



FEI Board meeting (via videoconference)
Main decisions
25 June 2020

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The key discussions and resolutions taken by the FEI Board at the final day of its three-day videoconference meeting on 25 June are summarised below:

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Future of Reining

The FEI Board meeting began with a recap on the governance related challenges in Reining, and specifically with regards to the FEI Statutes and the principle of the FEI as the sole governing body of a discipline.

The FEI President reminded the FEI Board of discussions and decisions in recent years, namely a session at the FEI Sports Forum 2019 dedicated to the "Future of Reining" followed by another session and vote at the FEI General Assembly 2019 where National Federations voted in favour of maintaining Reining as an FEI discipline if certain conditions could be met.

The President noted that the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) had a different interpretation of the conditions of a new Agreement specifically relating to the age of horses and which party governed them. Without agreement on this principle, which would allow the FEI to have sole governance over Reining horses aged seven years and above, the FEI is in breach of its own Statutes.

NRHA President Mike Hancock and NRHA Commissioner Gary Carpenter were invited to join the Board videoconference to clarify their position.

Concerns were also raised by the FEI regarding control mechanisms and logistics around entries at NRHA Reining Events. The NRHA confirmed that they operated differently to the FEI and did not have the same level of scrutiny over the participants and the competitions such as, but not limited to, entries and the status (national or international) of the Event deadlines, and that this was a cultural difference that could not be changed.

In light of this fundamental difference in the interpretation of the Agreement, as well as control mechanisms around international competitions, the FEI Board accepted that there were irreparable differences between the two bodies. The Board agreed to defer any decisions on Reining Championship allocations until a decision on next steps for FEI Reining had been confirmed.

The FEI Board decided that a Working Group would be established with the involvement of the FEI Reining Technical Committee, represented at the meeting by Deputy Chair Adam Heaton, to establish the conditions and KPIs for the FEI to govern Reining independently from the NRHA.

Tokyo 2020**• Update**

The FEI Olympic Director and FEI Games Director gave an update to the FEI Board on preparations and the challenges related to the postponement of the 2020 Games. They briefly presented various scenarios which the IOC is exploring depending on Covid-19 related restrictions as well as cost saving initiatives aimed at reducing the financial impact of rescheduling. It was confirmed that the International Paralympic Committee would mirror any measures put in place by the International Olympic Committee.

• FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020

The FEI Board approved the new FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Olympic and Paralympic Games at Tokyo 2020. The Regulations underwent a full review following the postponement of the Games to 2021 and have been updated predominantly with regards to qualification and eligibility requirements and deadlines. The updated Regulations will be published in their respective hubs on Inside.FEI.org on Monday 29 June.

[Olympic Games Hub](#)

[Paralympic Games Hub](#)

Allocations of FEI Championships and FEI-Named Events

The FEI Board allocated FEI Championships and FEI Named-Events in 2021 and 2022 during its three-day videoconference meeting this week.

Following the disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic to 16 Championships on the 2020 Calendar, in addition to the normal allocation process for the 2021 and 2022 allocations, the Board considered several requests made by the affected 2020 Organisers and National Federations. The following broad decisions were made:

- The Board decided that Organisers, such as Hartpury (GB), whose Championships had been cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic were eligible to enter bid processes for future unallocated editions of the Championships even though the deadline for submission of bids had passed.
- The Board confirmed that Championships postponed from 2020 to 2021 for youth categories would enforce the age limits applicable in 2021.
- The Board reconfirmed its previous decision that all FEI Youth and Pony Championships in 2020 must be held during the period of the school holidays.

- The Board decided that no further requests for cancelled 2020 Championships to be held later in 2020 or in 2021 will be considered by the Board.
- Discussions are ongoing with the Spanish Equestrian Federation and Vic, the Organiser of the FEI Endurance World Championship for Young Horses 2020 and the FEI Endurance European Championship for Young Riders & Juniors 2020. More information will be provided regarding these Championships shortly.
- The FEI Board decided to defer any decisions regarding Reining Championships to a later date due to ongoing discussions between the FEI and the NRHA.

The Board agreed the following Events would be cancelled:

- FEI Jumping World Challenge Final 2020.
- FEI Jumping European Championships for Children, Juniors and Young Riders 2020: Vilamoura (POR) who was scheduled to host this Championship in 2020 before it was cancelled due to Covid-19 will host the 2021 edition of the Championships with Oliva (ESP) who had previously been allocated the 2021 edition, moving to host the 2022 edition of the Championships. The Board approved this further to confirmation from the POR and ESP NFs and the two Organisers that they agreed.
- FEI Eventing European Championships for Ponies 2020 originally allocated to Strzegom (POL) as the alternate dates offered by the Organisers in Poland were not within the school holidays.
- FEI Eventing European Championships for Juniors and Young Riders 2020 as there was no possibility of holding these Championships during school holidays, for athlete and horse welfare reasons, the cancellation of these Championships at Hartpury (GBR) was also confirmed.
- FEI Vaulting World Championships for Seniors 2020 & FEI Vaulting European Championships for Juniors 2020: The Board made a unanimous decision not to reallocate these Championships originally scheduled to take place in Flyinge (SWE).

