A. INTRODUCTION

Dear National Federations,

It will be two years in November since the last FEI General Assembly when we had had the opportunity to see each other face to face. We felt it was important to offer the NFs the possibility to meet again in person after such an extended period. We are also very aware that the Covid-19 pandemic has not finished and restrictions imposed by governments around the world remain in place and vary from country to country. Under these extraordinary circumstances it is clear that not all delegates will be able to travel for an in-person General Assembly and therefore it was decided to conduct this year’s gatherings in a hybrid form – both in person and online – thus allowing all the NFs to participate.

Keeping in mind the fluctuating Covid-19 situation, the FEI has put in place a number of COVID-19 Countermeasures that will enable the FEI Hybrid General Assembly (the “GA”) to take place safely. These COVID-19 Countermeasures build on the measures established by the World Health Organisation and the Belgium Government (as from 1 September 20211 https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/).

These “safety first” rules are there to protect you, all GA participants and the people of Antwerp and Belgium.

The success of the GA depends on every single one of us taking responsibility for following these Covid-19 Countermeasures at all times. Most of you have great experience in operating in these conditions.

For any practical questions about COVID-19 you can address yourself to the FEI Welcome Desk.

Overcoming the continued challenges will require flexibility and commitment to follow the measures outlined in this document.

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1 These Covid-19 Countermeasures may be changed by the Belgium Government ahead of the GA. Please check the measures applicable to you 72 hours before your flight/trip to Belgium.
B. ENTERING BELGIUM

You must check what requirements apply to you to enter Belgium depending your country of origin. More details can be found on following links:

- https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/travels. Please note that you will have to fill in a passenger location form (PLF) within 48 hours before entering Belgium. You can find the PLF on following link: https://www.info-coronavirus.be/eng/plf/. These are measures applicable in September 2021 so you have to check again closer to your departure; and

C. VACCINATION

Considering that meetings will take place indoor the FEI strongly recommends that only vaccinated participants, entourage and companions attend the GA.

Whilst, vaccination is not mandatory for participants to attend the GA, vaccination provides an extra tool to make the GA safe.


D. THE “SIX GOLDEN RULES”

1- Wash your hands regularly and use hand sanitiser frequently;
2- Avoid using shared items where possible, or disinfect them;
3- Keep a safety distance of 1.5 meters. Anyone unable to respect the safety distance must wear a face mask;
4- Wear a mask at all times while in conference and meeting rooms (even if the distance of 1.5m can be respected);
5- Limit the number of close contacts. “Close Contact” implies contact which lasts longer than 15 minutes, without respecting social distancing and without wearing a face mask;
6- Limit your use of public transport and limit your attendance to public spaces if not essential.

E. COVID-19 TEST DURING GA

If you need a PCR Test during the GA you can address yourself to the FEI Welcome Desk.

F. PRE-DEPARTURE COVID-19 TESTS

You must check your destination’s specific pre-departure requirements to understand what, if any, negative certificate you need.
In case that you need a negative certificate you can address yourself to the FEI Welcome Desk.

G. COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

If you feel ill or you have symptoms during the GA stay in your hotel room and immediately contact the FEI at +41 78 750 61 49.

H. CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEI COVID-19 COUNTERMEASURES

Compliance with these measures is essential in order to guarantee a safe GA and avoid the further spread of the pandemic. We are counting on everyone’s sense of civic duty and responsibility.

- In the event of non-compliance with the measures GA accreditation may be withdrawn.

- In addition, Belgium sanctions are possible under Article 187 of the law on Civil Security of 15 May 2007, among others;

- Local authorities remain competent for public order in accordance with article 135 §2 of the new municipal law;

- The police forces can carry out permanent checks to ensure strict compliance with the measures.

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