



**FEI HYBRID
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FEI BOARD MEETING | KEY DECISIONS

Cape Town (RSA), 10 November 2022

The main discussions and decisions taken by the FEI Board at its in-person meeting in Cape Town (RSA) are summarised below:

Welcome by the FEI President

The FEI President warmly welcomed Board Members to Cape Town for the FEI Hybrid General Assembly 2022.

During his opening address, Ingmar De Vos took the opportunity to thank outgoing Board and Executive Board members Mr Luiz Roberto Giugni (BRA) and Ms Maria Gretzer (SWE) for all their hard work and commitment during their years of service. At the President's request, the Board agreed to propose to the General Assembly to make outgoing Board Members Mr Luiz Roberto Giugni (BRA) and Ms Maria Gretzer (SWE) Honorary Board Members.

FEI President Ingmar De Vos also informed the Board that the FEI had accepted last week an invitation to join the Steering Committee for the [International Partnership Against Corruption in Sport](#) (IPACS) organisation. The Steering Committee includes representatives from all IPACS key stakeholders, which are governments, Olympic Movement sports organisations and intergovernmental organisations. The FEI is the only International Federation represented on the Steering Committee, and has also been invited to contribute to [Task Force 3](#) focussed on Good Governance.

FEI General Assembly agenda

The Board approved the agenda for the FEI Hybrid General Assembly.

Allocation of FEI Series, Championships & Finals

The Board unanimously re-allocated the FEI Endurance World Championship 2022 to Boudheib (UAE) from 20-26 February 2023 with the Championship ride to take place on 25 February. Strongly recommended by the FEI Endurance Committee, the venue which is about one hour from downtown Abu Dhabi will replace the Championship that was originally scheduled to take place in Isola della Scala in Verona (ITA) in October 2022. A press release announcing the allocation is available [here](#).

The Board also allocated the Mexican qualifier for the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ 2023 to San Miguel De Allende, from 26 to 30 April 2023, which replaces the previous venue in Coapexpan.

Equine Ethics & Wellbeing Commission

The Chair of the Equine Ethics & Wellbeing Commission Professor Dr. Natalie Waran was invited to introduce herself and the work of the Commission that was created by the FEI in June 2022, to Board Members.

In her remarks, Professor Waran said, "What we're trying to do is to make the case about why an understanding of both ethics and welfare science is important when making

decisions about the approach taken to maintain Social License to Operate. As Equestrian stakeholders, we've all come from a background of traditions, many of which we hold dear. But to address issues related to Social License, we need to be prepared to adapt, and to embrace what we can learn from new research.

"As fellow equestrians, we are your critical friends, and we want to support you in not only protecting horse welfare but also ensuring the future use of the horse in sport, leisure and recreation. We will provide advice and recommendations to the Board for consideration, but it is up to the Board to decide to accept these and put them into practice."

The FEI President mentioned that he believes that the FEI as an organisation is "mature enough to be open to criticism and to make necessary changes" and said that he looked forward to the discussions with the delegates during the Session dedicated to the Equine Ethics and Wellbeing Commission on 12 November.

During this Session, National Federations will learn more about the results of the survey that was carried out with the equestrian community and the general public, as well as initial recommendations that the Commission put forward for consideration by the equestrian community.

FEI Athletes Committee 2022 – 2026

Following the end of the voting period which took place from 1 July to 31 October 2022, the FEI Director of Governance & Institutional Affairs presented the Athletes that were elected in each FEI discipline, for a non-renewable four-year term from 2022-2026:

- Jumping: Rodrigo PESSOA (BRA) *
- Dressage : Yvonne Sylvia LOSOS DE MUÑIZ (DOM) **
- Eventing: Bettina HOY (GER) **
- Driving & Para Equestrian Driving: Franz SCHILTZ (LUX) **
- Endurance: Sabrina ARNOLD (GER) *
- Vaulting: Lambert LECLEZIO (FRA) **
- Para Equestrian Dressage: Erin ORFORD (GBR)*

The full results of the vote can be found [here](#).

