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FEI TRIBUNAL DENIES REQUEST TO ALLOW SAPPHIRE TO COMPETE IN FEI WORLD CUP™ FINAL ROUND

An urgent appeal/protest was lodged this morning by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), McLain Ward (Person Responsible) and Dr Tim Ober (USEF Team Veterinarian) against the disqualification of Sapphire from the FEI World Cup™ Final. The FEI Tribunal heard the case for emergency relief to allow the horse to compete today. Following the hearing, the FEI Tribunal Chair Ken Lalo (ISR) denied the request for emergency relief on the grounds that the FEI Tribunal did not have jurisdiction to overturn the Ground Jury's decision. This means that Sapphire remains disqualified from today's final round of the FEI World Cup.




Sapphire, the horse ridden by McLain Ward (USA), was eliminated from the second round of the FEI World Cup™ Final on Friday night (16 April) and disqualified from the rest of the event following a positive hypersensitivity test.

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