

I apply for the position of Chair, Medical Committee

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First Name/FAMILY NAME	Mark / HART
Year of Birth	1956
Nationality	USA
Languages spoken	English
Endorsed by (NF)	United States Equestrian Federation



	Year	Experience
Professional Career	1988-1991	Internal Medicine Residency, University of California San Francisco
	1991-1994	Cardiovascular Medicine Fellowship, Oregon Health Sciences University
	1994-2017	Cardiology private practice, Northwest Cardiovascular Institute
	,2012-2017	Managing Partner, Northwest Cardiovascular Institute
	2017-2024	Staff Cardiologist, Adventist/OHSU Regional Heart Center

	Year	Experience
Equestrian and other sport Experience	2020-2024	Chair, FEI Medical Committee and FEI Board Member
	2018-2020	Member, FEI Medical Committee
	2018	Venue Chief Medical Officer, 2018 Tryon World Equestrian Games
	2012-2024	Team Physician, USEF High Performance Program
	2021-2024	Chair, USEF Human and Equine Safety and Welfare Committee
	2011-2017	Executive Board Member, US Eventing Association

	Year	Degree / Certification
Education / Certification	1981	Bachelor of Science
	1983	Masters of Science
	1988	Doctor of Medicine
	1994	Fellow, American College of Cardiology

! I confirm that the information given in this Form is accurate and complete;
 I confirm having carefully read the contents of the job specification, in particular but not limited to, the position constraints.

March 21, 2024

Dear FEI Nominating Committee,

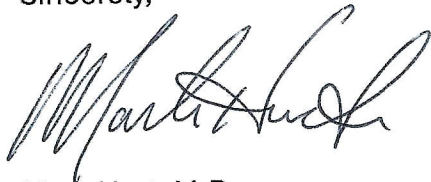
I am honored to be nominated to serve a second term as Chair of the Medical Committee for 2024-2028. After assisting the FEI in navigating the very challenging conditions of the Covid pandemic by developing evidence-based policies to safely compete during these unique times (as well as serving as the FEI Covid Liaison Officer for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games), our Medical Committee has significantly expanded efforts to promote and support the health and safety of our FEI human athletes with many new initiatives over the past four years. This has included taking on a leadership role on the international stage in advancing helmet safety standards to better protect equestrians from serious head injuries. We have also recently been involved along with several National Federations in creating an air vest safety research project to better understand their role in advancing rider protection and setting new performance standards. To assist with these goals, we are improving programs for athlete injury reporting across our many disciplines. This involves closer coordination with National Federations and reaching out and providing more support and resources for our smaller federations with a new NF Medical Advisor program in coordination with the FEI Solidarity Department. I'm excited that the Medical Committee was expanded with the additional of two new positions approved at the General Assembly last year which will serve to better carry out our ambitious program to advance athlete health and welfare.

I have been fortunate to be involved in many aspects of equestrian sports for the past two decades on a local, national, and international level. This journey started as a parent of a young eventing competitor who worked her way up the FEI levels. I was also a very lucky horse owner of an incredible off-the track Thoroughbred eventing horse named Poggio who competed and medaled at two World Equestrian Games and two Olympic Games. While my daughter "retired" from competition as her own family grew, I stayed connected as a passionate advocate for horse sports and eagerly became involved by serving in various volunteer governance and administrative roles for the US Eventing Association, the US Equestrian Federation and now with the FEI. At the urging of the FEI HQ, I was "volunteered" as the venue Chief Medical Officer for the 2018 Tryon World Equestrian Games just three months before the start of the Games. This was a humbling experience as the task was more complex than initially envisioned given the unique circumstances of its remote location and then dealing with a hurricane in the middle of the competition. This adventure enabled me not only the opportunity to meet and form a close working

relationship with many members of the FEI staff but also to create a new and broad international network with many different National Federation officials and athletes.

While we all come from individual nations, I fully understand the importance of putting specific national agendas aside to remain impartial to promote transparency as committee members must represent all members of the FEI community to create strong collaborations with and between all national federations. I believe that this broad connection to many different international equestrian stakeholders over the years has given me a solid foundation to continue to serve in this role to promote equestrian sport safety and welfare to assure a successful and safe future for the next generation to enjoy and thrive.

Sincerely,

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Mark Hart, M.D.



April 16, 2024

Ms. Sabrina Ibáñez, Secretary General
Fédération Equestre Internationale
HM King Hussein I Building
Chemin de la Joliette 8
1006 Lausanne
Switzerland

Dear Sabrina:

The United States Equestrian Federation is pleased to support the nomination of Dr. Mark Hart as Chair of the FEI Medical Committee.

If you need additional information, please contact the US Equestrian office.

Best regards,

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Thomas F. X. O'Mara
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William J. Moroney'.

William J. Moroney
Secretary General to the FEI

cc: Julie Schlaefli, FEI Governance Coordinator