The Board noted the limited participation from the Athletes Community in terms of candidatures received, with only three disciplines receiving multiple candidates, as well the limited participation in the voting process in spite of targeted communications to National Federations, Official Stakeholders and eligible athletes.

*Contested position with multiple candidacies – see [here](#) for the list of candidates in each discipline.

**Uncontested (sole candidate)

Legal Update - Medical and Maternity Leave Ranking Rules

The FEI Legal Department informed the Board of a review currently underway regarding the Medical and Maternity Leave Ranking Rules for FEI disciplines, including consultation with relevant riders' clubs and the wider equestrian stakeholder groups. As part of the review process, the disciplines that currently do not have maternity leave provisions in their rules are reviewing the topic.

The Legal Department indicated a first proposal could be put forward to the FEI Board for consideration at its teleconference in December 2022.

Appointment of Technical Committee Members

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

FEI Veterinary Committee

Lars Roepstorff (SWE) and Mark Sinnott (GBR) were appointed as members of the FEI Veterinary Committee for the four-year term 2022-2026, replacing outgoing members Tim Parkin (GBR) and Yves Rossier (CAN).

FEI Medical Committee

Linsey Mason (IRL) was appointed as a member of the FEI Medical Committee for 2022-2026, replacing outgoing members Zoltan PALL (HUN).

FEI Jumping Committee

Michael Stone (USA) was appointed as a member of the FEI Jumping Committee for the four-year term 2022-2026, replacing outgoing member Daniela Garcia Nigaglioni (MEX).

FEI Dressage Committee

Mr Frederico Pinteus (POR) was appointed as a member of the FEI Dressage Committee for the four-year term 2022-2026, replacing outgoing member Irina Maknami (RUS).

FEI Eventing Committee

Neil McKenzie-Hall (NZL) was appointed as a member of the FEI Eventing Committee for the four-year term 2022-2026, replacing outgoing member Geoff Sinclair(AUS).

FEI Driving Committee

Joaquin Medina (ESP) was appointed as a member of the FEI Driving Committee for the four-year term 2022-2026, replacing outgoing member Miguel Angel Gutierrez Camarillo (ESP).

FEI Vaulting Committee

Anna Andersson (SWE) and Lise Berg (DEN) were appointed members of the FEI Vaulting Committee for the four-year term 2022-2026, replacing outgoing members Rob De Bruin (NED) and Anita Flamand-Prochaska (AUT).

FEI Para Equestrian Committee

Rodolpho Riskalla (BRA) was appointed as a member of the FEI Para Equestrian Committee for the four-year term 2022-2026, replacing outgoing member David Hamer (GBR).

Jumping

The FEI President provided a short overview of the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Task Force Meeting that was held on 25 October 2022 in Lausanne where stakeholders from the Jumping community were brought together to consider the future of the Series. The FEI President confirmed that based on the constructive feedback from the meeting, an internal debrief would follow to establish future actions including drafting some concrete proposals which will be put forward to the community for further discussion.

The FEI Board approved clarifications and modifications to the 2023 Rules for the following series:

- Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™
- FEI Jumping World Challenge
- FEI Children's Classics
- Global Champions Tour/Global Champions League
- Cavaliada Tour Rules 2022-23

All Series Rules will be published on the FEI website [here](#) in due course.

Dressage

The Board approved amendments and clarifications to the FEI Dressage Nations Cup™ Rules and the FEI/WBFSH Young Horses Guidelines.

The approval of the Dressage World Ranking List Rules for 2023 was postponed to the Board Meeting in December 2022, to accommodate the consultation process currently underway regarding Medical and Maternity Leave Ranking Rules for all disciplines, as referenced in the Legal Update above.

The Series Rules will be published in due course on the FEI website [here](#).

Para Dressage

The Board approved the FEI Para Dressage Challenge created by FEI Solidarity and the Sport Department, with the first edition of the series in 2023 to be used as a pilot phase.

