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ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

ELECTIONS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FEI Dressage Committee:

Frank Kemperman (NED), chair, 2009-2013

Thomas Baur (GER), member, 2009-2011

Margit Otto-Crépin (FRA), 2009-2011 – Margit Otto-Crépin will also enter the Athlete's Committee as the Dressage Representative

Anne Gribbons (USA), member, 2009-2013

David Hunt (GBR), member, 2009-2011

Elisabet Lundholm (SWE), member, 2009-2012

Chairs of other Technical Committees:

Jumping – the chair of the Jumping Committee was re-elected for a further term of four years: Sven Holmberg (SWE), 2005-2013

Eventing: Giuseppe Della Chiesa (ITA), 2009-2013

Chairs of Regional Groups:

Group I: Christian Paillot (FRA), 2009-2013

Group V: Catherine Weber de Rize (GUA), 2009-2013

Chair and members of the Audit and Compliance Committee:

Brian Mangan (IRL), chair, 2009-2012

Henk Rottinghuis (NED), member, 2009-2012

Chair and members of the Nominations Committee (the chair and four members were re-elected for a further term of two years):

John Long (USA), chair, 2007-2011

Rakshan Radpour (IRI), member, Group III, 2007-2011

Maribel Alonso de Quinzaños (MEX), member, Group V, 2007-2011

Mahamad Ghazi Yehia (LIB), member, Group VII, 2007-2011

Neil Patrick Fitt (BOT), member, Group IX, 2007-2011

Members of the FEI Tribunal (two members were re-elected for a further term of four years):

Jens Adolphsen (GER), member, 2005-2013

Patrick Albert Boelens (BEL), member, 2006-2013

APPOINTMENTS BY THE BUREAU

Members of the Technical Committees

Jumping Committee:

Vladimir Platov (RUS), 2009-2013

Ian Allison (CAN), 2009-2010

Eventing Committee:

Robert Kellerhouse (USA), 2009-2013

Reining Committee:

Johannes F. Orgeldinger (GER), 2009-2013



Para-Equestrian Committee:

Liliana Iannone (ARG), 2009-2013

Veterinary Committee:

Ray Randall (USA), 2009-2013

Yves Rossier (CAN), 2009-2013

Medical Committee:

Peter Whitehead (GBR), 2009-2013

ALLOCATION OF FEI CHAMPIONSHIPS AND FINALS:

The following FEI Championships and Final were allocated for 2010, 2011, and 2012

2010

JUMPING:

European Veterans, Bern (SUI), 8-11 July

Balkan Seniors, Young Riders, Juniors & Children, Plovdiv (BUL), 12-15 August

DRESSAGE

Balkan Seniors, Juniors & Children, Katerini (GRE), 2-4 July

EVENTING

European Young Riders, Pardubice (CZE), 30 July-1 August

ENDURANCE

European for Young Riders & Juniors, Kreuth (GER), 2-8 August

Balkan, Istanbul (TUR), 18-19 September

JUMPING/DRESSAGE/EVENTING/REINING

North American for Young Riders & Juniors, Lexington (USA), 28 July-1 August

2011

JUMPING

Americas Young Riders, Juniors, Pre-Juniors & Children, Guayaquil (ECU), 4-9 October

DRESSAGE

FEI World Cup™ Final, Leipzig (GER), dates TBC

EVENTING

Young Riders, Blair Castle (GBR), 8-21 August

ENDURANCE

Pan-American, Santo Domingo (CHI), dates TBC

REINING

European Seniors & Young Riders, Wiener Neustadt (AUT), dates TBC



DRESSAGE PARA-EQUESTRIAN
European, Moorsele (BEL), 1-4 September

2012

DRIVING
World Four in Hand, Riesenbeck (GER), TBC

DRESSAGE

The General Assembly approved the **final report by the Dressage Task Force**, which was established one year ago in order to address the following issues:

- Review the issues surrounding the very significant area of the training and development, assessment and selection of judges for major Championships and Olympic Games; review of a randomised / computerised judge selection process;
- The fitness for purpose of the method of judging Dressage competitions in terms of the number of judges, their positioning and the judging process;
- The decision to move from four to three riders on a team at the Olympic Games was not universally accepted as the best for the sport and had to be reviewed;
- The system for qualification for Championships, and the receipt of Certificates of Capability for Championships, World Cups, and the Olympic Games;
- Review the consultation process within the discipline in order to determine the way it affects the structure of the committee in order to ensure maximum involvement by the key stakeholders, both internal to the sport and external within the greater sporting/Olympic/Paralympic environment.

