



**Main decisions by the FEI Bureau
18-19 June 2018
Lausanne (SUI)**

The FEI Bureau, the body responsible for the general direction of the FEI and for all relevant matters not consigned to the General Assembly, held an in-person meeting at FEI Headquarters in Lausanne (SUI) on 18 and 19 June.

During the meeting the Bureau discussed proposed statutory changes that will further enhance the governance structure of the organisation, along with proposed rules revisions. These will be shared on 9 July directly with the National Federations and MOU signatories and will also be published on the FEI website the same day. This is the start of the consultation process prior to the National Federations' vote at the General Assembly in Manama (BRN) in November.

The following are the main decisions taken at the meeting:

FEI Sports Forum 2018 Youth recommendations

Following the successful FEI Sports Forum 2018 with its dedicated session on youth, the FEI developed a set of recommendations which have been shared with all the relevant discipline committees as well as the FEI Bureau. As a result of these recommendations and the strong feedback received from the youth panel at the FEI Sports Forum, a number of measures and initiatives are already being planned. These include:

Rankings:

All disciplines agreed that rankings for youth across all the FEI disciplines are an important tool. For the disciplines not already publishing youth rankings, these are now in the pipeline for 2019, including initiatives such as armbands, finals and invitations to different events based on the youth ranking.

Series:

For disciplines that do not have youth oriented series, these have also been discussed and proposals are currently being considered either by the Technical Committees or at National Federation level.

Visibility, media promotion and training:

The Bureau members embraced the opportunity for greater exposure and visibility for young athletes across the FEI's channels and the media in order to help leverage sponsorship but also to attract horse owners. The FEI will be developing a media training tool kit for young equestrian athletes.

Governance:

All members of the Bureau agreed that youth have an important role to play within the decision making process. Finding the right channel to ensure that the input and views from the youth are considered at the highest level requires greater refinement. The Bureau tasked FEI Headquarters to investigate best practices and work on a proposal for the next in-person Bureau meeting.

FEI Sports Forum 2019

The dates for the FEI Sports Forum 2019 were approved. It will be held on 15-16 April at IMD, Lausanne (SUI).

Rules revision policy

In order to offer FEI members a clear and robust rules revision process that meets the highest recognised standards of good governance, the Bureau approved a new seven-phase rules revision policy. This clarifies the process for rules amendments and the statutory consultation period, including changing the deadline for National Federations to propose Rules changes to 1 February of the same year that the vote will take place (formerly it was 15 September of the previous year).

The Bureau agreed that the policy will be partially applied for 2018, starting with the consultation phase which begins on 9 July 2018, providing National Federations and stakeholders with the six-week period to review and comment on the first draft of proposed rule changes. The policy will be fully effective as of 2019.

Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee, which met at FEI Headquarters on 6 and 7 June, has evaluated all candidatures and, following that process, information on all candidates for open posts have now been published on the FEI website and notification was sent out to National Federations and stakeholders on 15 June. The recommendations of the Nominations Committee will be announced as part of the election process at the FEI General Assembly in Bahrain.

All the names and supporting documents of the candidates for the open positions to be elected by the FEI General Assembly are now available [here](#). These are:

- Chair Group II – Bureau Member
- Chair Group VI – Bureau Member
- Chair Veterinary – Bureau Member
- Audit & Compliance Member

The FEI President will also be elected by the FEI General Assembly on 20 November. The [sole candidate](#) was announced on 8 May.

The names of the candidates for the 13 positions to be appointed by the FEI Bureau on 17 November 2018 are [here](#).

All applications for positions to be appointed by the FEI Bureau, elected by the FEI General Assembly and elected via an online vote (Athlete Representatives as announced on 8 May) are now all available [here](#).

During the Nominations Committee, Betty Wates (JAM) was elected as Chair of the Committee and Alesia Machulskaya (BLR) as Deputy Chair.

FEI Disciplines

Jumping

The Bureau approved a new Jumping series on the Sunshine Tour, which will link five events as qualifiers for a €100,000 Final Grand Prix.

As FEI Headquarters now approves lower level series, the Bureau ratified the approval of the Sunshine Tour “Young Horse Finals” series and the Horse Sport Ireland Jumping Challenge series.

