



# FEI™ UPDATE

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## FEI PARA EQUESTRIAN FORUM 2019

The FEI is pleased to invite you to register for the FEI Para Equestrian Forum 2019 to be held from 25-26 May 2019 at Lamotte-Beuvron (FRA). The Forum and sessions, hosted by the FEI with the support of the Fédération Française d'Équitation, will be moderated by the FEI Para Equestrian Technical Committee.

The following subjects will be tabled:

- Competition Formats
- Youth and Development
- Officials
- Classification Research
- FEI Update and NF engagement
- Practical Session

The final agenda will be available at a later date. The sessions will be split between presentations, workshops, round-table discussions and a practical session. As in previous forums, the FEI welcomes active contributions and discussion from all participants. For all

information and to register for the event, please refer to the **FEI Para Equestrian Forum** webpage. The deadline for registrations is 20 April 2019.

Should you have any questions please contact the **FEI Para Dressage department**

## EVENTING

### Olympic Qualification System Tokyo 2020

#### **Olympic Minimum Eligibility Requirements - Reminder!**

Athlete/Horse combinations will obtain a regular qualifying result as usual if minimum eligibility requirements are met. However, in accordance with the rule set out in the approved **Olympic Qualification system** (see § 5, page 2), we wish to remind NFs that athlete/horse combinations will not be eligible for a qualifying result for the Olympic Games if the combination has already started a cross country test of a higher level event within less than 10 days after a short format competition and within less than 24 days (i.e. 4 weeks) after a long format competition. Should you have any question, please contact the Eventing and Olympic Department, [frederique.reffet@fei.org](mailto:frederique.reffet@fei.org).

#### **Eventing Olympic Rankings**

For the welfare of the horse and for risk management reasons, the FEI will monitor all combinations participating at higher level events, including those not respecting a rest period of 10 days after a short format competition or 24 days after a long format competition with the aim of obtaining additional points for the Olympic rankings. All entries to higher level events will be checked. National Federations, athletes, coaches and officials will be informed of entries not respecting the above deadlines to ensure that the welfare of the horse remains paramount. Should you have any question, please contact the Eventing and Olympic Department, [frederique.reffet@fei.org](mailto:frederique.reffet@fei.org).

### 2019 FEI Eventing rules: Clarification snaffle bits

We wish to draw your attention to the updated 2019 FEI Eventing Rules which now clarify the size of snaffles bits. These now need to be of a minimum of 14 mm for horses and 10 mm for ponies (see below).

**Annex A 1.3 f** (page 75) - *The diameter of the mouthpiece must be a minimum of 14mm for Horses and 10mm for ANNEX A DRESSAGE - ANNEXES 76 Ponies at the rings or cheeks.*

The FEI Eventing Committee wishes to clarify that the Eventing Stewards will be asked to measure the diameter of the bit on the edge where it joins the outside rings only in case of doubt or on the request of the Ground Jury.

## DRIVING

### FEI Driving World Cup™ - season 2019-2020

#### - Opening of bid process

The FEI is pleased to announce the opening of the bid process for the FEI Driving World Cup™ qualifiers, 2019-2020 season.

The process will run from 15 February to 25 March 2019 and can be initiated by any interested party by submitting a Bid Application & Questionnaire to the FEI via the **FEI online bidding platform**.

The applicable BID PROCESS TIMELINE is the following:

	<b>Phase 1 - Applicant Phase</b>
15 February 2019	Bid Process opens.
25 March 2019	Deadline for candidates to submit a Bid Application & Questionnaire to the FEI via the FEI Online Bid Platform.
	<b>Phase 2 - Candidate Phase</b>
1 April 2019	Host Agreement sent to all Applicants.
29 April 2019	Deadline for Applicants to send back a signed version of the Host Agreement. Host Agreement to be signed by the Applicant and National Federation.
May 2019	<b>Review Process:</b> The FEI Driving Committee reviews the applications, provided that the Host Agreement is signed by the Applicant and the NF, and provides the FEI Board with its recommendation.
	<b>Phase 3 - Decision Phase</b>
June 2019	<b>Allocation Process:</b> The FEI Board will allocate the 2019-2020 legs of the FEI Driving World Cup™ during its in-person meeting.

Should you have any questions, please contact [bidding@fei.org](mailto:bidding@fei.org).

*NB: The FEI Driving World Cup™ Final has already been allocated until 2021.*

## REINING

### Future development - Reminder!

During the General Assembly in Manama (BRN), in November 2018, it was announced that the US-based Reining bodies – the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) and National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) – were in breach of the terms of their cooperation agreement with the FEI. In order to ensure the integrity of the discipline and maintain a level playing field for all athletes competing in FEI Reining, the agreement with these two bodies has been terminated. Both the AQHA and NRHA have been informed that a binding commitment to implement the FEI rules on anti-doping, stewarding requirements and the age of competing horses are prerequisites for any future cooperation.

As mentioned by the FEI Secretary General, FEI Reining events will continue. National Federations and related associations involved in Reining are invited to provide feedback to the FEI Reining Department [reining@fei.org](mailto:reining@fei.org) on how they see the future of the discipline at international and national level.

We look forward to receiving your suggestions and feedback by **22 February 2019** (instead of 28 February as previously communicated) at the latest.

## Courses for Judges and Stewards

Please note that the following courses are now available for Reining Judges and Stewards on **inside.fei.org**:

<b>Date, Location (country)</b>	<b>Category - Course Director</b>
01-03 March <b>Chassieu (FRA)</b>	FEI course for promotion to 2*/3*/4* Reining Judge and Refresher Seminar for FEI Reining Judges - François Zurcher (SUI)
15-17 March <b>Givrins (SUI)</b>	FEI Course for promotion to FEI Reining Steward Level 1 - Pierre Ouellet (FRA)
22-24 March <b>Schwechat (AUT)</b>	FEI course for promotion to 2*/3*/4* Reining Judge and Refresher Seminar for FEI Reining Judges - Maik Bartmann (GER)

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