

FEI™ SPORTS FORUM

Future of Reining

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SESSION ORDER

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3. Sven Friesecke, Chair FEI Reining Technical Committee
4. Q & A

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INTRODUCTION

Setting the Scene

Future of Reining

OBJECTIVE OF THIS SESSION

“Know YOUR recommendation
about the FUTURE OF REINING within the FEI”

1st REINING WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP AT WEG



APPROVAL OF REINING AS
FEI DISCIPLINE

FEI TO FULLY REVIEW
REINING
TO ALIGN FEI-NRHA
REGULATIONS



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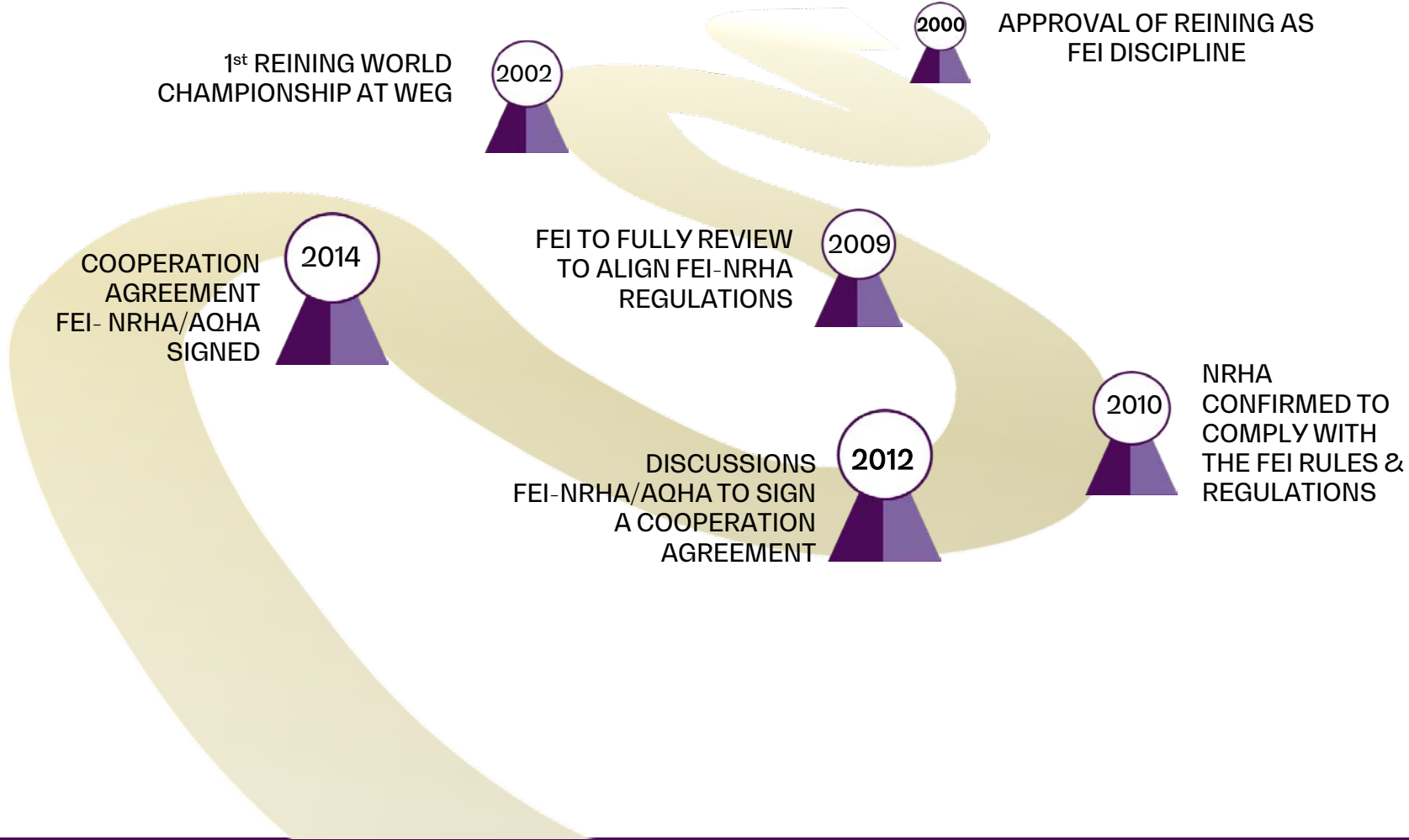
TO ACHIEVE INITIAL COMPLIANCE:

