



## **FEI BUREAU MEETING**

Manama (BRN), 17 November 2018

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## **Olympic Games**

The qualification period for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games starts on 2 January 2019. Applications to host FEI Olympic Group qualification events will be discussed at the FEI Group meetings tomorrow to provide clear recommendations for venues. Approval of these Olympic Group qualification events will be made at the second in-person Bureau meeting immediately after the FEI General Assembly on 20 November.

The Olympic Eventing test event (CCI3\*-S) will be held at the Tokyo 2020 venues in August next year (10-12 August).

The Olympic competition formats for Jumping and Dressage will be tested at Hagen (GER) in June 2019 during an adapted CSIOY/CDIOY.

## **Appointment of Technical Committee Members**

The FEI Bureau confirmed the following appointments to the FEI Technical Committees:

### **FEI Veterinary Committee**

Professor Tim Parkin (GBR) and Dr Yves Rossier (CAN) were appointed as members of the FEI Veterinary Committee for the four-year term 2018-2022 replacing outgoing members Kent Allen (USA) and Colin Roberts (GBR)

### **FEI Medical Committee:**

Dr Zoltan Pall (HUN) was appointed as a member of the FEI Medical Committee for the four-year term 2018-2022 replacing outgoing member Dr Antonia Lehane (IRL).

### **FEI Jumping Committee**

Daniela Garcia Nigaglioni (MEX) was appointed as a member of the FEI Jumping Committee for the four-year term 2018-2022 replacing outgoing member Peter Bollen (BEL).

### **FEI Dressage Committee**

Irina Maknami (RUS) was appointed as a member of the FEI Dressage Committee for the four-year term 2018-2022 replacing outgoing member Luis Lucio (ESP).

### **FEI Eventing Committee**

Geoff Sinclair (AUS) was appointed as a member of the FEI Eventing Committee for the four-year term 2018-2022 replacing the outgoing member Patricia Clifton (GBR). The Committee had expressed a preference for an official with a strong background of involvement in the integration of less experienced countries within the Eventing international competition framework.

### **FEI Driving Committee**

Miguel Angel Gutiérrez Camarillo (ESP) was appointed as a member of the FEI Driving Committee for the four-year term 2018-2022 replacing the outgoing member Joaquin Medina (ESP).

### **FEI Endurance Committee**

The Bureau approved an Executive Board recommendation not to appoint a new member of the Endurance Technical Committee until the Temporary Committee, which was established by the FEI Bureau last month, has completed its work.

### **FEI Reining Committee**

Sven Friesecke (SUI), currently Deputy Chair of the FEI Reining Committee for the term 2015-2019, was appointed as Chair of the FEI Reining Committee for the four-year term 2018-2022 replacing the outgoing Chair Bob Thompson (CAN).

Paulus Beurskens (NED) and Magdalena Szarszewska (POL) were appointed as a members of the FEI Reining Committee. One member will be for a four-year term and other member for a one year term (to replace Seven Friesecke (SUI) whose term ends in 2019).

### **FEI Vaulting Committee**

Rob de Bruin (NED) and Anita Flamand-Prochaska (AUT) were appointed as member of the FEI Vaulting Committee for the four-year term 2018-2022 replacing the outgoing members Davy Delaire (FRA) and Doris Knotter (AUT).

### **Para Dressage Committee**

David Hamer (GBR) was appointed as a member of the Para Dressage Committee for the four-year term 2018-2022 replacing the outgoing member Marco Orsini (GER).

### **Multi-disciplinary topics**

The Chair of the FEI Officials Working Group clarified to the Bureau that during the transition period while the competency based evaluation system is being formalised, Officials who have reached the current age limit for their position within their discipline in 2018 or 2019 can apply to the FEI Secretary General for an extension. The Secretary General will consult with the relevant Sport Director, discipline Chair and Veterinary Director and Chair before a decision is made. Applicants for an extension must be in good-standing with the FEI and have a record of actively officiating at FEI events over the past two years. Performance metrics will be considered.

Once developed, the competency based evaluation system will replace the age limit.

### **Jumping**

The FEI Bureau approved clarifications and modifications to the rules of the following series: the FEI Jumping World Cup™ Jumping 2018/2019, FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy 2019, FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth 2019 and the FEI Jumping World Challenge 2019.

The Bureau also approved amendments to the rules of the Longines Global Champions Tour rules 2019 and Global Champions League rules 2019.

Modifications to the Longines FEI Nations Cup™ rules and the rules for the EEM Speed Challenge Series will also be presented at the 2nd Bureau meeting for approval.

All rules will be published in due course on the FEI website [here](#).

The Bureau was updated on the CSI Online Invitation System (Annex V of the FEI Jumping Rules) by the President and the Director of Information and Sports Technology and agreed that a proposal will be put forward to National Federations to continue with a third pilot phase of this system in 2019. Any required rules amendments for the final implementation of the CSI Online Invitation System will go through the normal consultation process for voting on at the General Assembly 2019.