The format will offer three different levels of Competition, from beginner to advanced. The Level of the Para Dressage tests will be below the first International level at Beginner and Foundation levels, and the lower Para Dressage test used for the CPEDI1* will be used for the Advanced Level. The Para Dressage testing working group is currently working on writing the Para Dressage tests for each level and Classification Grade. All Para Dressage tests will be available [here](#) before the end of 2022.

The approval of the Para Dressage World Ranking List Rules for 2023 was also postponed to the Board Meeting in December 2022, to accommodate the consultation process currently underway regarding Medical and Maternity Leave Ranking Rules for all disciplines, as referenced in the Legal Update above.

Eventing

The Board approved the FEI Eventing Nations Cup™ Rules 2023 which will be available on the FEI website [here](#).

Driving & Para Driving

There were no items for approval by the Board. The Chair of the FEI Driving Committee provided the Board with a short overview of the proposed rules amendments that will be discussed during the Rules Sessions on 12 November.

Vaulting

The Board approved the Rules for the FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Final 2023 including a small amendment to correct an inconsistency between two articles (2.1 and 2.4).

The Series Rules will be published in due course on the FEI website [here](#).

Veterinary Matters

The FEI Veterinary Director updated the Board on a case of West Nile fever that was found in a horse in Great Britain this week. The horse had been competing at an Event in Spain and developed symptoms of the neurological disease on arrival at its home stables. West Nile Fever is a zoonosis but it is important to note that West Nile Virus does NOT reach sufficient level in the blood of horses for them to pose an infectious risk to other horses, humans or importantly the mosquito vectors. So infected horses are NOT an infectious risk. For horses a very efficient and safe vaccine does exist. The FEI will launch an awareness campaign to increase the awareness of the disease and vaccine.

Technology and Sport Services

The Director of Technology and Sports Services provided the Board with an overview of recent developments of the Horse Health Requirements via the FEI HorseApp.

Since the Horse Health Requirements came into effect worldwide on 1 January 2022, the FEI HorseApp has recorded more than four million horse temperatures, which Board member and FEI Veterinary Committee Chair Jenny Hall described a “game changer” for the sport. A key development for the App has been the Dashboard which gives Persons Responsible an overview of the status of their temperature recordings, Self-Certifications, Examinations on Arrival and Horse Check-outs for Events in which their horses are entered.

Board members were also provided with data from the FEI Calendar which included a detailed forecast for Events in 2023. The number of overall Shows in the Calendar for 2023 is 1,343 with Dressage, Para Dressage and Vaulting Events showing an upward growth for the next year. The number of 5* events which provide Olympic points for athletes has been maintained for 2023.

Education & Officials

The FEI Education Director provided the Board with statistics of the Education and Officials with the data broken down by the number of officials and their functions, their general gender and age distribution by function, the functions and officials per discipline, the geographical distribution of Officials and a breakdown of the shows, officials and assignments in 2022.

The FEI President took the opportunity to thank the Education department and the teams at FEI Headquarters for their concerted efforts to harmonise the education systems, raise standards and ensure opportunities for Officials to meet the requirements.

FEI Sports Forum 2023 & FEI General Assembly 2023

The FEI Sports Forum 2023 will be held in Lausanne (SUI) on 24 and 25 April 2023. The Board was advised that the following sessions are being considered for the FEI Sports Forum 2023: Report from the Equine Ethics & Wellbeing Commission; FEI Events Organisation which will include discussions on the cost of Events, payment of per diems for FEI Officials and the next steps for Event Classification; FEI Endurance Full Rules Revision; Update on the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Series; Progress report Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The Board was also informed that the FEI General Assembly 2023 will take place in Mexico City (MEX) from 17 to 21 November 2023.

Multisports Games

The Board received a short progress report on the Multisport Regional and Continental Games.

Olympic & Paralympic Games

The FEI Board received a short overview of the ongoing preparations for Paris2024 and LA2028. A broader discussion on the Paris2024 competition schedule, cost reduction measures including stabling and the transition periods between the Eventing and Jumping events will be provided to delegates during Session 4 on 12 November.