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Introduction

FEI UPDATE is an initiative of FEI Headquarters to improve the communication of decisions and useful information to NFs and FEI stakeholders. It aims to facilitate the work of Member Federations by assembling these details in one publication that provides links to specific documents instead of receiving every day individual communications from the different FEI Departments. This information is available to everyone and it is not necessary to log in to FEI Family to access it.

We hope you will appreciate this new initiative and welcome your comments on the FEI UPDATE.

With my best regards,

Ingmar De Vos
CEO and Secretary General

FEI UPDATE is the official review of all the latest decisions and reference documents from FEI Headquarters. All FEI UPDATE communications and supporting documents can also be found on the FEI website - click here - for future reference.

This first FEI UPDATE Newsletter is being sent to one email account per NF, as well as to FEI stakeholders. However, to enable all relevant staff members/stakeholders to receive future FEI UPDATE newsletters, you can forward it to a colleague/contact who may wish to subscribe (see end of this email).
SPORTS

JUMPING

Age of athletes/horses at Regional Championships/Games in Latin America

The minimum age of athletes participating in Regional Championships and Regional Games in Latin America will be reduced from the year in which they reach their 18th birthday to the year in which they reach their 16th birthday. In addition, athletes of the appropriate age should be permitted to take part in Championships for Juniors/Young Riders even if they have previously competed in Regional Games or Regional Championships in Latin America providing the maximum height of obstacles at the Regional Championships or Regional Games does not exceed 1.40m. The age requirement for horses participating at Regional Championships and Regional Games in Latin America will be reduced from eight years to seven years providing the maximum height of obstacles at these Championships and Games does not exceed 1.40m.

Maximum entry fee per pony/horse at CSIP/CSICh

The maximum entry fee per pony/horse that Organising Committees may charge for CSIP and CSICh events in Europe should be EUR 350, which is a similar amount charged for CSIYR/J events.

DRESSAGE

FEI World Cup™ Dressage Rules

Modifications to the Rules for the FEI World Cup™ Dressage in effect for the 2011/2012 season were approved and can be consulted here.

EVENTING

Cross Country DVD

A new DVD to share the FEI’s vision of the Cross Country will be produced. It will be used for education and discussion purposes and provided to officials, riders, trainers, and NFs with a specific focus on Cross Country training and riding. A working group
composed of riders, trainers and officials representing the FEI and British Eventing will work on the project.

The chairman of the FEI Eventing Committee reported that the Risk Management Programme was producing encouraging results. Agreed measureable goals on falls were on target and the overall trend was pointing in the right direction.

Three open forums will be organised later in the year to initiate discussion on the future of the discipline. These forums will be held during the HSBC FEI European Championship in Luhmühlen (GER); the Pan American Games in Guadalajara (MEX); and at a location to be confirmed in Australia or New Zealand. A discussion paper will be produced.

**FEI launches bid process for FEI World Eventing Championships for Young Horses 2012-2013-2014**

The bidding process is now open for hosting the FEI World Eventing Championships for Young Horses 2012-2013-2014.

National Federations wishing to participate in the bid process and receive the bid documentation are invited to sign a non-binding “Expression of Interest” form, to be returned to FEI Legal Counsel Francisco P. Lima (francisco.lima@fei.org) by 10 June. More information can be found here.

The bidding process will run from May 2011 until November 2012, and the requirements for hosting FEI World Eventing Championships for Young Horses 2012-2013-2014 are set out in the bid documentation.

**VAULTING**

**FEI World Cup™ Vaulting**

The Rules for the FEI World Cup™ Vaulting in effect for the 2011/2012 season were approved and can be consulted here.

**MULTIDISCIPLINARY INFORMATION**
**SmartClix spurs**

SmartClix spurs are permitted for Jumping. However, they have been reviewed for Dressage and are not permitted. For more information regarding Dressage, contact Trond Asmyr (Trond.asmyr@fei.org).

**K'Vall stirrups**

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that K'Vall stirrups are not authorised in FEI international competitions (see documentation).

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**VETERINARY**

**New Detection Time for Meloxicam (Metacam) of 72hrs**

The FEI has announced new detection times for Meloxicam (veterinary formulation known as Metacam®), a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) used to relieve pain and inflammation in the equine athlete. The findings of studies on the use of intravenously or orally administered Meloxicam show the urine and plasma (blood) detection time as 72 hours. This is the first COX-2 inhibitor on the FEI List of Detection Times, which contains common medications administered out of competition and is listed on the FEI Clean Sport website. An outcome of the 2010 FEI Congress on NSAID and Medication Usage in the Equine Athlete was that there should be more access to detection times for COX-2 inhibitors.

1 Detection Time agreed with the European Horse Racing Scientific Liaison Committee (EHSLC)

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**LEGAL**

**Late registration of athletes and horses**

New procedure effective as of 1 July 2011 can be consulted here.
New FEI Rules

The new FEI Statutes and Internal Regulations approved at the EGA on 6 May 2011 can be found on the FEI website [http://www.fei.org/fei/regulations/general-rules](http://www.fei.org/fei/regulations/general-rules).

FINANCE

FEI Bureau approves new late payment interest policy

Following a request from the Portuguese NF, the FEI Bureau decided to apply the late payment interest fee after 90 days instead of 60 days ([link to decision](link to decision)).

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Latest developments

Substantial improvements to several modules of FEI Family will be implemented on 31 May 2011. These include:

- Results & Calendar Search: Access via clear URL’s
- Possibility for NFs to download their own results
- Dressage: Rules 2011 – 7 judges
- Horse: FEI Document type/Status/Add horse + check for duplicate records
- Person: Status/Add person + check for duplicate profiles

Further information on these latest developments can be consulted [here](here).

MEDIA

NF Press Officer Contact Details

Could all NFs ensure they provide Malina Gueorguiev ([malina.gueorguiev@fei.org](mailto:malina.gueorguiev@fei.org)) with their latest contact details for their Press Officers.
FEI AWARDS

Nominations now open

The 2011 FEI Awards have been launched. All National Federations are invited to inform their stakeholders and members to nominate their heroes for 2011. Go to www.feiawards.org for more information and to make your nominations by 31 July.

FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2011 Elections / Appointments

Candidacies for vacant positions on the FEI Bureau and Standing Committees need to be submitted to the Secretary General’s Office (sabrina.zeender@fei.org) no later than 15 June 2011. See open position here.

New dates

Please note that the dates for the 2011 FEI General Assembly in November will change. We will notify you as soon as these have been approved and confirmed.