibility requirements.

Comments Received

N/A

FEI Feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

N/A

21. Composition of the Executive Board

Article 26.1

The Executive Board is composed of:

- (i) *The President;*
- (ii) *The 1st Vice President;*
- (iii) *The 2nd Vice President;*
- (iv) *One (1) Bureau member from and representing Groups I, II or IV, nominated by the President and elected by the Bureau every two (2) years;*
- (v) *One (1) Bureau member from and representing Groups III, V, VI, VII, VIII, or IX, nominated by the President and elected by the Bureau every two (2) years;*
- (vi) *The Chair of the Athletes' Committee; and*
- (vii) *The Secretary General, without a vote.*

Explanation for Proposed Change

Three changes are proposed in this Article:

- 1- Clarification regarding the new status of the two FEI Vice-Presidents ;
- 2- Clarification of the proposed EEF Regional Group; and
- 3- Removal of the 2 years term for the members of the Executive Board in accordance with Article 26.4 of the Statutes whereby upon Election or re-Election of a President, the Executive Board Members in office must resign.

Proposed Wording

The Executive Board is composed of:

- (i) The President;
- (ii) The ~~1st~~ two Vice Presidents;
- ~~(iii) The 2nd Vice President;~~

~~(iv)~~(iii) One (1) ~~Bureau~~ Board member from and representing EEF Regional Groups I, II or or Regional Group IV, ~~nominated~~ proposed by the President and elected by the Board ~~Bureau every two (2) years~~;

~~(v)~~(iv) One (1) ~~Board~~ Bureau member from and representing Groups III, V, VI, VII, VIII, or IX, ~~nominated~~ proposed by the President and elected by the Board ~~Bureau every two (2) years~~;

~~(vi)~~(v) The Chair of the Athletes' Committee; and

~~(vii)~~(vi) The Secretary General, without a vote.

Comments Received

N/A

FEI Feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

N/A

22. Standing Committees

Article 31.6

The Appointment to any Standing Committee is for a Term of four (4) years, is honorary and carries no remuneration. Reasonable expenses incurred while fulfilling the functions of a member of such Standing Committee shall be met by the FEI.

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification and correction. Not all Standing Committees members are appointed for a Term of four years, e.g. FEI Solidarity Committee Members. Consequently a clarification is necessary here.

Proposed Wording

Unless otherwise specified, Fthe Appointment to any Standing Committee is for a Term of four (4) years, is honorary and carries no remuneration. Reasonable expenses incurred while fulfilling the functions of a member of such Standing Committee shall be met by the FEI.

Comments Received

N/A

FEI Feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

N/A

23. Standing Committees

Article 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. Filling a vacancy for any period of less than three (3) years does not count as a full Term. Any Chair of a Technical Committee who has served two (2) Terms (respectively three (3) Terms for Technical Chairs who are Bureau Members) may not serve another Term in the same Committee without a break of at least two (2) years.

Explanation for Proposed Change

Further to the new proposal of Terms for the Board Members it is suggested here, for consistency purposes, that Chairs of Technical Committees must also take a break of at least 4 years.

Proposed Wording

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. -Filling a vacancy for any period of less than three (3) years does not count as a full Term. Any Chair of a Technical Committee who has served two (2) Terms (respectively three (3) Terms for Technical Chairs who are ~~Bureau~~ Board Members) may not serve another Term in the same Committee without a break of at least ~~two~~four (4) years.

Comments Received

N/A

FEI Feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

N/A

24. Nominations Committees

Article 32.1

The Nominations Committee shall receive nominations from National Federations for all positions on the Bureau, Committees, and the FEI Tribunal, and make recommendations to the Bureau and/or General Assembly, as appropriate based on objective eligibility criteria for each positions provided by the Secretary General. It shall report to the Bureau.

Explanation for Proposed Change

To strengthen Good Governance it is suggested that the objective eligibility criteria for each position within the FEI bodies is not provided by the Secretary General but by the Board.

Proposed Wording

The Nominations Committee shall receive nominations from National Federations for all positions on the ~~Bureau~~Board, Committees, and the FEI Tribunal, and make recommendations to the ~~Bureau~~Board and/or General Assembly, as appropriate based on objective eligibility criteria for each positions provided by the ~~Secretary General~~Board. -It shall report to the ~~Bureau~~ Board.

Comments Received

N/A

FEI Feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

N/A

25. Ethics Panel
Article 42.2

An Ethics Panel is selected by the President and consists of a minimum of three (3) members, to include whenever appropriate one (1) member of the FEI Tribunal. If the circumstances so require, an Ethics Panel may be selected in turn by the First Vice President, Second Vice President or Chair of the FEI Tribunal.

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification to reflect the new status of the FEI Vice-Presidents.

