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# **SAVE THE DATE! Scheduled IT Maintenance**

We would like to inform you that a scheduled maintenance on all FEI IT platforms and applications will take place during the month of December. This is related to changes to our IT infrastructure and to ensure the security and strength of all our digital services.

The maintenance will take place on:

**14 December 2023** from **23:00 CET** until **15 December 2023** at **7:00 CET** (14.12.2023 17:00 EST until 15.12.2023 01:00 EST) (15.12.2023 07:00 CST until 15.12.2023 15:00 CST)

# During this time, all FEI IT platforms and applications will be unavailable. All services can be used and consulted once the maintenance is over.

We apologise for this inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

# FEI Rules & Regulations 2024

All the Rules and Regulations 2024 approved at the FEI Hybrid General Assembly 2023 in Mexico City (MEX) are now available in the **FEI Rules Hub** in clean and mark-up version and in the **FEI Rules App**.

**Download the FEI RULES APP TODAY** 

# FEI Hybrid General Assembly 2023, Mexico City (MEX)

Following a very successful FEI Hybrid General Assembly in Mexico City (MEX), from 18-21 November 2023, we take this opportunity to remind all stakeholders where to find the related documentation from the GA week.

### FEI Hybrid Extra & Ordinary General Assembly - 21 November 2023

- Opening Speech by FEI President
- Wrap-up/main decisions taken by the General Assembly
- Presentations & Annexes
- Watch in Replay
- Minutes: to be published on 30 January 2024

FEI Sessions - 20 November 2023

- Descriptors and Presentations: Sessions 1-4
- Press Release: FEI Delegates gather for a day of Sessions at General Assembly

### FEI Board Meetings I & II

- Wrap-Up: Key discussions and resolutions wrap-up from FEI Board Meeting I on 18 November
- Press Release: A+ for the FEI World Championships 2026 as Aachen and Al Ula confirmed as hosts
- FEI Statement: FEI Board takes decision on protective measures regarding Russian and Belarusian Athletes, Horses and Officials
- Wrap-Up: Wrap-up report from Board Meeting II held on 21 November following FEI Hybrid General Assembly

### **Related Press Releases**

- FEI Awards 2023 celebrate international and home-grown winners in Mexico City
- The horse at the core of an innovative partnership between the FEI and France's University of Caen

# **SAVE THE DATE! FEI Sports Forum 2024**

# MEDICAL

### **FEI Event Medical coverage**

The **Guidelines for the Medical Coverage of FEI Events** in compliance with article 109.10 of the FEI General Regulations have been fully revised in order to provide more specific information to help Organising Committees plan their event's medical response. In particular, the following is now highlighted in the document:

- The different medical coverage needs at events depending on the time considered (arrival of the first horse until the first horse inspection; remainder of the event and until the last horse has departed; hours of non-riding activity (such as night time);
- The expertise required from the healthcare professionals attending the event depending of the time considered;
- Clarification that the medical coverage plan must include a procedure applying in case of a serious physical or mental incident or illness;
- Clarification that the medical coverage plan must include a field of play removal plan for injured athletes.

The revised **Guidelines for the Medical Coverage of FEI Events** are now available online and will come into effect on 1 January 2024. The document's main requirements are reflected in KER 11, which will also be implemented starting 1 January 2024 as part of the new Key Event Requirements framework.

# **FEI** Working Group proposes key changes to equestrian helmet testing standards

An international expert panel gathered by the FEI Medical Committee has put forward a set of key proposals to strengthen the current testing standards for equestrian helmets as a means to enhance the safety of athletes in equestrian sport.

Tasked with reviewing current equestrian helmet testing standards and related scientific literature, the FEI Helmet Working Group was established in April 2023 and is made up of a panel of international experts including engineers, standards experts, medical doctors, helmet manufacturers, athletes and representatives from horse racing.

The **FEI Helmet Working Group's technical recommendations**, will now be shared with the helmet manufacturing and testing industries for feedback. The FEI intends to work collaboratively with manufacturers and helmet standard bodies to achieve these goals, which should be viewed as a new, quickly achievable step forward in allowing helmets to further reduce the transmitted energy to the brain when a fall occurs. Meanwhile, the FEI Helmet Working Group will continue their efforts to improve helmet effectiveness as new research and technology become available.

As part of the FEI's commitment to athlete safety, the FEI has supported since 2012 the International Conference on Concussion in Sport, which has been held every four years since 1997. A peer-reviewed consensus statement is published six months after each meeting, summarising evidence-informed principles of concussion prevention, assessment and management, and emphasises the areas requiring more research. The FEI was a member of the conference Organising Committee for the 2016 and 2022 editions.

Read more ...

### **EVENTING**

### **Dressage Tests 2024**

The new FEI Eventing Dressage Tests for 2024 are now available online, including new and updated tests for CCIP1\*, CCI1\*-Intro, CCI2\*, CCI3\*, CCI4\* and CCI5\* competitions. Dressage Tests 'D' were also created for competitions wishing to use shorter tests.

You will find all tests to be used as of 1 January 2024 in the **FEI Eventing Dressage Tests** section.

