



# **FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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### **FEI BOARD MEETING**

Moscow (RUS), 16 November 2019

The main decisions taken by the FEI Board at its in-person meeting today in Moscow (RUS) are summarised below:

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## **Governance**

### FEI membership

The Board approved three new members to the FEI Family: Bahamas (Regional Group IV), Mongolia (Regional Group VIII) and Ivory Coast (Regional Group IX). Both Bahamas and Mongolia were previously affiliated to the FEI and, after a period of reorganisation, have applied for a return to membership. The new members will now go forward for ratification by the General Assembly and will become voting members immediately after the close of the General Assembly 2019.

### MOUs

The Board approved a new “two-tier” approach to the formalisation of relationships between the FEI and third party associations. There will now be two types of recognition:

Stakeholder MOUs: These MOUs will be used for the Direct Stakeholders Associations i.e. associations that represent equestrian stakeholders with a direct link with the FEI disciplines, e.g. International Jumping Riders Club, Jumping Owners Club, International Dressage Officials Club, etc.

These MOUs will define the working relationship between both parties, their rights and obligations, and specify a common line of mutual cooperation. The request for an MOU will follow the standard internal process, with a formal request addressed to the FEI Secretary General and completion of the MOU request.

Official Mutual Recognition: Based on the FEI statutory objective to promote and develop equestrian sport worldwide and to recognise the interests of all constituencies of equestrianism, the “Official Mutual Recognition” will be a new one-page official recognition document to be signed by the FEI with other associations that do not qualify as direct stakeholders. Fundamental FEI principles, particularly horse welfare, must be recognised by any body granted this new status.

Official Mutual Recognition will be initiated with a formal request to the FEI Secretary General, evaluation by FEI Headquarters resulting in a recommendation to the FEI Board, and formal decision by the Board.

## **Appointments by the Board**

The FEI Board approved the following appointments to the FEI Technical Committees:

### FEI Veterinary Committee

Ian Baines (NAM) and Marc Koene (GER) were appointed as members of the FEI Veterinary Committee for the four-year term 2019-2023, replacing outgoing members Dr Thomas Wolff (BRA) and Dr Jan-Hein Swagemakers (GER).

### FEI Medical Committee

Dr Mark Hart (USA) was appointed as Chair of the FEI Medical Committee for 2019-2020 replacing outgoing Chair Dr Peter Whitehead (GBR). The Board approved the Nominations Committee recommendation to make the Medical Committee Chair a full member of the Board for a one-year period only. Full elections for a four-year period will take place at the FEI General Assembly 2020, subject to approval of the proposed statutory changes by the FEI General Assembly 2019.

Franz Kasin (NOR) and Anna-Louise Mackinnon (GBR) were both appointed members of the FEI Medical Committee. Anna-Louise Mackinnon will be in office for the four-year term 2019-2023, replacing outgoing member Dr Jan Holger Holtschmit (GER). Franz Kasin will be in office for the two-year term 2019-2019, replacing Dr Mark Hart (USA) who was appointed Chair of the FEI Medical Committee as referenced above.

A draw conducted by Nominations Committee Chair Betty Wates in the presence of the FEI Governance & Institutional Affairs and FEI Legal Directors was performed to allocate the terms of Franz Kasin and Anna-Louise Mackinnon.

#### FEI Jumping Committee

Henrik Ankarcrona (SWE) was appointed member of the FEI Jumping Committee for the four-year term 2019-2023, replacing outgoing member Rob Ehrens (NED).

#### FEI Dressage Committee

Patrik Kittel (SWE) was appointed member of the FEI Dressage Committee for the four-year term 2019-2023, replacing outgoing member and former Deputy Chair Klaus Roeser (GER).

#### FEI Eventing Committee

Andrew Bennie (NZL) was appointed member of the FEI Eventing Committee for the four-year term 2019-2023, replacing outgoing member Marilyn Payne (USA).

#### FEI Driving Committee

Jeroen Houterman (NED) was appointed member of the FEI Driving Committee for the four-year term 2019-2023, replacing outgoing member and former Deputy Chair Anne-Marie Turbé (FRA).

#### FEI Reining Committee

Flippo Masi de Vargas (ITA) was appointed member of the FEI Reining Committee for the four-year term 2019-2023, replacing Magdalena Szarszewska (POL).

#### FEI Vaulting Committee

John Eccles (GBR) was re-appointed Chair of the FEI Vaulting Committee for 2019-2020. The Board approved the Nominations Committee recommendation to make the Vaulting Chair a full member of the Board for a one-year period only. Full elections for a four-year period will take place at the FEI General Assembly 2020, subject to approval of the proposed statutory changes by the FEI General Assembly 2019.

Isabelle Parker (USA) was appointed member of the committee for a four-year term 2019-2023, replacing outgoing member Suzanne Detol (USA).

#### FEI Para Equestrian Committee

Michel Assouline (USA) was appointed member of the FEI Para Equestrian Committee for the four-year term 2019-2023, replacing outgoing member Hope Hand (USA).

