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## FEI ANNUAL REPORT 2019

### FEI Annual Report 2019 now available online

The **FEI Annual Report 2019** compiles the essential and the extraordinary achievements of yet another fantastic year for the sport and the community. Filled with memorable moments and a determination which is synonymous with the equestrian spirit, this trip down memory lane is the perfect reminder of our strength as a global community, and our ability to innovate and overcome any obstacles in our way.

Review the best of 2019, brought to you in different sections such as "FEI World of Sport" and "FEI Governance Highlights". The detailed "Facts & Figures" section, as well as the "Financial Report", will provide you with all the numbers relevant to the FEI, while dedicated sections for FEI Solidarity and the FEI Award winners 2019, will inspire and expand your equestrian horizons. New this year is the "FEI...More than Sport" section, where we showcase the positive role the equestrian industry plays in society beyond the sporting arena.

Happy browsing, we hope you enjoy looking back on a year of great sport and achievements!

# FEI BOARD MEETING 2020

## Useful links

From 23-25 June, the FEI Board met by teleconference, to discuss and decide on a number of topics including Championship allocations and reallocations, the future of Reining, FEI Rules including the revised FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events Tokyo (JPN) 2020 **Olympic Games** and **Paralympic Games**, and a number of Covid-19 decisions relating to topics such as the FEI General Assembly 2020, officiating requirements, etc. For information on the key decisions, resolutions and discussions please refer to the following links:

- **Daily Board Meeting Wrap-Up**
- **FEI Board allocates key events and Championships for 2021 and 2022**
- **FEI General Assembly 2020 moves online**
- **FEI Board Resolutions specific to Covid-19**

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## DRESSAGE

### FEI eDressage™ online assessment platform goes live

The FEI has launched the **FEI eDressage™ Online platform** in partnership with Black Horse One (BHO) and SAP, to provide a unique environment for FEI registered Dressage and Para Dressage Athletes to boost their training and development. FEI registered Athletes can upload videos of their FEI Dressage test to the **FEI eDressage™ Online platform** every week, for it to then be anonymously judged by a pool of FEI 5\* level Dressage and Para Dressage Judges.

In the first phase, a number of videos will be randomly selected and Athletes will then be provided with feedback on their performance and given pointers for improvement. This platform provides Athletes with the opportunity to have their tests remotely evaluated by a group of top-level judges and to receive key insights that could benefit their performances. In the long run, it also has the potential to become a valuable source of content for training FEI Officials in close collaboration with the FEI's online e-learning platform, **FEI Campus**.

### Promotion of Dressage 5\* Judges from 1 January 2021

Four FEI 4\* Dressage Judges - Peter Storr (GBR), Kurt Christensen (DEN), Lars Andersson (SWE) and Ulrike Nivelle (GER) - have been promoted to 5\* status, the highest rank, by the FEI Dressage Technical Committee. The promotion, which will come into effect on 1 January 2021, will allow these Judges to officiate at major FEI Dressage events in the future, such as FEI Dressage World Cup™ Finals, FEI Championships at Grand Prix level, FEI World Championships and Olympic Games.

This promotion will bring the number of FEI 5\* Dressage judges to 41.

The FEI would like to congratulate the promoted Judges and wish them much success in their continued judging career.

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## FEI OFFICIALS

### Update to officiating requirements for 2020/2021

In light of Covid-19, the following updates have been made to the Officiating Requirements for 2020/2021.

Officials who normally had until 15 December 2020 to fulfil their officiating requirements now have their deadline extended to 15 December 2021.

#### Group A Officials

Have to take their CES Online Assessment before 15 December 2020:

- If successful, they stay in "Group A" and will have until 15 December 2021 to take their next CES Online Assessment
- If unsuccessful, they will have to do an In-Person Maintenance Course before 15 December 2021
- If the CES Online Assessment is not taken, the function will be closed

Note that to officiate at events taking place after 31 March of each year, Officials must successfully complete the CES Online Assessment. This requirement remains unchanged.

#### Group B Officials

Have until 15 December 2021 to attend their In-Person Maintenance Course:

- Officials who already attended and passed the In-Person Maintenance Course before 15 December 2020 will become "Group A" in 2021, and will be required to take a CES Online Assessment before 15 December 2021

- If the In-Person Maintenance Course is not attended by 15 December 2021, the function will be closed

For more information on officiating requirements, please refer to the **FEI Competency-Based Evaluation System (CES)** section on Inside.FEI.org.

## Role of Officials at FEI Events in relation to Covid-19 measures

FEI Officials play a vital role at Events and it is important they are familiar with the **FEI Policy for Enhanced Competition Safety during the Covid-19 Pandemic** ("Policy") and the **OC's Covid-19 measures**.

A set of **FAQs** has been added to the **Officials filter** in the Covid-19 hub and we would like to take this opportunity to remind all Officials that it is not their duty to assess or implement the OC's Covid-19 measures, however, we do welcome their feedback. The Event reports have been updated to allow for feedback, so please ensure you use the updated forms, available in the **discipline-specific Official hubs**.

Thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to contact **Catherine Bollon** if you have any questions or concerns.

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## ORGANISERS

### Return to Play: FEI Policy for Enhanced Competition Safety during the Covid-19 Pandemic

As you may know, the **FEI Policy for Enhanced Competition Safety during the Covid-19 Pandemic** came into effect on 1 July 2020 in a bid to harmonise the return of international competitions during the Covid-19 pandemic, and contribute to the efforts that are made all around the world to minimize or reduce the spread of the disease.

The Policy requires that all Organisers (OCs) of FEI Events across the world use the same tool in order to evaluate the risk posed by their Event in terms of Covid-19 transmission and provides guidance for social distancing and hygiene measures in the context of FEI equestrian sport. It is not intended to replace the applicable guidance and policies from domestic government and health authorities, but to supplement their recommendations with sport specific considerations. The Policy includes:

- A framework outlining objectives, roles and responsibilities.
- A decision-making system for sports federations/sports event organisers when planning events during the Covid-19 pandemic. This system, which was developed by the WHO, is composed of a risk assessment tool (**new FEI version published today**), a decision making tree, and an accompanying document outlining relevant considerations.
- Best practices for FEI Event Organisers.

Under this Policy, conducting and documenting the risk assessment – together with the National Federation – is mandatory for FEI Event Organisers.

A Covid-19 Communication Plan **Checklist** for Organising Committees as well as detailed **FAQs** and the **Risk Assessment tools** are regularly reviewed and all available on the **Return to Play** hub. Please visit these pages regularly for updates and do not hesitate to contact **Catherine.bollon@fei.org** for further assistance.

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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:

#### **GBR - BRITISH EQUESTRIAN**

The name of the National Federation has been changed to British Equestrian. The new website URL has been updated: **<http://www.britishequestrian.org.uk/>**.

#### **COL - FEDERACIÓN ECUESTRE DE COLOMBIA**

Mr Santiago LIZARRALDE CAMPO (COL) has been elected President of the Colombian Federation.

#### **SRI - SRI LANKA EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION**

Mr Rashmin THIRIMANNA (SRI) has been elected Secretary General of the Sri Lanka Federation.

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