Training and Education of Judges

A new Education System for judges has been designed to ensure quality and consistency across all levels and geographical regions. All FEI judges will be trained and, when needed, re-examined on a regular basis. Refresher Seminars, Sit-Ins with experienced judges, and Shadow Judging will provide expanded opportunities for improvement worldwide. These procedures are also a valuable training tool for national judges allowing for their integration in the FEI system.

Another important innovation is the creation of a Judges Supervisory Panel, the task of which will be to evaluate judges' performances at events and advise the Dressage Committee and FEI management on the selection of judges for major events on the basis of objective criteria.

Number of judges

The number of judges judging at Olympic Games and Continental Championships on Grand Prix level will be increased to seven, instead of five as is currently the case, with all seven judges counting to objectively reduce the influence of each single judge's marks.

Use of Half Marks

The use of half marks will be implemented at all levels except for Young Horses classes, where 0.1 decimals are already in use.



Olympic Games

The teams in the Olympic Games will consist of three athletes/horses. An additional individual athlete/horse may qualify while being at the same time reserve for the team. The same rule will apply to composite teams. As in the 2008 Olympic Games, there will not be drop scores in the team competition.

Competition Format (for all Championships and the Olympic Games)

Day 1 and 2, Competition 1:

First team-competition open to all, i.e. teams of three and individuals.

Day 3, Competition 2:

Final team competition open to eight best teams (24 horses and athletes) and 12 best individuals (36 athletes and horses in total). The individuals can be from the same nations as the teams if placed among the top 12. No substitution between individuals and team members will be allowed between competition 1 and 2.

This competition will also be a technical test.

The starting order for Competition 2 will be as follows:

- a) individual riders ranked 7th - 12th after Competition 1 in reverse order;
- b) teams ranked 5th - 8th after Competition 1 in reverse order,
- c) individual riders ranked 1st - 6th after Competition 1 in reverse order;
- d) teams ranked 1st - 4th after Competition 1 in reverse order.

The team standings will be decided by Competitions 1 and 2 and will serve as qualifiers for the Individual Final.

Day 4, Competition 3:

Individual competition, open for the best 18 horses / athletes from Competitions 1 and 2 (a maximum of three riders per NF will be allowed).

This competition will be Freestyle to Music (Kür) as is currently the case and will decide the individual medals.

Categorisations of Events

Currently, the category of international events in all FEI disciplines – ranging from one to four or five stars depending on the discipline – is determined by the prize money awarded. However, according to an evaluation system for Jumping events created by the FEI Department of Education and Standards in cooperation with event organisers, other key criteria such as quality of footing and competition arena; number and quality of training arenas; stabling facilities; accommodation of riders and grooms; number of spectators; level of service to the media; as well as the overall organisation will in the future be taken into consideration to determine an event's category.

New events will be rated no higher than three-star regardless of prize-money. The level may be increased the following year, if appropriate.

A similar system for categorisation will be evaluated for Dressage events in the near future.

JUMPING

The GA approved the Technical Committee chairman's report which included CSI / CSIO requirements for North America; education and stewarding; revised protocol



for thermography and clinical examination; banning of long hind boots for Young Horse competitions; a revised point system for selected events counting towards the Rolex rankings; and a three-year strategic plan.

The following officials were promoted to "O" status:

Judge: René Billardon (FRA)

Course Designers: Guilherme Nogueira Jorge (BRA), Rolf Luedi (SUI)

Modifications to the following rules were approved:

FEI Rules for Jumping Events, 23 edition

FEI Nations Cup Series – FEI Nations Cup™ and Promotional League, effective for the 2010 season

FEI World Cup™ Jumping effective for 2010/2011 season

Special Regulations for Pony Riders

Special Regulations for Children's Events

EVENTING

The GA approved the Technical Committee chairman's report which included, among other things, education of officials, and endorsed the Eventing Risk Management Policy and Action Plan.

