

FEI Board meeting (via videoconference) Main decisions 24 June 2020

# MAIN DECISIONS **FEI BOARD MEETING** 24 June 2020

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The key resolutions taken by the FEI Board at its videoconference meeting on 24 June are summarised below:

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### Minimum Eligibility Requirements for Eventing Championships in 2021

The Board approved the Eventing Committee proposal that the Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MERs) for categories and levels at all Eventing Championships taking place in 2021 will remain unchanged to address risk management policies. The Eventing Committee will continue to closely monitor the situation with Covid-19 related Event cancellations and put forward any eventual necessary adjustments to the MERs at a later date.

#### **Driving World Championship for Singles 2020 Pau (FRA)**

#### \*Emergency Board Resolution

The Board approved an \*Emergency Board Resolution to amend Article 914.2 (which is linked to Article 913) of the FEI Driving Rules to allow National Federations participating in the FEI Driving World Championship for Singles 2020 in Pau (FRA), 21-26 October, to select the athletes who will compete. The athletes will be required to possess a 2\* status rating or higher to compete at the Championship.

For the above Emergency Board Resolution, National Federations have until **25 July** to register their disapproval by contacting the FEI Director Governance & Institutional Affairs.

# Extension of FEI Competency-Based Evaluation System (CES) timelines for Officials

The Board approved an extension of timelines for Officials to fulfil their officiating requirements through the CES. The deadline, which was previously who had until 15 December 2020, is now extended to 15 December 2021.

The Board also approved the development of a Virtual Maintenance Course to cope with the high number of In-Person Maintenance Courses scheduled for 2021.

#### Measures to safeguard the sport

The Board received an overview of the measures already approved and their financial consequences and agreed that the FEI to hold discussions with the Equestrian Organisers (EO) and the International Jumping Riders Club (IJRC) in order to explore further possible solutions that would re-energise the equestrian sporting calendar.

# FEI General Regulations and anti-doping rules

The Board unanimously approved proposed changes to the FEI General Regulations and the Anti-Doping Rules (both human and equine), which – along

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with all Rules undergoing revision in 2020 – will be finalised and shared with National Federations and stakeholders on **13 July** for feedback.

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Under the FEI Rules Revision policy, there will then be a seven-week consultation period for National Federations and stakeholders to make comments and/or propose any additional changes. The final draft of the proposed rules changes will be provided to National Federations and stakeholders on **20 October** prior to the Federations' vote during the 2020 FEI General Assembly.

Initial comments from National Federations and stakeholders on the proposed changes to the **disciplines rules**, which have been kept to a minimum for 2020, were also reviewed by the Board and will now go forward to the National Federations and stakeholders as per the above consultation process.

#### **Derogation to Endurance Rules**

#### \*Emergency Board Resolution

In line with the requirements of the FEI Policy for Enhanced Competition Safety during the Covid-19 Pandemic (effective for all FEI Events held as of 1 July 2020), the Board unanimously approved an \*Emergency Board Resolution to allow a derogation from Article 807.2 of the Endurance Rules until **31 December 2020**, extending the possibility of staggered starts to CEI 2\* and 3\*. This resolution will be reviewed in November 2020 to discuss whether the end of year deadline potentially needs to be extended, depending on the evolution of the pandemic.

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#### FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Rules 2020

The Board approved the revised FEI Jumping Ponies Trophy Rules for 2020. They will be published on the FEI website here.

# FEI Jumping World Challenge Rules 2021

The Board approved the revised FEI Jumping World Challenge Rules for 2021. They will be published on the FEI website here.

**NB:** Resolutions marked \* were approved by the Board based on Article 20.3 of the FEI Statutes: In an Emergency Situation 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.