### Online FEI Eventing Seminar and National Safety Officer (NSO) Seminar 2024 - Register Now!

The Online Eventing Seminar and NSO Seminar will be held on **Saturday 20 January 2024**, for all FEI Eventing Officials, FEI Eventing Athletes, National Federations, NSOs, 4\*/5\* OCs, Course Builders, etc.

The Online NSO Seminar will be held on **Sunday 21 January 2024** for NSOs and NFs. The agenda will be published shortly under **Eventing / Risk Management / Seminars 2023 - 2024** 

If you would like to attend, thank you for confirming your participation to **Nathalie.charlton@fei.org**. The Eventing Online Seminar will be recorded and the replay available to watch on the **Eventing Seminars 2023-2024** page.

For information, these Seminars have been organised since 2008 to allow National Federations, National Safety Officers, Officials, Organisers, and other stakeholders to exchange ideas, experiences and practices. It also provides a platform to develop communication lines to discuss and share.

This year's Online Seminar topics include:

- Horse welfare and wellbeing, Social license to Operate
- Consideration for future Rules revision / discussion
- Fitness and training of Horses / ensuring Athletes train for the level entered
- Frangible Devices (Facts and statistics, Instruction manuals effective 1 January 2024, Future developments)

The NSOs Seminar will cover:

- National Statistics
- Importance of NSO role to communicate / implement Risk Management recommendations / rules
- NSOs presentations

# DRIVING

### FEI Driving Youth Cup - Apply to host a Test Event in 2024!

The FEI is looking for Organisers to host test events for the FEI Driving Youth Cup during its pilot phase in 2024, ready for the launch in 2025.

The FEI Driving Youth Cup is a project which aims to address the evolving needs of young FEI Driving Athletes and open new opportunities for their growth in the sport.

With a format that is easily manageable, cost and time effective for organisers, athletes and all stakeholders involved, the FEI Driving Youth Cup has huge potential and is focussed on nurturing that all-important next generation of athletes around the world.

Having first introduced this project at the FEI Driving Forum in April 2023, the FEI Board has since approved the creation of the FEI Driving Youth Cup with a pilot phase now being organised for 2024 prior to the official launch in 2025.

We invite all organisers interested in finding out more, to consult the presentation and the Rules **here** and contact **Aude Barby** for further questions.

# VAULTING

### FEI Online Vaulting Forum 2024 - Register Now!

The **FEI Online Vaulting Forum 2024** will take place on **Friday 2 February from 15:00 to 18:00 CET**. The Forum is open to everyone including Officials, Athletes, Trainers, NF Representatives, etc. The Forum will focus on the changes in the Vaulting Rules and Guidelines for 2024 and follow up on some of the topics addressed during the FEI Vaulting Seminar in Salzburg in November 2023. The detailed agenda will be communicated later.

For registration, please sign in through your NF directly in the **FEI Course Calendar**. Please note that the application deadline is **<u>19 January 2024</u>**.

If you have any questions, please contact the **FEI Vaulting Department**.

We invite you to share this information with the Vaulting Community in your country.

# **Equestrians join forces to move forward Education on Wheels project**

In November, the FEI's Official Charity Partner JustWorld International celebrated the expansion of their 'Education on Wheels' project in Honduras following financial contributions from the FEI and the Honduras Equestrian Federation, combined with a successful matching campaign by individual members of the international equestrian community.

The Education on Wheels project, initiated in 2003, has been instrumental in delivering education directly to underprivileged children in Honduras' capital city of Tegucigalpa, addressing economic and geographical barriers to schooling. In a country where 60% of the population has never read a book, this project provides vital lessons, tutoring, music, cultural arts programs, alongside essential provisions like clean water and nutritious snacks.

You can read more here.

## **#FEIThinkOutsideTheBox**



Launched in November, and featuring a thought-provoking video, the campaign – Think Outside The Box – was created to raise awareness around the risk of contamination in and around the stables, and the potential consequences from a rule's violation perspective as well as general health and safety for horses.

The campaign is centred around four core themes – Behave, Organise, Maintain and Secure – with each theme broken down into specific actionable points and the risks should they not

be addressed. The risk for contamination and consequences for EADCMR violations such as disqualification and suspension, being the core driver of the campaign, feature prominently as does safety messaging in relation to intoxication, injury and potential fire hazards.

The campaign portal **www.fei.org/think** is available in three languages – English, French and Spanish - and includes downloadable assets for the public to promote and endorse the campaign natively on their own platforms as well as dedicated sections for ambassadors and supporters, including the International Grooms Association and Equestrian Organisers Association among others.

# For more information on the campaign, the supporters, ambassadors and to download digital assets visit www.fei.org/think

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# **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:

### FEDERATION EQUESTRE ALGERIENNE

Mohamed IDIRENE has been elected Secretary General of the Federation

### THE EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF THE KYRGYZSTAN REPUBLIC

Sergey BUIKEVICH has been elected Secretary General of the Federation

### SWISS EQUESTRIAN

The Swiss National Federation has changed its identity (name, website and email).





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