- **FEI Championships 2020 postponed to 2021**

Driving

- *FEI Driving European Championship for Young Drivers, Juniors & Children – Lamotte-Beuvron (FRA), dates TBC
- *FEI Para Driving World Championship for Singles – Schildau (GER), dates TBC

*The above postponements were both approved as Emergency Board Resolutions under Article 20.3 of the FEI Statutes.

- **FEI Championships 2021**

Jumping

- South American Jumping Championships for Young Riders, Juniors, Pre-Juniors and Children – Carrasco, Montevideo (URU), 7-13 September 2021
- FEI Jumping European Championships for Young Riders, Juniors & Children – Vilamoura (POR), dates TBC

Driving

- FEI Driving World Championship for Young Horses – Mezohegyes (HUN), dates TBC

- **2022 Championships**

Jumping

- FEI Jumping European Championships for Young Riders, Juniors & Children – Oliva (ESP), dates TBC

Dressage

- FEI Dressage European Championship for Juniors & Young Riders – Hartpury (GBR), dates TBC

Eventing

- FEI Eventing European Championship for Juniors & Young Riders – Hartpury (GBR), dates TBC

Driving

- FEI Driving European Championship for Young Drivers, Juniors & Children – Ászár-Kisbér (HUN), dates TBC
- FEI Driving World Championship for Singles, Haras du Pin (FRA), dates TBC

Endurance

- FEI Endurance World Championships 2022: The Board decided to postpone allocation of this Championship to its meeting in November to allow for a further review of the bids received from Dubai (UAE), Padise (EST), Riyadh (KSA) and Verona, Isola della Scala (ITA) and for further follow-up with the bidders.

Vaulting

- FEI Vaulting European Championship for Juniors, Kaposvár (HUN), 27-31 July

- **2020/2021 Series**

- **FEI Driving World Cup™ Series**

The legs of the FEI Driving World Cup™ series for the 2020-2021 season were allocated as follows:

- Lyon (FRA) 31 October-1 November 2020
- Maastricht (NED) 6-7 November 2020
- Stuttgart (GER) 11-15 November 2020
- Budapest (HUN) 28-29 November 2020
- Geneva (SUI) 12-13 December 2020
- London (GBR) 18-19 December 2020
- Mechelen (BEL) 26-30 December 2020
- Leipzig (GER) 14-17 January 2021

The Final of the FEI Driving World Cup™ 2021 has already been allocated to Bordeaux (FRA) on 4-7 February 2021.

- **FEI Dressage World Cup™ Series**

The Board approved a change in venue for the Danish leg of the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Series 2020/21 from Herning to the National Equestrian Centre in Vilhelmsborg.

- **FEI Jumping European Championships 2021**

The European Equestrian Federation (EEF) asked the FEI Board to reconsider their decision to cancel the FEI European Championships 2021 in the Olympic and Paralympic Disciplines following the postponement of the Tokyo 2020 Games. Referring specifically to the FEI Jumping European Championships, the EEF were confident that a solution could be found and that the elements which had driven the Board to cancel the Championships had changed and there was an opportunity to be exploited. In light of the EEF's public support for an FEI Jumping European Championship 2021, the FEI Board mandated the EEF to present a realistic proposal (venue, host NF, dates, etc) that addresses all the concerns that originally led to the cancellation at the next Board Meeting on 21 July in line with the requirements stipulated in the FEI Host Agreement for European Championships.

FEI Annual Report 2019

The Board unanimously approved the FEI Annual Report 2019. It will be published in the [Annual Report library](#) in the first week of July.

FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Rules 2021/2022

A new format for the qualification system for the FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Final was unanimously approved by the FEI Board. The new qualification process, which provides more opportunity for Organisers around the world to host an FEI Vaulting World Cup™ qualifier and hence more opportunity for non-European Vaulters to qualify for the annual Final, will come into effect on 1 January 2021 and provide the qualification pathway to the FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Final 2022 in Leipzig (GER).

Veterinary Update *(updated 29 June 2020)*

The Board was updated by the FEI Veterinary Director Göran Akerström on the ongoing trade negotiations with the EU in light of Brexit and in particular the challenges faced by Ireland, Great Britain and France. Working closely with the racing industry, a Task Force led by the International Horse Sport Confederation (IHSC) had produced a dossier showcasing the important economic contribution of the horse industry in Europe for top EU officials in a bid to facilitate a trade agreement between the EU and GBR that would include solutions for safe and uncomplicated movement of high health sport and breeding horses following GBR's departure from the EU.

He also informed the Board that the FEI IT Department is developing an app to facilitate movement of sport horses following the implementation of the EU Animal Health Law. This app will support registration of vaccinations and examination of horses so they can qualify for a high health status in order to be eligible for the derogations that are provided for such horses in this new legislation.

The FEI Veterinary Director also confirmed that the African Horse Sickness outbreak in Thailand was improving and was being closely monitored by the FEI, the OIE and the Thai National Federation.

Equipment Expert Group

The Board unanimously approved a new proposal for the composition and core principles of the FEI Equipment Expert Group presented by the FEI Legal Director. The core group will be made up of key personnel from FEI Headquarters and would ensure harmonisation across the disciplines on the equipment approval process and rationale. A list of veterinary, scientific and equine behavioural experts would also be drawn up for consultation in the equipment approval process when and where necessary.