1. All Reining events (National or International) to be subject to the FEI Regulations. This specifically extends to the FEI Veterinary Regulations as defined.
2. NRHA Affiliates to formalise a relationship with FEI NFs.



2010

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MAIN POINTS OF THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT

COOPERATION
AGREEMENT
FEI- NRHA/AQHA
SIGNED

2014

- 1- FEI to be the sole authority for 7 years old and above horses competitions.
- 2- All NRHA & AQHA competitions to meet the FEI stewarding criteria related to the Welfare of the Horse.
- 3- All NRHA & AQHA competitions to comply with the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse.
- 4- NRHA & AQHA to accept and enforce relevant penalties imposed by FEI and CAS.
- 5- Joint FEI NRHA and/or AQHA Reining Events are subject to FEI Rules & Regulations, including (but not only):

FEI Veterinary Regulations

FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations

FEI's PROPOSAL
TO AMEND THE
COOPERATION
AGREEMENT



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DISCUSSIONS
FEI-NRHA/AQHA TO SIGN
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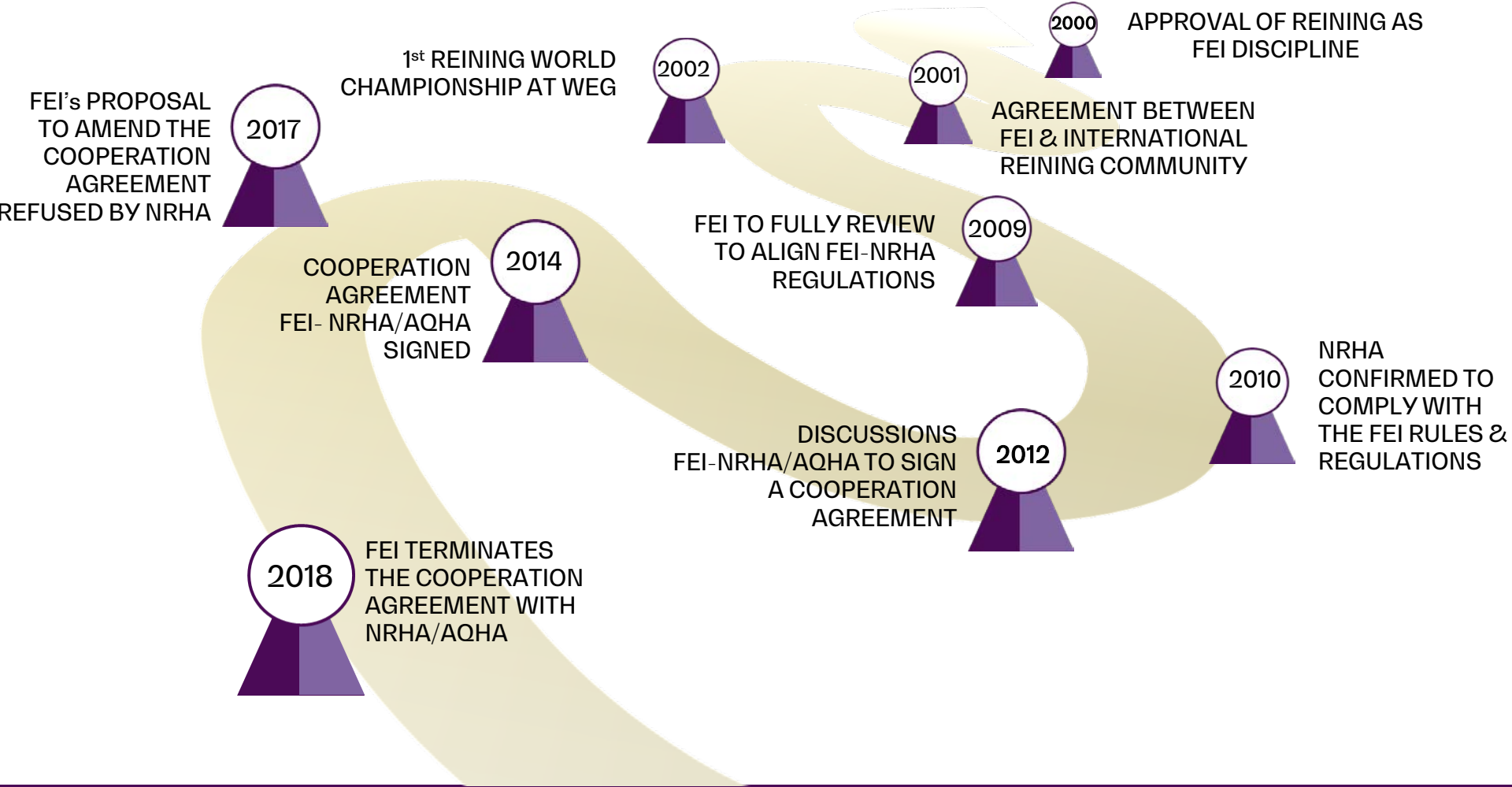