The Bureau also approved an amendment to the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ series rules that the required minimum prizemoney for the Grand Prix must be €150,000 at all qualifiers, not just in Europe Division 1.

Dressage

The FEI Bureau approved the FEI World Individual Dressage Rankings and FEI Dressage World Youth Rankings rules.

An amendment to the rules for the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Central European League (CEL) 2019/2020 season allowing National Federations to host a maximum of three World Cup qualifiers (CDI-WC) with athletes earning points in a maximum of two events per country, was also approved.

These amendments are available [here](#).

Para-Dressage

The FEI Para-Dressage Ranking Rules were approved and are available [here](#).

Eventing

The Bureau approved changes to the Risk Management Steering Group (RMSG), including the extension of its terms of reference to allow the Group to investigate in the event of a serious accident.

David O'Connor, who was elected Chair of the FEI Eventing Committee at last year's General Assembly, will stand down as Chair of the Risk Management Steering Group. He will be replaced as Chair by Geoff Sinclair (AUS), who was already a member. Gert Naber (NED) and Jonathan Holling (USA) were approved as new members of the Group.

Driving

The Bureau approved several rule changes for the FEI World Cup™ Driving. These are published [here](#).

Endurance

The current three-year agreement between the FEI and the UAE National Federation is due to expire on 27 July. The FEI Bureau mandated FEI Secretary General Sabrina Ibáñez to meet with the UAE Federation to discuss the next steps.

Vaulting

The FEI Bureau approved the 2018/2019 season amendments to the FEI World Cup™ Vaulting Rules. These are published [here](#).

Reining

There was nothing for approval by the Bureau. Proposed rules amendments will be published on 9 July.

Veterinary

Hyposensitivity

A new protocol for the detection of limb hyposensitivity (lack of sensitivity) will be proposed to National Federations as part of the rule changes for the Veterinary Regulations. The protocol is designed to identify nerve blocked horses at FEI Events as horses with hyposensitive limbs are at substantially greater risk of injury. The FEI Veterinary Regulations (Art. 1004) specifically prohibit horses with hypo- or hypersensitive parts of the body from competing.

The protocol, which will be included in the Veterinary Regulations, will be voted on at the FEI General Assembly in November and, if approved, will be implemented on 1 January 2019.

Clean Sport: Equine Prohibited Substances List (EPSL) 2019

The Equine Prohibited Substances List is currently undergoing a complete review in order to ensure that substances are appropriately listed and that the List is in line with advances in veterinary practice. The review is being carried out in a two-stage process. A review of the Banned Substances list has already been completed this year and the Controlled Medication list will undergo the same process in 2019.

The proposed changes to the EPSL for 2019 will be published this week and a consultation period with National Federations will commence at the same time. The revised EPSL will be published on the FEI website 90 days prior to implementation on 1 January 2019.

International Movement of Horses

African Horse Sickness

The FEI, together with the World Animal Health Organisation (OIE) and the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) within the International Horse Sport Confederation (IHSC) partnership, has invested in the development of tests and a safe traceable DIVA vaccine for African Horse Sickness. This vaccine will be a “game changer” for international movement and protection of sport horses.

The IHSC, which is the only global organisation that covers both racing and international equestrian sport, is facilitating the final stages of research and development on the vaccine.

Glanders

The IHSC (FEI and IFHA), together with the OIE, has also invested in a global study to review analytical methods for the detection of Glanders, a zoonotic disease that affects horses as well as humans. The results show that all positive or “borderline” cases detected by the most common method should be followed up by another method in order to avoid false positives. The OIE Scientific and Code Commissions will further review these findings. If this review results in changes to the testing protocols, it could save the lives of numerous horses around the world.

European Animal Health Law and International Horse Movement

The European Animal Health Law (AHL), which was voted into law in 2016 but has yet to be implemented, will impact horse movement within the European Union. Most importantly for equestrian sports the AHL will require registration of horse movement. An EU committee, which includes the FEI Veterinary Director as one of three industry experts, is currently discussing the logistics of implementation.

Brexit

The departure of Great Britain from the EU will have potentially serious implications for horse movement, especially between France, Ireland and Great Britain. The FEI has met with multiple stakeholders in these countries to produce an industry proposal to facilitate movement of horses after Brexit and implementation of the AHL.

