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## A MESSAGE FROM FEI MEDICAL COMMITTEE CHAIR DR MARK HART



On behalf of the FEI, I want to share and express our commitment to the resumption of sporting activity and the resurgence of equestrian events worldwide.

The FEI Board, Technical Committees, Calendar Task Forces and the Headquarters staff are working around the clock to make this happen. We are fully committed to a safe and sustainable return to competition.

When the **FEI Policy for Enhanced Competition Safety during the Covid-19 Pandemic** was developed, it was crafted with the goal of providing a safe environment for all participants. We believe science supports its effectiveness to reduce the transmission and spread of Covid-19 when applied both consistently and in a strict manner.

To be successful we require active participation and full compliance by all.

There is no middle ground and there are no grey areas. As a community, we cannot just apply what we want and ignore what is seen as an inconvenience. In no uncertain terms, we absolutely require the consistent application of all guidelines and recommendations regarding the wearing of face masks, appropriate social distancing and regular and thorough hand sanitising for a successful return to our sport.

This is not just the responsibility of competition Organisers, it applies to every individual attending our events. Athletes, their extended support teams, volunteers, vendors, and fans must all be held to the same level of accountability.

We understand the frustration caused by this worldwide pandemic. We have all faced the intrusion on our daily lives, our jobs, our finances and what many of us perceive as our freedoms. Like an unwelcome guest at a party, this is a situation we have no choice but to confront head on. We must be bigger, smarter and united in our response.

Now we have all been called upon to play a greater role in society than we have been accustomed to. We must now make some sacrifices and adapt our habits for the benefit of the greater good. This pandemic demands these changes as it will be with us until an effective vaccine is developed and distributed around the world.

Our social responsibility far outweighs our professional and sporting goals - but they are not incompatible. We can reach these goals and ensure the safety of others, but it will require some modifications to our behaviour. If we want competitions to resume, then we need to show that we as a community are responsible and can be counted on.

We have outlined what needs to be done through a thoughtfully developed and public health based policy; and now we need you. We need everyone to apply these guidelines as they will only be effective if they are followed by all.

We all love this sport. Let's work together and give our sport and the amazing animals that inspire us a platform on which to shine in these difficult times.

In a show of global citizenship, we call on you to unite in the fight against Covid-19. Through socially responsible actions, we have the opportunity to fully return to sporting greatness.

Play Safe and make us proud! Our collective future depends on all of our actions today.

You will find all the latest information on the Return to Play hub on [Inside.FEI.org](https://www.insidefeio.org)



**Dr Mark Hart**  
**Chair, FEI Medical Committee**

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## TOKYO 2020 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC COMPETITIONS SCHEDULES CONFIRMED

The Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (TOCOG) has confirmed the Olympic and Paralympic Games Competition Schedules for 2021.

### Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Competition Schedule information

For equestrian sport, the competition dates have been moved forward by one day so as to mirror the 2020 daily schedule whereby the equestrian events which were due to start on Saturday 25 July 2020 and finish on Saturday 8 August 2020 will now run from Saturday 24 July 2021 to Saturday 7 August 2021. There are also some minor modifications to the starting times.

The Tokyo 2020 Olympic equestrian timetable for 2021 can be viewed [here](#) on the FEI's **Olympic hub** page.

### Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games Competition Schedule information

For Para Dressage, the competition dates have also been moved forward by one day so as to mirror the 2020 daily schedule. The Para Dressage events which were due to start on Thursday 27 August 2020 and finish on Monday 31 August 2020 will now run from Thursday 26 August 2021 to Monday 30 August 2021. There are also some minor modifications to the starting times.

The Tokyo 2020 Paralympic equestrian timetable can be viewed [here](#) on the FEI's **Paralympic hub**.

## FEI BOARD VIDEOCONFERENCE

The FEI Board met via videoconference on 21 July to review a number of key issues and approve additional Covid-19 related resolutions in the following categories: **Multi-disciplinary**, **Jumping**, **Dressage** and **Para Dressage**, **Eventing**, **Driving** and **Endurance**. These have now all been published on the Covid-19 hub under **Resolutions & Decisions**.

We would also like to draw your attention to the decisions which were passed as Emergency Board Resolutions under Article 20.3 of the FEI Statutes:

### Jumping

Clarification to the Emergency Board Resolution of 7 April 2020 regarding Definite Entries.

### Eventing

- Eventing Athlete Categorisation (Eventing Rules Art 519):  
The Board agreed to extend the period of athlete categorisation from 8 years to 8.5 and possibly 9 years (to be reviewed taking into account the situation at the end of 2020) due to the cancellation of the many FEI Eventing competitions scheduled during the first half of 2020 in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Eventing FEI Officials appointment for CCI4\*-S competitions (Eventing Rules Art 513.2):  
The Board agreed the possibility for all NFs to apply for an exemption in regard to the Foreign Official requirement for CCI4\*-S. Should a Foreign Official not be available, at least two (2) Judges, the Technical Delegate and the Course Designer must be selected from the Level 3 Eventing Officials lists. This provision will apply until 31 December 2020.

## Endurance

- [Extension of qualification period for all Endurance horses](#)

The qualification period for all Endurance horses has been extended, meaning that the validity of star level qualification is 24 months plus nine months, which makes a total of 33 months for ALL Endurance Horses.

**REMINDER:** [Longines FEI Endurance World Championship 2021 in San Rossore \(ITA\)](#). The updated qualification criteria for the Longines FEI Endurance World Championship 2021 in San Rossore (ITA), which were approved as an Emergency Board Resolution on 19 June, are now available [here](#).

Details of these Emergency Board Resolutions and all other Covid-19 related decisions and resolutions from the FEI Board can be found [here](#).

## FEI DIRECTORY

### Updates to the FEI Database

Monthly summary on the key changes/updates in the FEI Database with regards to the FEI's member National Federations. All details can be found on the FEI Database by clicking on each NF's name listed below:

#### PAK - EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF PAKISTAN

New postal & email addresses and phone number.

#### TRI - THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION

Patrice STOLLMAYER has been elected as President.

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