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FEI'S PROPOSAL

- 1- **Any** competition ~~which is specifically~~ organised for horses of 7 years and older, **regardless of the number of nations participating in the competition**, is required to be organised and run as a CRI under the FEI Rules & Regulations.
- 2-The NRHA and AQHA agree and confirm that all recognised/approved Reining competitions hosted by NRHA and AQHA will meet the minimum stewarding criteria **as per the FEI Stewards Manual Reining**.
- 3- Recognition of Penalties: **The FEI will notify the NRHA and AQHA of any such penalties and the NRHA and AQHA shall promptly provide the FEI with a confirmation that it has informed the relevant person that the penalty imposed will be enforced by the NRHA and AQHA and at NRHA and AQHA events.**
- 4- **It is a strict condition that FEI rules and policies must be fully observed, respected and implemented at all and joint FEI, AQHA and/or NRHA Reining Events, i.e. events at which FEI and AQHA/NRHA competitions are held concurrently (“Joint Events”).**

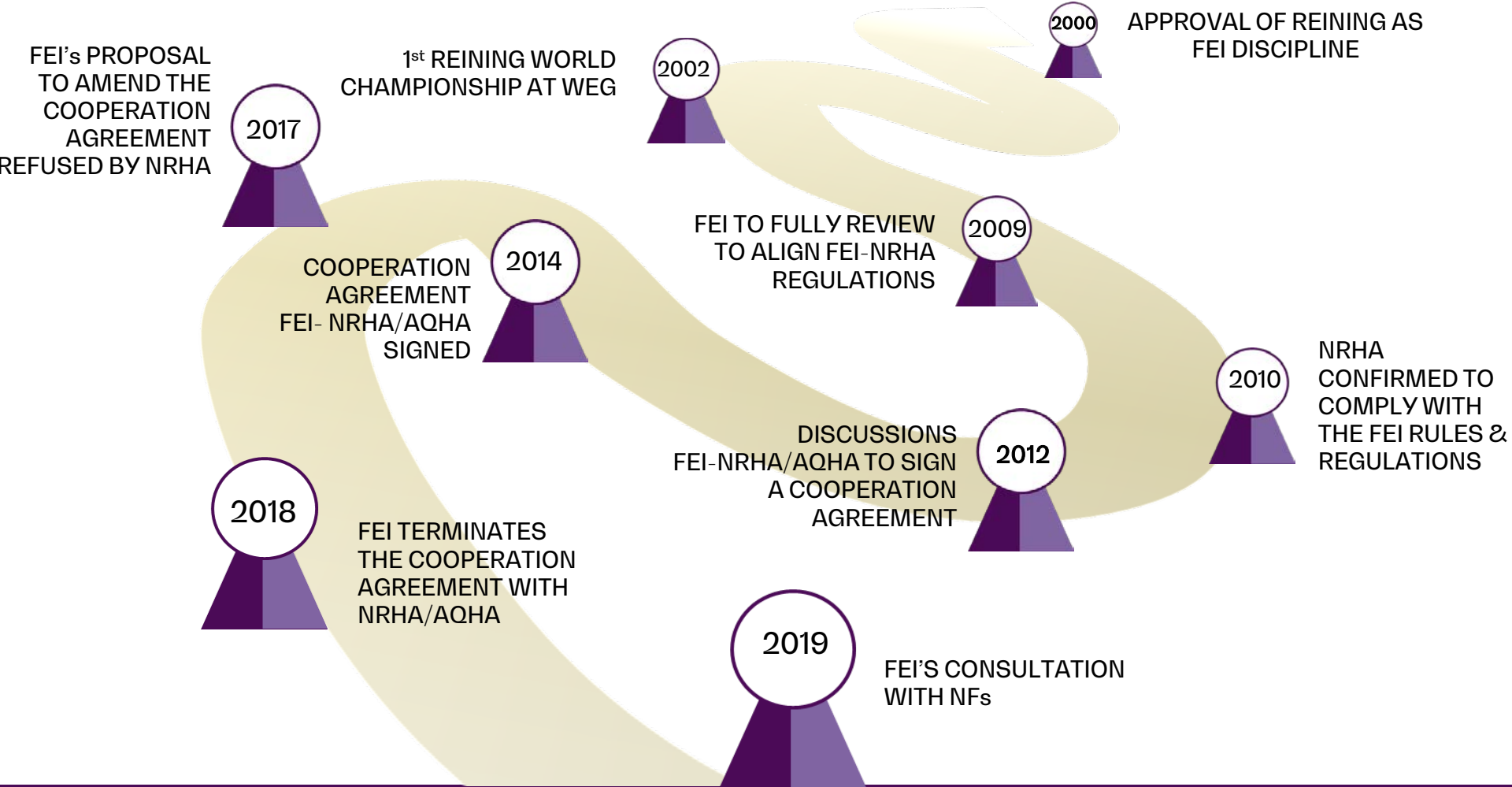


COOPERATION AGREEMENT BREACHES

- 1- FEI to be the sole authority for 7 years old and above horses competitions X
- 2- NRHA to accept and impose penalties imposed by FEI X
- 3- NRHA's respect and enforces FEI Veterinary Regulations & FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations X
- 4- NRHA to comply with FEI stewarding rules X



FEI TERMINATES
THE COOPERATION
AGREEMENT WITH
NRHA/AQHA





FUTURE ?

Future of Reining

WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF FEI REINING WITH NO COOPERATION AGREEMENT?

ANALYSIS FROM 3 PERSPECTIVES:

- A. GOVERNANCE
- B. LEGAL
- C. WELFARE

GOVERNANCE

Existing of 2 international Governing Bodies

This is **CONTRARY** to **SEVERAL** articles of our Statutes

GOVERNANCE

- Article 1.1 of FEI Statutes:

“FEI to be the sole authority for all International Events [...] Reining”

GOVERNANCE

- Article 2.4 of FEI Statutes:

“All National Federations recognise the FEI as the sole authority and governing body for Equestrian Disciplines. The National Federations agree not to become members or recognise or otherwise support any other international organisation with a similar purpose except those recognised by the FEI”

GOVERNANCE

- Article 2.5 of FEI Statutes:

“The FEI and the National Federations recognise that each National Federation is the sole authority (besides the FEI itself) for Equestrian Disciplines in the country where it is located.”