The calendars for the HSBC FEI Classics™ and HSBC FEI World Cup™ Eventing 2010 were approved as follows:

HSBC FEI Classics™

1. Lexington KY, USA – 21-25 April 2010
2. Badminton, GBR – 30 April – 3 May 2010
3. Luhmühlen, GER – 17-20 June 2010
4. Burghley, GBR – 2-5 September 2010
5. Pau, FRA - 27-31 October 2010

HSBC FEI World Cup™ Eventing

1. Tallahassee FL, USA - 5-7 March 2010
 2. Kihikihi, NZL - 2-4 April 2010
 3. Sydney, AUS - 7-9 May 2010
 4. Marbach, GER - 7-9 May 2010
 5. Chatsworth, GBR - 15-16 May 2010
 6. Tattersalls, IRL - 27-30 May 2010
 7. Strzegom, POL - 24-27 June 2010
 8. Minsk, BLR - 21-25 July 2010
 9. Kalispell MT, USA - 22-25 July 2010
 10. Mansfield, CAN - 5-7 August 2010
 11. Malmö, SWE - 13-15 August 2010
 12. Martinvast, FRA - 18-22 August 2010
 13. Schenefeld, GER - 26-29 August 2010
- Final: Pau, FRA - 27-31 October 2010

The corrections and modifications to the FEI Rules for Eventing, 23rd edition, were approved as were the Rules for the HSBC FEI World Cup™ Eventing effective for the 2010 season.



NON OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES: DRIVING; VAULTING; ENDURANCE; REINING

The GA approved the reports of the Technical Committees chairs for Driving, Vaulting, Endurance and Reining. The main focus was on education and included, among other items, updates on the FEI Education System and Courses for Endurance Technical Delegates and the FEI/Hydra Educational Support Scheme for developing Nations.

A Vaulting Challenge-type event will begin in late 2009 in South America with Argentina, Brazil, Colombia and Ecuador hosting events to lead to a trial ranking. The Vaulting Coaches Training Program is in the last stages of organisation between the FEI Non Olympic Sports and Coaching Departments and should be ready to implement in spring 2010. The new Vaulting Judges Training Program goes into effect on 1 January 2010.

Modifications to the following rules were approved:
FEI Rules for International Combined Driving Events, 10th edition
FEI Rules for Vaulting, 7th edition

PARA EQUESTRIAN

The General Assembly approved the Technical Committee chairman's report.

The Rules for Para Equestrian Dressage Events, 2nd edition, were approved.

OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

Modifications to the qualification procedures for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games in London were approved. The proposal will be submitted to the IOC and IPC for final approval.

STEWARDING

The revision of the FEI Stewards' Directory is complete and the FEI is in possession of a CV for all the stewards on its list.

The restructuring of the stewarding system as well as the education system for stewards are well underway. The revised steward manuals for Dressage, Jumping and Eventing are now available on the FEI website.

Course syllabi for Levels 1 and 2 Dressage Stewards have been produced. Courses for Dressage Stewards run according to the new system will commence in the beginning of 2010.

Levels of Stewards

All disciplines will have a level 1, 2 and 3 structure.

It is important to note that:

- All stewards currently on the FEI list will be categorized as Level 3.
- All stewards coming onto the list in future will be categorized as either level 1 or 2 after course completion.



Level 1

Level 1 consists of national stewards who have successfully completed a Level 1 course and its requirements, run according to the FEI syllabus. However, this status does not permit a steward to act as Chief Steward at International events. It only allows him/her to act as "Assistant" Steward at International events. In time, all "Assistant" Stewards will be required to have at least this status.

Level 2

Level 2 stewards must have successfully completed a Level 2 course and its requirements, run according to the FEI syllabus. This status permits a steward to act as Chief Steward at all International events, with the exception of Senior Championships and Games.

Level 3

Level 3 Stewards are nominated by the FEI. This status permits a Steward to act as Chief Steward at all International events, including Senior Championships and Games.

Division of Responsibilities

In order to ensure that this system works, responsibilities are broken down as follows:

- NFs are responsible for organizing and funding courses for levels 1 and 2.
- The FEI is responsible for: running refresher seminars, establishing course syllabi, producing course material and keeping it up to date.

Further education of stewards

In addition to the courses foreseen for levels 1 and 2, refresher seminars must also be attended every three years for stewards to be remain on the FEI list. Each National Federation - or group of National Federations - is responsible for organising Level 1 and Level 2 courses for stewards in their respective countries or groups.

Structure of stewarding and reporting system

FEI Director of Stewarding;
FEI Discipline Honorary Steward General;
FEI Discipline Regional Steward General;
FEI Discipline Steward General; (one per NF)
FEI Discipline Chief Steward;
FEI Discipline Assistant Steward.

For further information please refer to the respective discipline Stewards' Manual.

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