The Chair of the Para Equestrian Committee will become a full member of the Board in 2020 at the same time as the Chairs of the Medical and Vaulting Committees.

### **Jumping**

The FEI Board approved clarifications and modifications to the Rules of the following series: Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ 2020, FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth 2020, FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy 2020, Longines Global Champions Tour 2020, Longines Masters Series, EEM Speed Challenge Series and Jumping Clash Team Challenge Series. The Board also approved modifications to Rules for the Youth Olympic Games 2022.

As there is a further proposed rules revision for the Global Champions League 2020, this will be discussed at the second FEI Board meeting immediately after the General Assembly on 19 November.

The series Rules will be published in due course on the FEI website [here](#).

## **Dressage**

The Board approved amendments to the Rules of the FEI Dressage World Cup™ 2020/2021 and the FEI Dressage Nations Cup™ 2020.

The series Rules will be published in due course on the FEI website [here](#).

A working group has been established to review the format for the FEI Dressage Nations Cup™ and will come up with proposals for the 2021 series.

## **Para Dressage**

The Board were advised of changes to the FEI Para Dressage Rules and the Para Equestrian Classification Rules.

Included in the proposed Rules revisions, which will be voted on at the General Assembly on 19 November, are amended provisions to ensure fairness to the participating members of the Para community when they are attending a multi-disciplinary event.

The Para Dressage Rules will be published in due course on the FEI website [here](#).

## **Eventing**

The Board approved the FEI Eventing Nations Cup™ Rules 2020, the Event Rider Masters Calendar 2020 and Tri-Star Grand Slam Eventing Series calendar.

The FEI Eventing Nations Cup™ was extremely successful this year, partly due to the inclusion of Olympic qualification for Tokyo 2020. The Eventing Committee is now looking at ways to continue to increase the attractiveness and popularity of the series going forward.

The series Rules and Calendars will be published in due course on the FEI website [here](#).

The Eventing Committee is exploring the possibility of introducing a 5\* short format, which is not currently included in the Eventing Rules. A survey is being conducted within the community and feedback received will allow the Eventing Committee to make a recommendation for next year on the potential creation of this new category for 2021.

## **Driving**

There were no items for approval by the Board. Following approval by the General Assembly, the Driving Rules will be published in due course on the FEI website [here](#).

## **Endurance**

The Board was further updated on the proposed Rules revisions in Endurance which will be discussed at the dedicated Rules session on 18 November prior to voting at the General Assembly the following day.

## **Vaulting**

The Board was informed that, despite the success of last year's FEI World Cup™ Vaulting series, this season's series had unfortunately been cancelled. This was due to an insufficient number of Organisers to host the minimum number of qualifiers required for Rules compliance. The competitions in Salzburg and Leipzig will be run as CVI Masterclasses open to the top world ranked Vaulting Athletes.

The Vaulting Committee will now review the series with the goal of increasing the number of participating events, while reducing the costs for participants and organisers in order to allow the series to go ahead next season.

## **Reining**

The Board was updated on details of an Agreement with the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) and proposed Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to ensure the growth of the discipline. These will be discussed in further detail at the dedicated Reining session on 18 November prior to voting the following day.

A decision on the future of Reining as an FEI discipline will be made during the Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA) on the morning of 19 November. If the General Assembly votes to retain Reining as an FEI discipline, the proposal to remove Reining from the FEI Statutes would be withdrawn.

## **Veterinary matters**

### Veterinary Regulations

The Board approved the FEI Veterinary Regulations 2020.

The Veterinary Regulations will be published in due course on the FEI website [here](#).

### Brexit update

The Board was updated on Brexit and the potential implications of the agreement, and EU Animal Health Law by the FEI Veterinary Director.

The EU Animal Health Law, which is not due to be voted upon until next year at the earliest for implementation on 21 April 2021, will introduce a High Health Status for horses that will enable horses to travel between EU member states for 30 days. In order to qualify for this status a horse would have to be examined and vaccinated in accordance with a protocol equivalent to that of the FEI.

The FEI is involved in high level discussions aimed at ensuring the best possible outcome for our horses. Although the EU and Great Britain have delivered several clarifications, there are several areas, particularly on customs and Border Inspection Posts that remain uncertain. A no-deal Brexit could have severe implications for the horse industry for several months. Updated guidelines on Brexit will be published on [Inside.FEI.org](#)

### Pony Measurement

Details and aspects of the pony measuring system will be further discussed at the Rules session on 18 November.

## **Clean Sport**

The Board was updated on the new Hyposensitivity Control System (HCS), and the training sessions and field tests that have already been held. A team of top vets has now been trained to use the system, which was approved at the General Assembly 2018. Further field tests will be conducted prior to implementation.

## **International Horse Sports Confederation (IHSC)**

The Veterinary Director briefed the Board on the IHSC/OIE workshops on international horse movement. During 2019, IHSC-OIE Regional Workshops were organised in Hong Kong (FEI Group VIII) and Morocco (FEI Group VII). A workshop will also be held in Moscow for FEI Group III in the week following the FEI General Assembly.