LEGAL

- Application of “Unsanctioned Event” Rule of FEI General Regulations to:
 - Athletes
 - Horses
 - Officials
- CONSEQUENCE: 6 months INELIGIBILITY.
- Organisers could not organise FEI Reining Events together with NRHA Shows.

WELFARE RULES

All FEI Reining Competitions must comply with:

- FEI Veterinary Regulations.
- FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations.

THANK YOU



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BETTINA DE RHAM
FEI DIRECTOR, REINING

Reining Rules

- 2009: position of Reining was reviewed

Need for the discipline and its various associated affiliates to fully comply with

- FEI General Regulations
- FEI Statutes
- FEI Veterinary Regulations

Reining Rules

- 2010: the FEI Bureau supported a full review of the existing structure of FEI Reining
 - FEI Reining Rules
 - Management and appointment/promotion of FEI Reining Officials
 - Training and Development of Judging & Stewarding within Reining events.

Reining Rules

Some relevant points were to be addressed:

- Athletes riding for too long,
- Athletes showing overly aggressive use of the hands,
- Athletes showing overly aggressive use of the spurs,
- Athletes attempting to train post-competition.

FEI Reining Rules 2012

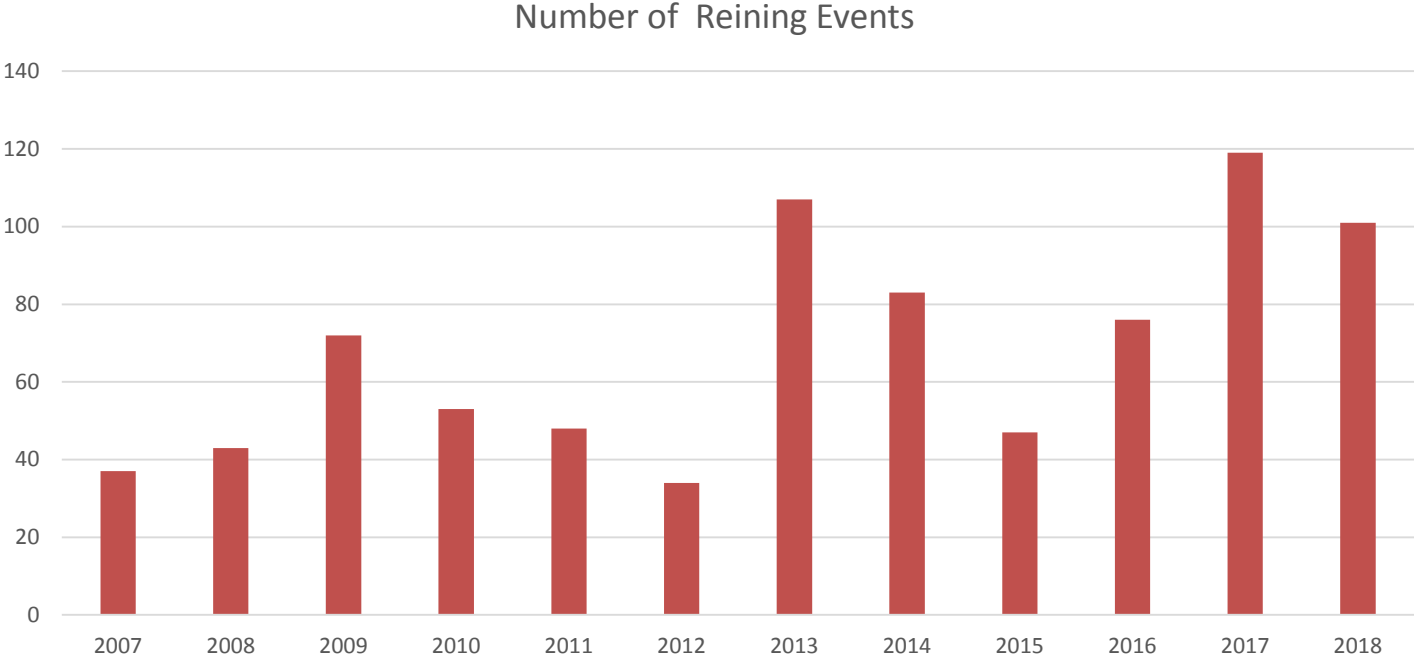
New Rules, with new star rating of Events
effective 1 January 2012