Olympic/Paralympic Games

Tokyo 2020

Technical Delegates for Tokyo 2020 were approved:

Jumping – Louis Konickx (NED)

Eventing - Philip Surl (GBR)

Dressage - Mary Seefried (AUS)

The FEI appointed the Course Designer for Jumping, Santiago Varela (ESP) earlier this year. Derek di Grazia (USA) has been appointed by the Organising Committee as Course Designer for the Cross Country.

Construction work currently ongoing at the two venues (Baji Koen and Sea Forest) is on-track to be ready for the test event in August 2019.

Paris 2024

The FEI Bureau strongly and unanimously supported the confirmation of the Olympic equestrian events in Versailles, as announced by the Paris 2024 Organising Committee earlier this month.

“The best possible legacy from Paris 2024 is the promotion of our sport”, FEI President Ingmar De Vos said. “The importance of being at the heart of the Games, especially in such an iconic venue, cannot be overestimated. Having the Olympic equestrian events in

Versailles opens up our sport to a whole new urban audience, as well as providing our traditional fan base with top sport in one of the world's most visited cities."

FEI World Equestrian Games™ 2018

The FEI Bureau was provided with an overview of the progress of preparations for the FEI World Equestrian Games™ 2018 Tryon following the test events which took place earlier this year. Additional updates were provided to the Bureau on venue construction including competition arenas, the Eventing cross country, Driving marathon and Endurance courses, planning and logistics for FEI Officials, spectator and traffic management, accreditations, ticket sales and media partners.

Allocation of FEI Championships & Finals**2019**

- FEI Driving World Cup™ Final - Bordeaux (FRA), 7-10 February
- FEI European Endurance Championship - Euston Park (GBR), 15-18 August
- FEI European Championships for Ponies (Jumping, Dressage & Eventing) - Strzegom (POL), 15-18 August.

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- FEI Jumping European Championship for Young Riders, Juniors & Children - Vilamoura (POR), 21-26 July
- FEI Jumping European Championship for Veterans - Fontainebleau (FRA), 24-27 September
- FEI Dressage European Championship for Young Riders & Juniors - Hartpury (GBR), 27 July-2 August
- FEI Eventing European Championship for Young Riders & Juniors - Hartpury (GBR), 27 July-2 August
- FEI Driving World Championship for Singles - Pau (FRA), 21-26 October
- FEI Driving World Championship for Young Horses - Mezöhegyes (HUN), 10-13 September
- FEI Driving European Championship for Young Drivers, Juniors & Children - Lamotte Beuvron (FRA), dates TBC
- FEI Endurance World Championship for Young Horses – Madrid (ESP), 21-24 May or 4-7 June (dates TBC)
- FEI Endurance European Championship for Young Riders & Juniors – Vic (ESP), 25-27 September
- FEI Vaulting European Championship for Juniors - Flyinge (SWE), 28 July-2 August

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- FEI Driving World Championship for Pairs - Kronenberg (NED), end August-mid September (dates TBC)

In addition, the FEI Bureau took note of the change of venue for the FEI Dressage European Championship U25 2018 from Roosendaal to Exloo (NED). The dates, 13-18 August 2018, remain unchanged.

The Bureau was informed of the date change for the FEI Eventing European Championship for Juniors 2019 in Maarsbergen (NED) from 4-7 July to 11-14 July 2019.

Online Invitation System

The first pilot phase of the FEI online Invitation System for Jumping started on April 9 and involved 12 Jumping events that took place between 4 and 10 June, ranging from CSI2* to CSI5*. On average 30% of the places reserved for Athletes in descending order of the Longines Ranking were used by Athletes and National Federations to enter events. This figure reached 90% on average for the two CSI5* events that took place during the pilot phase.

The general feedback from Athletes and National Federations has been positive and the IT Department is working to implement final improvements to the system and increase awareness among Athletes, prior to the launch of a second pilot phase in the third quarter of this year, which will be notified directly to National Federations via the NF Liaison Office.

FEI General Assemblies

The FEI General Assemblies were allocated for the next two years:

2019 – Moscow (RUS)

2020 – Johannesburg (RSA)