

FEI BOARD MEETING

Mexico City (MEX), 19 November 2023

The second in-person FEI Board meeting of the year took place on 18 November in the framework of the FEI Hybrid General Assembly 2023 organised in Mexico City (MEX).

The main resolutions taken by the FEI Board are summarised below:

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WELCOME BY THE FEI PRESIDENT

The FEI President welcomed the Board Members to Mexico City for the FEI Hybrid General Assembly 2023 week. He thanked the Mexican Equestrian Federation for hosting the General Assembly.

He referred to a very busy year with numerous Championships and Regional Games, including the very successful Asian Games and Pan American Games, with the latter concluding the team qualification phase for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The President took the opportunity to thank the Board Members for their continued support, with a special mention for outgoing Board Members Karoly Fugli (HUN), Chair of the FEI Driving Technical Committee and Sami Al Duhami (KSA), Executive Board Member and Chair of Group VII, acknowledging their great contributions and wishing them all the best for the future.

The President welcomed the newly appointed FEI Director of Dressage, Para Dressage and Vaulting Ronan Murphy and FEI Director of Jumping Todd Hinde to their first FEI General Assembly.

FEI HYBRID GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023

The FEI Secretary General reviewed the agendas for the FEI Hybrid Extraordinary General Assembly and Ordinary General Assembly.

ALLOCATION OF FEI CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Board allocated the following FEI Championships:

FEI World Championships 2026

FEI World Championships (**Jumping, Dressage, Eventing, Para Dressage, Driving, Vaulting**), Aachen (GER), 10-23 August

Week 1: Dressage, Eventing, Vaulting

Week 2: Jumping, Driving, Para Dressage

FEI **Endurance** World Championship, Al Ula (KSA), 17 October

FEI European Championships 2025

FEI Dressage European Championship, Šamorín (SVK), 28-31 August

FEI Driving European Championship, Löhden (GER), end August – beginning September

FEI Endurance European Championship, Castiglione del Lago (ITA), 6 September

FEI Vaulting European Championship and FEI Vaulting World Championship for Juniors and Young Vaulters, Stadl Paura (AUT), 30 July – 3 August

A detailed press release on the allocations made by the Board is available [here](#).

EQUINE ETHICS AND WELLBEING COMMISSION FINAL REPORT

Following 18 months of intensive academic research review, outreach with different stakeholder groups and analyses of two extensive public and equestrian surveys, the Chair of the Equine Ethics and Wellbeing Commission Professor Dr. Natalie Warran (NZL)

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delivered the final recommendations to the FEI Board in a report entitled, "A Good Life for Horses: A vision for the future involvement of horses in sport".

The 30 recommendations put forward by the Commission, include a future-focused vision of a 'good life for horses', a proposed strategic approach to strengthen the sport's social license to operate, an 'Equestrian Charter' and other key recommendations for prioritising positive equine welfare for horses involved in sport.

The Board will now consider these recommendations and will present a roadmap for discussion and implementation to the FEI Sports Forum 2024.

The EEWB Commission Chair will address the FEI General Assembly on 21 November.

GOVERNANCE

President Succession Working Group

Following up on the Board's decision taken during the in-person meeting on 6 and 7 June to define the role of the future FEI President, the Board approved the Terms of Reference of the President Succession Working Group.

The President Succession Working Group is composed of the Chair of the Audit & Compliance Committee, who will act as Chair, and two members as follows: the Chair of the Nominations Committee and an external member with extensive experience of Olympic International Sport Federations proposed by the Chair and appointed by the Board.

The Board appointed Professor Jean-Loup Chappelet as external member of this Group.

The President Succession Working Group will consider the role of the President in the light of the future needs of the FEI and, subject to consultation with the NFs, it will make recommendations to the Board regarding the purpose and scope of the FEI President's role. Potential changes to the FEI Rules and Regulations will be submitted to the FEI General Assembly 2025.

Protective measures regarding Russian and Belarusian Athletes, Horses and Officials

The FEI Board discussed the protective measures, which had been imposed on Russian and Belarusian Athletes, Horses and Officials on 2 March 2022 following the full-scale military invasion of Ukraine.

Whilst the sanctions prohibiting international competitions to be held in Russia and Belarus are to remain in place, the FEI Board decided to lift protective measures to allow future participation of Russian and Belarusian Athletes, Horses and Officials as neutrals. The conditions and timeline for implementation will be put forward for approval by the FEI Board during a teleconference in December 2023.

The FEI Headquarters was tasked by the Board with establishing the conditions and timeline allowing individual Russian and Belarusian Athletes, Horses and Officials to resume participation in FEI Events as neutrals. In the meantime, Russian and Belarusian Athletes, Horses and Officials remain ineligible to participate in FEI Events.

The Board took the opportunity to reiterate its full support to the people of Ukraine, who have suffered and continue to suffer tremendously, and pledged its continued solidarity and support to the Ukrainian equestrian community through the FEI Solidarity Relief Fund.

You can read the press release announcing the Board's decision [here](#).

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chair provided her report on the activities of the Nominations Committee to the Board. The President thanked the outgoing Chair for the quality of the Committee's work under her leadership.

APPOINTMENT OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Board approved the following appointments to the FEI Technical Committees:

FEI Jumping Committee

Michel Sorg (SUI) was appointed as a member of the FEI Jumping Committee for the four-year term 2023-2027, replacing outgoing member Henrik Ankarcrona (SWE).