- Recognize sporting achievements - degree of skill shown by athlete and horse working as a combination
- Prize-money not as driving force behind the growth of FEI Reining
- Code of conduct and welfare of the Horse is paramount -
INTRODUCTION OF RESTRICTION RULES ON SCHOOLING
OF HORSES

Further main Rule Changes

- 2014: introduction of start rating CRIs for Young Riders and Junior (1* to 3* events)
- 2015: introduction of Children classes
- 2017: first World Championships for Juniors and Young Riders introduced (were Continental)

Statistics – Number of FEI Events



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year	CRI1*	CRI2*	CRI3*	Championships, Continental, World, North-American	Total
2007					37
2008					1 43
2009					4 72
2010					2 53
2011					3 48
2012					1 34
2013	30	18	54		5 107
2014	25	14	41		3 83
2015	10	5	29		3 47
2016	18	14	41		3 76
2017	21	21	75		2 119
2018	11	11	76		3 101

Statistics - FEI Events

Discipline	2007	2018	% 2007 to 2018	
Dressage/Para Dressage	254	667	413	163%
Driving / Para Driving	157	297	140	89%
Endurance	466	922	456	98%
Eventing	417	711	294	71%
Jumping	720	1634	914	127%
Reining	37	101	64	173%
Vaulting	21	132	111	529%
TOTAL	2'072	4'464	2'392	115%

Average number of starters per CRIs

year	Nbr of Events	Average nbr of starters
2013	107	6.41
2014	83	5.15
2015	47	5.41
2016	76	5.69
2017	119	4.08
2018	101	4.15

FEI Events

Year	Shows	FEI alone	%	with NRHA	%
2017	41	10	24%	31	76%
2018	42	11	26%	31	74%

Statistics – Number of registered Athletes

Discipline	2009	2018	% 2009 to 2018	
Dressage/Para Dressage	2309	4023	1714	74%
Driving/Para Driving	928	1049	121	13%
Endurance	6198	7160	962	16%
Eventing	4792	5783	991	21%
Jumping	11380	21737	10357	91%
Reining	336	297	-39	-12%
Vaulting	874	1972	1098	126%
TOTAL	26817	42021	15204	57%

Statistics - Number of registered Horses

Discipline	2009	2018	% 2009 to 2018	
Dressage / Para Dressage	3188	5274	2086	65%
Driving	2916	2863	-53	-2%
Endurance	8295	15976	7681	93%
Eventing	7564	9316	1752	23%
Jumping	25010	48787	23777	95%
Reining	447	342	-105	-23%
Vaulting	348	617	269	77%
TOTAL	47768	83175	35407	74%



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CHAIR
FEI REINING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Starting position

- FEI Reining Committee
- 3-year and 5-year plan
- Reining community – the potential for FEI Reining

Fundamental questions

- FEI as sole authority body
- Clear commitment of the Reining community to FEI Reining

Probable next steps

- Definite multi-years plan
- Definition of quantitative targets
- Implementation of multi-annual plan

Youth in Reining

- Emotions and hopes

Summary

- Chance for a new Cooperation Agreement?
- 3-4 years for making changes

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS