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Introduction

We are pleased to provide you with this FEI UPDATE with information from all our departments that you need to be aware of.

To ensure that this information is read by other people interested in equestrian sport, you may "forward to a colleague" who can "join our mailing list" or "unsubscribe from this list". These options are available at the end of this newsletter.

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FEI SOLIDARITY

Application procedure is now open

Further to the information given during the FEI General Assembly in Rio, we have the pleasure to announce that the application procedure for FEI Solidarity support is now open. To apply, please consult the following documents:

- FEI Solidarity - Application procedure;
- FEI Solidarity – Information leaflet; and
- FEI Solidarity – Application Form

Please note that the deadline to receive application forms for 2012 is 28 February 2012.

DRESSAGE

New Pony Dressage Tests

The FEI approved three new pony tests for dressage:

- Preliminary test

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Team test
Individual test

These tests will be introduced 01 January 2012 and will be mandatory from that date.

DRIVING

FEI Driving Committee Applications re-opened

Applications have been opened for membership on the FEI Driving Committee in order to fill in the vacant seat left open following the election at the 2011 General Assembly of Mr Karoly Fugli as Chair of the FEI Driving Committee (whose term as Committee member ends in 2012).

NFs are invited to send applications for this position to the Sabrina Zeender, Director of FEI Governance & Executive Affairs no later than 23 December 2011 (23:59 CET). The Curriculum Vitae form and job specifications for this position can be found here.

Kindly remember that all nominations must be accompanied by the following documents:

- Curriculum vitae form
- Letter of recommendation/support by the NF
- Letter of motivation by the candidate

The appointment of the member Driving Committee will be made by the FEI Bureau early next year following consideration and review of applications by the FEI Driving Committee & Nominations Committee.

VAULTING

FEI Vaulting Forum specific for Judges and FEI Vaulting Seminar - 10-12 February 2011, Warendorf (GER)

In accordance with the implementation of the new FEI Vaulting Regulations, which will come into effect on 1 January 2012, we will organise important information sessions to enable the rules to be discussed and commented during the transitional period.

- On 10 February 2012, an FEI Vaulting Forum specifically for FEI Judges will be organised in Warendorf (GER) to introduce the new 2012 Vaulting regulations and consider them from a Judging point of view. A general seminar will follow on the 11-12.02.2012.
- The invitation/registration can be downloaded here.
- Participation: FEI Vaulting Judges only
- On 11-12 February 2012, the annual FEI Vaulting seminar will take place in Warendorf (GER). The topics of the Seminar will be as follows:
  - Presentation of the new Vaulting Regulations & Guidelines by the FEI Vaulting Committee;
  - Questions & Answers;

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- Practical session of the Tech Test;
- Interactive session; and
- The invitation/registration can be downloaded here.

Participation: NF representatives (up to two representatives per National Federation) & open to all FEI Vaulting Judges.

Should you have any questions or need any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the Non-Olympic Sports Department.

**VETERINARY**

**Update on new system for Veterinarians at FEI Events**

According to Article 1003 of the 2011 Veterinary Regulations, Veterinarians working at FEI events (see Veterinary Regulations for the differing categories of Veterinarians at FEI events), must have been registered with the FEI by 1 January 2012. In line with Clean Sport, the registration of veterinarians is linked to the need for a clear understanding of the FEI Veterinary Regulations, and in particular the new approach adopted in 2010. National Federations have been consulted on a Veterinary Education system needed to realise both those aims and which will be is achieved via an online process including a short examination to ensure that key parts of the Veterinary Regulations are understood, in particular those related to Clean Sport. The Bureau Meeting held on the occasion of the FEI General Assembly 2011 in Rio de Janeiro (BRA), approved the delay in any enforcement of the above Article until 1 June 2012. Details of the entire new system and the required online component will now be released during 2012.