### **Dressage**

The Bureau approved the testing of the FEI Event Classification System (ECS), currently used for Jumping, to help evaluate events in order to formalise a new bidding process for WEL CDI-W qualifiers for Dressage for 2019-2020 and onwards. The Bureau also approved the bidding timeline, evaluation criteria and allocation process proposed by the Dressage Technical Committee.

The Bureau also approved amendments to the rules of the FEI Dressage World Cup™ 2019/2020 and the FEI Dressage Nations Cup™.

All rules will be published in due course on the FEI website [here](#).

### **Para Dressage**

The Bureau approved the changes to the FEI Para Dressage World Individual ranking list.

Modifications to the Para Dressage rules and the Para Equestrian Classification rules were also approved by the Bureau.

All rules will be published in due course on the FEI website [here](#).

### **Eventing**

The Chair of the Eventing Committee provided an update to the Bureau on the latest developments and ongoing progress of the FEI Eventing Risk management programme, including the development of predictive analysis tools for risk management. The improved quality of the information being analysed will be further enhanced when the online reporting is introduced for officials at FEI Events.

The Bureau also approved the rules for the Event Rider Masters (ERM) series 2019 and the TriStar Eventing Grand Slam 2019. The approval of the 2019 Eventing Nations Cup™ Calendar was postponed to the second Bureau meeting after the General Assembly. The Bureau agreed to a gradual implementation of the Eventing Committees' rule proposal of increasing the Prizemoney for the Eventing Nations Cup for 2020.

All rules will be published in due course on the FEI website [here](#).

### **Driving**

The Chair of the FEI Driving Committee provided an update to the Bureau on an indoor circuit for pairs in 2019, as proposed during the Youth Session at the FEI Sports Forum 2018.

There were no items for approval by the Bureau. Proposed rules amendments will be published in due course on the FEI website [here](#).

### **Endurance**

Regarding rules revisions for Endurance, National Federations will be asked at next Tuesday's FEI General Assembly 2018 to either maintain the current Endurance Rules in effect (updated 9th edition, effective 1 January 2018) or apply the Endurance Rules as approved by the FEI General Assembly 2017, effective 1 January 2019.

If National Federations vote to apply the Endurance Rules approved in 2017 for implementation in 2019, this will include a clarification on the heart rate and presentation times which were mistakenly omitted in the version presented to the General Assembly in 2017. (This clarification is not a new proposal as the maximum pulse at Vet Gates of 64 bpm within 20 minutes is already applicable in the current Endurance Rules.)

### **Vaulting**

The Chair of the Vaulting Committee presented to the Bureau a competition format proposal should the opportunity occur for the inclusion of Vaulting in the Youth Olympic Games and, ultimately, the Olympic Games. Vaulting was previously an Olympic discipline at the Antwerp 1920 Olympic Games.

There were no items for approval by the Bureau. Proposed rules amendments will be published in due course on the FEI website [here](#).

### **Reining**

There were no items for approval by the Bureau. Proposed rules amendments will be published in due course on the FEI website [here](#).

### **Veterinary**

The Bureau was provided with an update on Brexit and the potential implications of the agreement, and EU Animal Health Law by the FEI Veterinary Director.

The major concern on EU Animal Health Law, which is not due to be voted upon until next year at the earliest for implementation in 2021, is the potential for stringent Border Station control on health certification that could cause unacceptable waiting time for FEI competition horses. The FEI is involved in high-level discussions in order to ensure the best possible outcome for our horses.

Similarly, the FEI is part of the discussions on the impact of Brexit on the cross-border transportation of horses between Britain, Ireland and other EU Member States. Currently, the situation is unclear, but the FEI has already had meetings with Veterinary Authorities in France, GBR, Ireland and the EU as part of a cooperation between racing, breeding and equestrian sports. Brexit will be on the agenda for both the International Horse Sports Confederation (IHSC) General Assembly on 8 December and the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) meeting in Hong Kong two days later.

The FEI is working on a project to develop a new and improved system for pony measurement which will be separate to FEI events. This will be part of discussions at the FEI Sports Forum 2019.

### **Clean sport**

The Veterinary Director informed the Bureau about the new FEI Hyposensitivity Control System (HCS), which is part of the proposed amendments to the FEI Veterinary Regulations that will be voted on at the FEI General Assembly here in Manama (BRN) on 20 November. HCS is designed to identify nerve blocked horses at FEI events and prevent them from competing, as horses with hyposensitive limbs are at substantially greater risk of injury. HCS uses an objective measuring method that in scientific studies has been proven to safely detect horses that are nerve blocked.

Delegates will be given a presentation on the HCS during the Rules Session on 19 November. If approved by the General Assembly, the HCS will be used at FEI Endurance events from 2019 onwards.

The latest research into limb sensitivity and new FEI Veterinary measures had previously been presented by the FEI Veterinary Director at the FEI Endurance Conference 2018 in Dubai (7-8 April 2018). His presentation can be viewed [here](#).

