



Special Bidding Process

FEI World Championships 2026 – Bidding Process Update – Call for Expressions of Interest

The FEI is announcing the launch of a 4 stage bidding process for the FEI World Championships 2026, full details of which are set out below.

As was the case for the FEI World Championships 2022, bids will be accepted from National Federations/Organising Committees who are interested in hosting the FEI World Championships 2026 in one or more FEI disciplines. The FEI World Championships 2026 for Dressage and Para Dressage should remain combined. Bids for the full “FEI World Equestrian Games” comprising all disciplines will also be considered.

Phase 1 of the process starts today, 24 October 2022, with a call for **expressions of interest** from National Federations/Organising Committees who would like to already start open and non-binding discussions with the FEI regarding the potential submission of a bid for the FEI World Championships 2026. Expressions of interest should be sent to **bidding@fei.org**. The submission of an expression of interest is entirely optional and is not a pre-condition to National Federations/Organising Committees submitting a formal bid in Phase 2.

A detailed Bid Guide containing an overview of all the requirements/rights/benefits associated with hosting the FEI World Championships 2026 will be available as of mid-January 2023 and a further FEI Update will be issued at that point.

PHASE 1 - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

24 OCTOBER 2022

Call for Expressions of Interest from OCs and / or NFs

- Submission of non-binding Expression of Interest to **bidding@fei.org**.

- Start of open discussions between interested OCs/NFs with FEI regarding the possibility of bidding for FEI World Championships 2026.
- Possibility to request 1 on 1 meeting with FEI at FEI General Assembly 2022 in Cape Town (RSA) and/or to set up video conference with FEI.
- FEI available to have preliminary discussions with OC's/NF's stakeholders (e.g. local authorities, sports ministries etc.) .

Note: The submission of an expression of interest is entirely optional and is not a pre-condition to submitting a formal bid in Phase 2.

PHASE 2 - BIDDING

MID-JANUARY 2023

Launch of Bid Guide for FEI World Championships 2026 and Formal Bidding Process

- Bid Guide will contain the overview of the requirements for the FEI World Championships 2026 (Sports/Technical, Infrastructural, Logistics/Commercial) and the rights/benefits for the OC (financial contribution, rights package etc.).

FRIDAY, 14 APRIL 2023

Deadline for Submission of Bids

- Formal Bids to be submitted via **FEI Bidding Platform**.
- All bids must have support of the relevant NF.

PHASE 3 - REVIEW OF BIDS

MID APRIL - END APRIL 2023

FEI Initial Review and Shortlisting (if applicable) of Bids.

END APRIL - EARLY MAY 2023

Circulation of draft Host Agreement to (shortlisted) Bidders.

MAY - JUNE 2023

Review of Bids by relevant Technical Committees.

MAY 2023

Presentation of Bids by (shortlisted) Bidders to FEI Evaluation Commission

- At FEI HQ/video conference.

9 JUNE 2023

Deadline for submission of signed Host Agreement

- Host Agreement to be signed by OC and NF.
- Submission of the signed Host Agreement is a pre-condition for allocation.

PHASE 4 - ALLOCATION

JUNE 2023

Allocation of FEI World Championships 2026

FEI Board to allocate during the in-person FEI Board Meeting in Lausanne taking into account the feedback of the FEI Evaluation Commission and the recommendations of the relevant FEI Technical Committees.

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