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2013 CALENDAR

The 2013 Calendar has been approved and can be viewed online. Please note that if any of the following annotations occur, then that event is still in the process of being approved:

- Events shown between brackets
- Events specified “Pending FEI approval”
- Events shown with the icon ![]

Following the modifications to the FEI General Regulations approved by the FEI General Assembly, we draw your attention to the following points:

Late additions to the Calendar

Late Applications for events (CI) that arrive after the set deadline for applications may only be considered by the FEI if received at least 12 weeks prior to the Event. (GR Art 112.4)

CSI 5* Applications

5* Jumping events must be included into the FEI Calendar by 1 October two years prior to the year in which the event takes place. This is effective for the 2015 Calendar and onwards. Applications for 2015 5* Events must therefore be received by the FEI at the latest on 1 October 2013. (Jumping Rules Art 200.8)

Should you have any question regarding the FEI Calendar, please contact Julie Schlaefli.

VETERINARY
**Microchipping**

Please be reminded that commencing on the 1 January 2013, all horses registering with the FEI for the first time must be microchipped. This decision was taken at the 2011 FEI General Assembly in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil). The microchip must be compatible with the ISO 11784 and ISO 11785 and the information must also be entered into the horse’s passport and supplied at the time of requested registration.

For further information, please visit the Identification and Passports section of the Veterinary page.

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**LEGAL**

**Unsanctioned event rule - GR Articles 113 and 156 Clarification**

The FEI has received various enquiries about the rationale for, and the effect of, the new Unsanctioned Event rule in Articles 113 and 156 of the FEI General Regulations. For the rationale, please see the attached Appendix, which was provided to National Federations along with the proposed rule change back in July 2012 (please consult the Appendix which contains a revised definition, taking into account National Federations’ comments received during the consultation period and ultimately approved by the General Assembly) It explains the need and reason for the rule in detail.

With respect to the scope of the rule, the rule only applies to events and/or competitions that are not in the FEI calendar (i.e. international events not approved by the FEI) and national events that are not authorised by the National Federation. This means that the FEI will rely on the NFs to bring any national or local events that it has concerns about to the FEI’s attention. **The FEI will not on its own initiative look for or police national events to determine whether or not they are authorised.** Therefore, local events do not come within the scope of this rule so long as the NF does not expressly object to them.

If an Athlete, Official, or Horse does participate in a competition and/or event that is not on the FEI calendar or in a national event and/or competition that is expressly unauthorised by their NF, they or it cannot participate in any International or National Event for a period of six (6) months thereafter.

If you have any specific questions about this new rule, you may contact Lisa Lazarus or Mikael Rentsch.

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