

FEI BOARD MEETING

Abu Dhabi (UAE), 10 November 2024

The second in-person FEI Board meeting of the year took place on 10 November in the framework of the FEI General Assembly 2024 organised in Abu Dhabi (UAE).

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 Abu Dhabi for the FEI General Assembly 2024 week. He thanked the UAE Equestrian and Racing Federation for hosting the General Assembly and expressed his gratitude on behalf of the FEI for the NF's warm hospitality provided on a short notice.

The President highlighted the success of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, which had showcased equestrian sport in the best possible light, had attracted a large audience and had confirmed the validity of the Olympic formats. He thanked the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and host nation France for their support. The year had also seen the inaugural season of the Longines League of Nations™, which had been very successful as well and had been welcomed by the community.

The President took the opportunity to thank the Board Members for their continued support, with a special mention for outgoing Vice President and Executive Board Member Mark Samuel (CAN), acknowledging his outstanding contribution to the organisation and wishing him all the best for the future.

FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024

The FEI Secretary General reviewed the timetable and agenda for the FEI General Assembly.

ALLOCATION OF FEI CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Board re-allocated the following FEI Championships:

- FEI Dressage European Championship 2025, Crozet (FRA), 28 – 31 August 2025 (*re-allocation further to the withdrawal of Šamorín (SVK)*)
- FEI European Championships for Ponies – Dressage and Eventing 2025, Le Mans (FRA), 28 July – 3 August 2025 (*re-allocation further to the withdrawal of Kronenberg (NED)*)

FEI Jumping European Championships for Children, Juniors and Young Riders 2025

The FEI Board took note of the withdrawal by the Czech Equestrian Federation of its support for the FEI Jumping European Championships for Children and Juniors 2025, scheduled to take place in Zduchovice (CZE) on 14 – 20 July. Consequently, the Board approved the withdrawal of the Championships from Zduchovice. Further information on the re-allocation of these Championships will follow in due course.

Preferred bidder status

The Board approved the proposed modification to the FEI Policy for allocation of Named Events.

A key change is the incorporation of the principle whereby the FEI Board would have the right to assign "Preferred Bidder" Status to an Organiser for future FEI Championships. The preferred bidder model is similar to the "targeted discussions" model adopted by the IOC and is becoming more common in bidding processes run by International Federations.

The updated policy where the details of the new status have been outlined comprehensively will be published on the [FEI Bidding Platform](#) in due course.

GOVERNANCE

FEI Strategy

The Board was informed of the finalised FEI Strategy, which will be published in due course.

President's Succession Working Group

Following up on the Board's decision taken in June 2023 to define the role of the future FEI President, a President's Succession Working Group had been created.

The Board reviewed the Working Group's initial findings and acknowledged a timeline to gather the feedback of the National Federations (NFs) and potentially seek the approval of the FEI General Assembly, as follows:

- Presentation and discussion of the conclusions reached by the Working Group at FEI Sport Forum 2025: 1 April 2025
- Finalise President Job Description and propose amendments to FEI Rules & Regulations, as necessary: 15 May to 17 June 2025
- Present and potentially seek approval at General Assembly 2025 of President Job Description and possible amendments to FEI Rules & Regulations: November 2025

Periodical Rules Revision Policy

The Board agreed to postpone the full revision of the FEI Vaulting Rules, which was due in 2025 to 2026. The reason was to finalise and test the Free Test concept during 2025 before including it in the Rules.

The FEI Periodical Rules Revision Policy will be amended accordingly and will be published [here](#).

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

The Board approved a new template for MoU Stakeholders.

Key updates include new provisions regarding FEI Equine Welfare Strategy, good governance, Grooms Charter, rules revision and MoU Term. The new template will apply to the new MoU Stakeholders as well as to existing MoUs, when renewed.

The Board approved the MoU with the [International Carriage Drivers Association \(ICDA\)](#).

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chair provided her report on the activities of the Nominations Committee. The President thanked the Chair for 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

Monica Gómez Su (MEX) was appointed as a member of the FEI Jumping Committee for the four-year term 2024-2028.

FEI Dressage Committee

Monica Theodorescu (GER) was re-appointed as a member of the FEI Dressage Committee for the four-year term 2024-2028.

FEI Para Equestrian Committee

Adrienne Van Waardenberg-Nooren (NED) was appointed as a member of the FEI Para Equestrian Committee for the four-year term 2024-2028, replacing outgoing member Joyce Heutink (NED).

FEI Eventing Committee

Pierre Le Goupil (FRA) was re-appointed as a member of the FEI Eventing Committee for the four-year term 2024-2028.