### **International Horse Sports Confederation (IHSC)**

The FEI Veterinary Directory updated the FEI Bureau on the outcomes of the previous IHSC/OIE workshops, and also provided information on the workshops that will be held in 2019 in Hong Kong, Morocco and Moscow.

### **FEI Solidarity**

The Bureau approved the FEI Solidarity report for the period of September 2017 to September 2018.

### **FEI Sports Forum 2019**

The Bureau approved the proposed topics for discussion for the FEI Sports Forum 2019, including a session on the work of the Endurance Temporary Committee. There will also be sessions on the review of the Legal system, pony measuring and gender equality.

### **Multi-Sports Games**

FEI Director Eventing & Olympic provided an update to the Bureau on Multi Sports Games, highlighting the importance of the role of the International Federation in the delivery of the Games. The Olympic department will produce a guidelines document which will assist Organisers with planning and delivery of future multi-sports events.

There was also an update given on the XVIII Asian Games which took place in Jakarta, Palembang in September this year. Following the success of these Games, it was highlighted how much equestrian sport has grown in this region and how much enthusiasm there is for equestrian sport.

A progress update was provided to the Bureau on the upcoming XVIII Pan-American Games to be held in Lima (PER) in 2019 following the visit to the

equestrian venue of the FEI Secretary General, FEI Eventing & Olympic Director and the Chair of Group V.

### **FEI World Equestrian Games™ Tryon 2018**

The FEI Games Operations Director provided the Bureau with a detailed report on the FEI World Equestrian Games™ Tryon 2018, highlighting the quality of the sport delivery and the sport itself (with the exception of Endurance), but also the areas of concern, particularly late delivery of the venue facilities. All these issues will be incorporated into the transfer of knowledge documentation for major FEI events.

A report was provided to the Bureau by the Equestrian Community Integrity Unit on its investigation into the events surrounding the Endurance event at Tryon 2018. Findings from this report will be presented at the General Assembly on 20 November.

### **FEI World Equestrian Games™ 2022**

The FEI has twice opened the bidding process for the FEI World Equestrian Games™ 2022, but this has not resulted in any realistic bids. As a result, the Bureau unanimously approved the opening of a bidding process for individual world championships in all disciplines for 2022, but with preference being given to multi-discipline bids. The Bureau agreed that world championships for Dressage and Para Dressage should be combined.

The President stressed that this does not necessarily mean the end of the FEI World Equestrian Games™ and bids to host the full seven-discipline Games for 2022 and 2026 will be considered. However, he made it clear that securing world championships for 2022 in the Olympic and Paralympic disciplines was crucial as these serve as qualifiers for the Paris 2024 Games.

The timeline would call for expressions of interest to host world championships 2022 by the end of February 2019, followed by workshops with bidders to understand their expectations and constraints. Bids would be fully evaluated over the spring/summer of 2019 with allocation at the in-person Bureau meeting at the FEI General Assembly in November 2019.

The FEI European Championships 2021 will be allocated at the in-person Bureau meeting at the FEI Sports Forum in April 2019. The FEI World Cup™ Finals 2022, 2023 and 2024, and the FEI European Championships 2023 will be allocated in November 2019.

### **FEI Series, Championship and Finals**

The FEI Bureau approved the following allocations for FEI Series, Championships and Finals:

#### **2019**

##### **Jumping**

- FEI Jumping South American Championship for Young Riders, Juniors, Pre-Juniors & Children – Mariano Roque Alonso (PAR), October Dates TBC
- FEI World Jumping Challenge Final - Quito (EQU), 10 – 15 September

### **Dressage**

- FEI Dressage European Championship U25, Young Riders, Junior and Children - San Giovanni in Marignano (ITA), 24-28 July or 7-11 August

### **Reining**

- FEI Reining European Championship - Givrins (SUI), 9 - 13 July
- FEI Reining World Championship for Young Riders & Juniors - Givrins (SUI), 9 - 13 July

### **Vaulting**

- FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Final – Saumur (FRA), 18-21 April

### **Multi-discipline**

- FEI North American Youth Championships (Jumping/Dressage) - North Salem, NY (USA), 30 July - 4 August

The Bureau also allocated the qualifiers and the Final of the FEI Jumping Ponies Trophy 2019. The Final will be at Mechelen (BEL) 26-30 December.

Allocation of the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth 2019 has been postponed to the second Bureau meeting.

### **Governance**

The Bureau approved the new definition of the FEI's Vision, Mission and Values.

### **FEI Membership**

The Bureau agreed to propose the affiliation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea Equestrian Association to the General Assembly.

### **Per Diems**

The Bureau was updated on a fixed yearly indemnity for Standing Committee, Executive Board and Bureau members, with the exception of the President. This additional allowance to cover living expenses will be over and above the travel and accommodation, which will continue to be covered by the FEI. The payment of per diems is standard practice in the IOC and other International Federations.