Proposed Wording

An Ethics Panel is selected by the President and consists of a minimum of three (3) members, to include whenever appropriate one (1) member of the FEI Tribunal. If the circumstances so require, an Ethics Panel may be selected in turn by the ~~First~~-Vice Presidents, ~~Second Vice President~~ or Chair of the FEI Tribunal.

Comments Received

N/A

FEI Feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

N/A

26. Transitory Provisions

Article 51.2
Add new paragraph to the existing Article.
Explanation for Proposed Change
Further to the EEF request to reunify Regional Groups I and II a transitory provisions is required to clarify the election and the term of office of the two EEF Regional Group representatives and their Deputy Chairs.
Proposed Wording
<u>The FEI Regional Group I Chair elected at the FEI General Assembly 2017 for the Term 2017-2021 shall automatically become one of the two EEF Regional Group Chairs for such Term.</u>
<u>The FEI Regional Group I Deputy Chair elected at the FEI General Assembly 2017 for the Term 2017-2021 shall automatically become one of the two EEF Regional Group Deputy Chairs for such Term.</u>
<u>The Candidate for FEI Regional Group II to be elected at the FEI General Assembly 2018 shall, if elected, become the other EEF Regional Group Chair for the term 2018-2022.</u>
Comments Received
N/A
FEI Feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording
N/A

27. Definitions

New Definition
Explanation for Proposed Change
Clarification
Proposed Wording
<u>FEI Rules and Regulations:</u> Any rule and regulation duly approved by an appropriate body of the FEI, including but not limited to Statutes, General Regulations, and Sport Rules.
Comments Received
N/A

FEI Feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording
N/A

28. Definitions

New Definition
Explanation for Proposed Change
Accuracy. IPC is referred to in the Statutes but had not been defined.
Proposed Wording
<u>International Paralympic Committee (IPC): International non-governmental and non-profit organisation responsible to supervise the organisation of the Paralympic Games.</u>
Comments Received
N/A
FEI Feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording
N/A

29. Definitions

New Definition
Explanation for Proposed Change
Clarification
Proposed Wording
<u>Regional Group:</u> Any number of National Federations considered as a regional unit in an identifiable geographic area and duly approved by the General Assembly. <u>The FEI is composed of 8 Regional Groups: European Equestrian Federation (EEF) Regional Group (which comprises the former Regional Groups I and II) and Regional Groups III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII and IX.</u>
Comments Received
N/A
FEI Feedback
N/A

Proposed Final Wording

N/A

30. Annex I Procedural Regulations of a General Assembly.
Article 2.1

Items which a National Federation wish to put on the agenda for the annual ordinary General Assembly must be provided to the Secretary General at least twelve (12) weeks before the date of the ordinary General Assembly, unless a later date is specified in writing by the Secretary General. The Secretary General shall inform all National Federations of such proposed items submitted by any National Federation and shall provide all National Federations with an opportunity to comment on such proposals within two (2) weeks.

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification

Proposed Wording

Items which a National Federation requests wish to put on the agenda for the annual ordinary General Assembly must be provided to the Secretary General in writing at least twelve (12) weeks before the date of the ordinary General Assembly, unless a later date is specified in writing by the Secretary General. The Secretary General shall inform all National Federations in writing of such proposed items submitted by any National Federation and shall provide all National Federations with an opportunity to comment on such proposals within two (2) weeks.

Comments Received

N/A

FEI Feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

N/A

31. Annex I Procedural Regulations of a General Assembly.
Article 4 Amendment to the Statutes and the General Regulations

Proposals for amendments from National Federations must reach the Secretary General by 15 September of the year preceding the year in which the Statutes and/or General Regulations are to be revised for the annual ordinary General Assembly, unless a later date is specified in writing by the Secretary General. -In the event an extraordinary General Assembly is convened, the Secretary General shall issue a timeline to all National Federations setting out the relevant deadlines within two (2) weeks of announcing the convening of an extraordinary General Assembly.

Explanation for Proposed Change

A new change is proposed to bring clarity to the rules revision process.

The new article applies to all FEI Rules and Regulations (including the Sport Rules) and not only to the Statutes or the General Regulations.

The deadline of 15 September of the year preceding the year in which the Statutes and/or General Regulations are to be revised would be brought forward to 1 March of the same year in which any FEI Rules and Regulations are to be revised. This will give National Federations more time to propose amendments.

The current deadlines/timelines for revision of the rules proposed changes by National Federations and to provide the National Federations with the final draft are maintained and remain unchanged.