FEI Endurance Committee

Sharon du Plessis (BOT) and Elizabeth van Schelle (BRA) were re-appointed and Anas Hasan (KSA) was appointed as members of the FEI Endurance Committee. A fourth Committee member will be appointed at the FEI Board Meeting following the FEI General Assembly on 13 November when the applicable terms in office will be determined by a draw overseen by the Nominations Committee Chair.

FEI Driving Committee

Pille-Riin Roosileht (EST) was appointed as a member of the FEI Driving Committee for the four-year term 2024-2028, replacing outgoing member Benjamin Aillaud (FRA). Anika Borg (SWE) was appointed for a one-year term 2024-2025 in replacement of Heather Briggs (USA), who resigned.

FEI Vaulting Committee

Dietmar Otto (GER) was re-appointed as a member of the FEI Vaulting Committee for the four-year term 2024-2028.

FEI Medical Committee

Stefan Sevenich (GER) and Francesca Lolli (ITA) were appointed as extra members of the FEI Medical Committee for the four-year term 2024-2028. The appointments are in accordance with Article 6.8.2 Medical Committee of the [Internal Regulations of the FEI](#) approved by the FEI General Assembly 2023.

JUMPING

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

- Longines League of Nations™ 2025
- FEI Jumping Children's Classics 2025
- Global Champions Tour / Global Champions League 2025
- Rolex Grand Slam Rules

The Board ratified the changes to the rules for the following series:

- En GARDE Amateur Series 2025
- EEF Evolution League 2025
- Portugal Horse Tour Rules 2025
- EY Cup Rules 2025
- FEI Jumping World Challenge 2025

The updated rules will be published on the FEI website [here](#) and [here](#) in due course.

The Board approved the change of date for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Final in Lier (BEL) from 10-14 September to **17-21 September 2025**.

As per the [FEI General Regulations](#), Art. 103.4 and 103.5 Official International Events, the Board approved two CSIOs in Belgium, Germany, Italy, Portugal, The Netherlands, and UAE, and three CSIOs in:

USA

CSIO4*, Wellington, FL, 25 February – 2 March 2025

CSIO5*-LLN, Ocala, FL, 18 – 23 March 2025

CSIO3*, Williamsburg, MI, 23 – 27 July 2025

And

France

CSIO5*, La Baule, 4-8 June 2025

CSIO5*-LLN, Saint-Tropez-Gassin, 17 – 21 September 2025

CSIO3* Deauville, 18-22 June 2025

The calendar for the Longines League of Nations™ 2025 was also approved and the details are outlined in [this press release](#).

DRESSAGE

The FEI Dressage Director updated the Board on the [Dressage Stakeholder meeting](#) organised on 1 October at the FEI Headquarters.

The Board supported the creation a Dressage Strategic Action Plan Working Group who will review the discipline comprehensively in view of the full revision of the FEI Dressage Rules due in 2027. In addition, the Working Group will propose and coordinate a Strategic Action Plan for the discipline. The composition of the Working Group will be finalised in cooperation with the FEI Dressage Committee and the term will run through to 1 January 2027.

The Board also approved the update to the Dressage US Equestrian Open Series Rules 2025.

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).
- **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 evaluates the use of new technology to detect circulating EHV-1 virus in stable environment. 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 strengthening the FEI Veterinary Regulations.

- **Elucidating the microbial air profile/particulate characteristics to establish a standardised air quality test for equine riding surfaces**, conducted by Dr Connor Farrell
- **Development of a saliva-based method for in-competition testing**, conducted by the FEI Veterinary Department, dog training company Canema and the FEI Central Laboratory LGC.
- **Oral Cavity Project**, conducted by the FEI Veterinary Department, Dr Mette Uldahl, Prof. Inga Wolframm, and Dr Ylva Rubin is underway. The final phase will be rolled out across all disciplines in 2025.

MULTI-SPORT GAMES

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

These included:

- Asian Youth Games, Tashkent (UZB), 10-25 September 2025;
- Bolivarian Games, Ayacucho (PER), 28 November – 8 December 2025;
- South East Asian (SEA) Games, Bangkok (THA), 9-20 December 2025;
- Mediterranean Games, Italy, August 2025;
- South American Games (ODESUR), Santa Fe-Rosario (ARG), 12-16 September 2026;
- The XX Asian Games to be held in Aichi and Nagoya (JPN), 19 September - 1 October 2026;
- Youth Olympic Games, Dakar (SEN), 31 October – 13 November 2026
- Central American & Caribbean Games (ODECABE), Santo Domingo (DOM), 2026 (dates TBC).

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