## **FEI Solidarity**

The Board approved the FEI Solidarity report for the period of September 2018 to September 2019.

## **FEI Sports Forum 2020**

The Board approved topics for the FEI Sports Forum 2020, which will be held in Lausanne (SUI) on 6 and 7 April.

The first day will focus on the FEI Anti-Doping Rules, both equine and human, multi-disciplinary minimum requirements for events and their enforcement, and grooms. The second day will feature the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games, including a session from the coaching and veterinarian perspective on the road to Tokyo. The programme will be presented to the FEI General Assembly on 19 November.

## **Allocations of FEI Championships, Series and Finals**

### FEI World Championships 2022

- FEI World Championships (Jumping, Dressage, Para Dressage & Vaulting) - Herning (DEN), 6 - 14 August
- FEI Eventing World Championship - Pratoni del Vivaro (ITA), 14-18 September
- FEI Driving World Championship - Pratoni del Vivaro (ITA), 21-25 September

The FEI Board agreed unanimously that any decision on the FEI World Championships in Endurance and Reining should be postponed pending the outcome of discussions about both disciplines on 18 November and voting on 19 November.

### **FEI World Cup™ Finals**

#### **2022**

- FEI World Cup™ Finals (Jumping, Driving, Vaulting & Dressage) - Leipzig (GER), 6-10 April

#### **2023**

- FEI World Cup™ Finals (Jumping & Dressage) - Omaha (USA), 12-16 April
- FEI Driving World Cup™ Final - Bordeaux (FRA), 2-5 February

#### **2024**

- FEI World Cup™ Finals (Jumping & Dressage) – Riyadh (KSA), 4-9 March or 15-20 April
- FEI Driving World Cup™ Final - Bordeaux (FRA), 1-4 February

## **Multi-year allocations 2021–2023**

### FEI North American Youth Championships (Jumping & Dressage)

- Traverse City, MI (USA): 3-9 August 2020, 10-15 August 2021, 9-14 August 2022

### FEI European Championships for Ponies (Jumping, Dressage & Eventing)

- Strzegom (POL): 15-19 July 2020, 2021 dates to be confirmed, 2022 dates to be confirmed

### FEI WBFSH Jumping World Breeding Championship for Young Horses

- Lanaken Zangersheide (BEL): second half of September 2021, 2022, 2023

### FEI WBFSH Dressage World Breeding Championship for Young Horses

- Ermelo (NED): first weekend of August 2021, 2022, 2023

### FEI WBFSH Eventing World Breeding Championship for Young Horses

- Lion D'Angers (FRA): 21-24 October 2021, 20-23 October 2022, 19-22 October 2023

## **FEI Championships**

### **2020**

- FEI Para Driving World Championships for Singles - Schildau (GER), 6-9 August

### **2021**

- FEI Endurance Pan-American Championship for Seniors & Young Riders - Campinas (BRA), 28-29 June

### **2023**

- FEI Endurance European Championship - Ermelo (NED), 4-9 September

(The bidding process for the FEI European Championships 2023 in the other disciplines was re-opened by the FEI Board in September 2019.)

**Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ series** (Western European League seasons 2021/2022, 2022/23, 2023/24 qualifiers) – the FEI Calendar will be updated shortly.

**FEI Eventing Nations Cup™ 2020 legs** - the FEI Calendar will be updated shortly.

**FEI Jumping Ponies Trophy™ 2020 qualifiers**

- Herning (DEN): 16–18 October
- Lyon (FRA): 28 October–01 November
- Stuttgart (GER): 11-15 November

**Final**

- Mechelen (BEL): 27–30 December

**FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth 2020 qualifiers**

- Oplabeek (BEL): 2-5 April
- Fontainebleau – BIP (FRA): 16–19 April
- Zduchovice (CZE): 23–26 April
- Deauville (FRA) – Grand Prix: 30 April-03 May
- Drammen (NOR): 7–10 May
- Lamrechtshausen (AUT): 13–17 May
- Wierden (NED): 27–31 May
- Hagen (GER): 09–14 June
- Gorla Minore (ITA): 24–28 June
- Samorin (SVK): 28 July–2 August
- Cieckocinko (POL): 20-23 August
- Chevenez (SUI): 15–18 October

**Final**

- Oplabeek (BEL): 23-27 September

**FEI Jumping Children’s Classic Final**

The Final was previously allocated to Hong Kong (CHN), which has unfortunately had to withdraw due to the ongoing protests. As a result, the bidding process for this Final has been reopened.

**Olympic and Paralympic Games, multi-sports Games**

The Board was provided with an update on Continental and Regional Games, as well as on the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and the Youth Olympic Games.

The Jumping Rules for the Youth Olympic Games 2022 in Dakar (SEN) were approved by the Board.

**Regional Groups and Continental Structure**

The Board approved the switch of the Equestrian Federation of Ukraine from FEI Regional Group III to the EEF Regional Group.

**Commercial**

The Board was updated on the work of the Commercial Advisory Board and the FEI Media strategy. The FEI Commercial Director also gave a status update on ATPI, the FEI’s Official Travel Agent.