FEI Dressage Committee

Thomas Eyckmans (BEL) was appointed as a member of the FEI Dressage Committee for the four-year term 2023-2027, replacing outgoing member Patrik Kittel (SWE)

FEI Para Equestrian Committee

C. Mike Tomlinson (USA) was appointed as a member of the FEI Para Equestrian Committee for the four-year term 2023-2027, replacing outgoing member Michel Assouline (USA).

FEI Eventing Committee

Anne-Mette Binder (DEN) was appointed as a member of the FEI Eventing Committee for the four-year term 2023-2027, replacing outgoing member Andrew Bennie (NZL).

FEI Driving Committee

Jan Devaere (BEL) was appointed as a member of the FEI Driving Committee for the four-year term 2023-2027, replacing outgoing member Jeroen Houterman (NED).

FEI Vaulting Committee

Alejandra María Orozco Vizcaíno (MEX) was appointed members of the FEI Vaulting Committee for the four-year term 2023-2027, replacing outgoing member Isabelle Parker (USA).

FEI Veterinary Committee

Dr Ali Tweissi (UAE) and Dr Richard Mitchell (USA) were appointed as members of the FEI Veterinary Committee for the four-year term 2023-2027, replacing outgoing members Dr Marc Koene (GER) and Dr Sheelagh Higgerty (RSA).

FEI Medical Committee

Dr Tess Goodwin (AUS) was appointed as a member of the FEI Medical Committee for 2023-2027, replacing outgoing member Dr Anna-Louise Mackinnon (GBR).

JUMPING

The FEI Board approved clarifications and modifications to the rules for the following series:

- Rules for the Longines Rankings
- FEI Jumping Children's Classic Rules 2024

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- Major League Show Jumping Rules 2024
- EEF Nations Cup Series Rules 2024
- Sunshine Tour Grand Prix Rules 2024
- Cavaliada Tour Rules 2024
- Rolex Grand Slam Rules

The updated rules will be published on Inside.FEI.org [here](#) in due course.

DRESSAGE

The FEI Board approved the rules for the Schafhof JivaHill Dressage Tour, a new series, which will take place for the first time in 2024.

The new rules will be published on Inside.FEI.org [here](#) in due course.

PARA DRESSAGE

The FEI Board approved clarifications and modifications to the Para Dressage World Ranking List Rules 2024.

The updated rules will be published on Inside.FEI.org [here](#) in due course.

EVENTING

The FEI Board approved the rules for the FEI Eventing Nations Cup™ 2024.

The updated rules will be published on Inside.FEI.org [here](#) in due course.

ENDURANCE

The FEI Board approved the modifications to the FEI Endurance Ranking Rules.

The updated Rules will be published as a standalone document on Inside.FEI.org [here](#) in due course.

DRIVING AND PARA DRIVING

The Board approved the proposed modifications to the FEI Driving Rules under point 6 of the [FEI Periodical Rules Revision Policy](#).

A comprehensive FEI Driving Rules revision is scheduled for 2025 but urgent modifications were needed to Art. 923, 924, and 927 in order to allow all the NFs to make Additional Individual Entries in FEI Pony Championships and FEI Youth Championships regardless of their ability to assemble a complete National team with at least one athlete per age category/class.

The matter will be brought to the attention of the NFs during the Session on the FEI Rules on 20 November.

The updated Rules will be published on Inside.FEI.org [here](#) in due course.

VAULTING

The FEI Board approved the modifications to the FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Final Rules 2024.

The updated Rules will be published on Inside.FEI.org [here](#) in due course.

VETERINARY

The FEI Veterinary Director updated the Board on several ongoing research projects, including:

- **Correlation between footing and forces in horse's limb and their correlation to injuries**, conducted by Prof. Lars Roepstorff, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU).
- **Development of a saliva based method for in-competition testing.** The objective is to develop a non-invasive method to sample horses during Endurance Rides with focus on micro-dosed heart rate lowering substances such as beta blockers.
- **Can objective gait analysis (SleipApp) be a decision support during the horse inspections in long format eventing competitions?** The project is coordinated by Dr Elin Hernlund.
- **Detection of EHV-1 virus in stable environments**, coordinated by Prof. Lutz Goehring. The study will evaluate the use of new technology to detect circulating EHV-1 virus in stable environment. If functional, the technology could be used as early warning.
- **Fluid therapy in horses**, conducted by Prof. William Muir. The objective is to establish fundamental knowledge leading to treatment guidelines as well as strengthen the FEI Veterinary Regulations.

MULTI-SPORT GAMES

The Board heard a brief update on the Continental and Regional Games taking place in 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026.

These included:

- The XXIV Central American & Caribbean Games (ODECABE) held in Santo Domingo (DOM) from 23 June to 5 July 2023;
- The XIX Asian Games held in Hangzhou (CHN) from 23 September to 8 October 2023;
- The XIX Pan-American Games held in Santiago (CHI) from 20 October to 5 November 2023;
- The XX Asian Games to be held in Aichi and Nagoya (JPN) from 19 September to 1 October 2026; and

PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES

The FEI Board approved the appointment of following International Technical Officials (ITOs) for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games:

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Ground Jury President: Anne-Mette Binder (DEN)
Member: Xavier LeSauce (FRA)
Member: Robert Stevenson (USA)

The updated list will be published on Inside.FEI.org [here](#) (ITOs Appointment Information section).

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