The proposed "Rules Revision Policy" is provided to the Member Federations in a separate document that can be found on inside.fei.org

Proposed Wording

New title: Amendment to the FEI Rules and Regulations

Proposals for amendments from National Federations must reach the Secretary General by 1 ~~March~~ ~~5-September~~ of the year ~~preceding the year~~ in which the ~~Statutes and/or General Regulations~~ FEI Rules and Regulations are to be revised at for the annual ordinary General Assembly, unless a later date is specified in writing by the Secretary General. -In the event an extraordinary General Assembly is convened, the Secretary General shall issue a timeline to all National Federations setting out the relevant deadlines within two (2) weeks of announcing the convening of an extraordinary General Assembly.

Comments Received

N/A

FEI Feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

N/A

32. Annex I Procedural Regulations of a General Assembly.

Article 5 Amendment of Sport Rules

5.1. Proposals for amendments from National Federations must reach the Secretary General before the meeting of the relevant Technical Committee prior to the General Assembly at which such proposals shall be presented for approval, unless a different date is specified in writing by the Secretary General. The dates of Technical Committee meetings shall be made available to National Federations at least four (4) weeks in advance of a given meeting.

5.2 All National Federations must be given at least six (6) weeks to review a draft of the revised Sport Rules or proposed modifications and propose any amendments thereto. The final draft must be sent to the National Federations no later than four (4) weeks before the General Assembly.

Explanation for Proposed Change

Given the proposal explained in Section 31 above, this article is not necessary anymore because Article 4 will apply to any set rules (including Statutes, Internal Regulations of the FEI, general Regulations, Sport Rules, etc.). Consequently, the process for revision of Sports Rules is now explained in the new proposed Article 4 of Annex I.

Proposed Wording

~~Proposals for amendments from National Federations must reach the Secretary General before the meeting of the relevant Technical Committee prior to the General Assembly at which such proposals shall be presented for approval, unless a different date is specified in writing by the Secretary General. The dates of Technical Committee meetings shall be made available to National Federations at least four (4) weeks in advance of a given meeting.~~

~~5.2—All National Federations must be given at least six (6) weeks to review a draft of the revised Sport Rules or proposed modifications and propose any amendments thereto. The final draft must be sent to the National Federations no later than four (4) weeks before the General Assembly.~~

Comments Received

N/A

FEI Feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

N/A

33. Annex I Procedural Regulations of a General Assembly.

Article 9 Election of FEI Regional Groups Chairs and Members of the Nominations Committee

9.1. Contested Elections

- (i) In order to present one Candidate to the General Assembly for Election, Elections will be performed via an electronic secret Ballot voting system, established by the FEI. The date(s) of the Election(s) will be determined and communicated to National Federations (NFs) of the concerned Regional Group(s) directly by the FEI.
- (ii) In case there are three (3) or more Candidates, the Candidate with the least number of votes received shall be removed from the list of Candidates after the first Ballot and another Ballot shall be held. This procedure shall be repeated until a Candidate receives the necessary majority.
- (iii) In the event multiple Ballots are necessary, a Simple Majority shall be sufficient for Election on the second Ballot between the two (2) remaining Candidates.

9.2. Non-contested Elections

If there is only one (1) Candidate within the Regional Group, NFs within his Group will be asked to provide the FEI with official letters clearly indicating their Support for the Candidate. This in order to be able to officially inform the FEI General Assembly that the sole Candidate obtained the two-thirds (2/3) majority Support of the Regional Group. In such case, an electronic voting system is not mandatory.

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification is needed given the reunification of Regional Groups I and II and the election of the Regional Group Chairs for the new proposed EEF Regional Group.

Proposed Wording

9.1. Contested Elections of Regional Groups III to IX and Nominations Committee Members

- (i) In order to present one (1) Candidate to the General Assembly for Election, Elections will be performed via an electronic secret Ballot voting system, established by the FEI. The date(s) of the Election(s) will be determined and communicated to National Federations (NFs) of the concerned Regional Group(s) directly by the FEI.
- (ii) In case there are three (3) or more Candidates, the Candidate with the least number of votes received shall be removed from the list of Candidates after the first Ballot and another Ballot shall be held. This procedure shall be repeated until a Candidate receives the necessary majority.
- (iii) In the event multiple Ballots are necessary, a Simple Majority shall be sufficient for Election on the second Ballot between the two (2) remaining Candidates.

9.2. Non-contested Elections

i) Regional Groups III to IX and Nominations Committee Members.

If there is only one (1) Candidate within the Regional Group, NFs within his/her Group will be asked to provide the FEI with official letters clearly indicating their Support for the Candidate. This in order to be able to officially inform the FEI General Assembly that the sole Candidate obtained the two-thirds (2/3) majority Support of the Regional Group. In such case, an electronic voting system is not mandatory

ii) EEF Regional Group Chairs.

The elected EEF President and EEF 1st Vice President shall be the sole Candidates presented to the General Assembly for Election for the position of EEF Regional Group Chairs provided that they meet the FEI eligibility criteria.