

PROPOSALS FOR 2020 RULES CHANGES STATUTES

Lausanne, 8 July 2019

Dear Member Federations,
Dear Stakeholders,

Please find below a summary of the proposed changes to the FEI Statutes together with the corresponding explanations as approved by the FEI Board during its in-person meeting on 19, 20 and 21 June 2019 in Lausanne, Switzerland.

We would appreciate any comments you may have on these proposed rule changes by 30 August 2019. Thank you for sending your comments to Francisco P. Lima at Francisco.lima@fei.org directly.

Sincerely,

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FEI Director of Governance & Institutional Affairs

Articles 1.1, 31.1 iii and Definitions

Explanation for Proposed Change

Removal of the references to Reining subject to approval of the proposal that it is stated in the separate Memo [HERE](#)

Proposed Wording

"Article 1.1. To be the sole authority for all International Events in Dressage, Jumping, Eventing, Driving, Endurance, Vaulting, ~~Reining~~, Para -Equestrian and any other forms of Equestrian Sport approved by the General Assembly (the "Equestrian Disciplines")";

"Article 31.1 iii. Technical Committees for:

- a) Jumping
- b) Dressage
- c) Eventing
- d) Endurance
- e) Driving
- f) Vaulting
- ~~g) Reining~~
- ~~h)g) Para -Equestrian~~
- ~~i)h) Veterinary~~
- ~~j)i) Medical"~~

"DEFINITIONS

Discipline: The term "Discipline" refers to any Equestrian Discipline approved by the General Assembly, such as Dressage, Jumping, Eventing, Driving, Endurance, Vaulting, ~~Reining~~ and Para Equestrian.

Equestrian Disciplines: International Events in Dressage, Jumping, Eventing, Driving, Endurance, Vaulting, ~~Reining~~ and Para Equestrian any other form of Equestrian Sport approved by the General Assembly."

Article 10 and 19.1 iii

Explanation for Proposed Change

Make the Chairs of Vaulting, Para Equestrian Medical Committees full members of the Board.

The Board underlined the importance of these 3 Committees within the FEI structure, recognised their work done in the past years and showed the Board's respect and appreciation for them.

Proposed Wording

"Article 10

xxi. c) The Chairs of the Technical Committees for Veterinary, Dressage, Jumping, Eventing, Driving, and Endurance, Vaulting, Para Equestrian and Medical;

Article 19.1

iii. The Chairs of the Technical Committees for Dressage, Jumping, Eventing, Driving, Endurance, ~~and~~ Veterinary, Vaulting, Para Equestrian and Medical (Technical Chairs);”

New Article 20.4

Explanation for Proposed Change

The existing system for rule changes (i.e. consultation with NFs and stakeholders, and voting through the General Assembly) takes approximately 12 months to complete.

In order to be able to intervene in protecting the welfare of the Horse and the safety of the Athlete the FEI is proposing to give the right to the Board to approve rules changes that are prerogative of the General Assembly. The National Federations shall keep the right of disapproval.

Proposed Wording

“In addition to the foregoing, in order to ensure the safety of the Athlete and/or the welfare of the Horse the Board may, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of votes cast, pass Resolutions which are normally the prerogatives of the General Assembly. In such cases, the National Federations shall be notified promptly of these measures. If a majority of the National Federations eligible to vote, responding within thirty (30) days of the date of the notice, signifies its disapproval, the measure shall be rescinded if possible.”

New Article 51.2

Explanation for Proposed Change

If the proposal to make the Chairs of Vaulting, Para Equestrian and Medical Committees full members of the Board is approved by the General Assembly 2019, those 3 new positions will be filled as per an election process in 2020 for election by the General Assembly 2020.

As the Chairs of Vaulting and Medical Committees are outgoing in 2019, in order to keep these Committees workable, it is proposed that the Board appoints the Chair of those 2 Committees during the General Assembly week 2019 for a period of 1 year.

Proposed Wording

“For the Term 2019-2020, the Board shall appoint the Chairs of the Vaulting and the Medical Committees during the FEI Board meeting immediately after the General Assembly 2019.

The current Term of the Chair of Para Equestrian remains unchanged.

For the Terms 2020-2024, the Chairs of Vaulting, Para Equestrian and Medical Committees, shall be elected by the General Assembly in 2020 according to the process set out in Article 24 and Annex I of the FEI Statutes”

Article 51.3

Explanation for Proposed Change

Given the increase number of cases coming before the FEI Tribunal, the Board agreed (as recommended by the Nominations Committee) to add 2 more positions in the FEI Tribunal to be elected at the General Assembly 2019 for a maximum of 9 members in total (including the Chair).

This approval does not require a statutory modification as Article 38.6 established that the FEI Tribunal shall be composed of a Chair and a minimum of 6 other members.

When approving this recommendation the Board requested the Terms of the Members to be staggered in order to guarantee continuity of the Tribunal.

Proposed Wording

"At the General Assembly 2019 a Chair and 7 Members of the FEI Tribunal shall be elected as follows:

- Chair for the Term 2019-2023
- 3 Members for the Term 2019-2023
- 2 Members for the Term 2019-2022
- 2 Member for the Term 2019-2021

A draw shall be held during the General Assembly 2019 to allocate the relevant Terms."