
Inquire about brazilian dressage rider

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Dear Roberta,

Thank you for your message. The FEI is aware of the videos currently circulating on social media regarding Olympic Dressage athlete Leandro Aparecido da Silva (BRA) and we are liaising closely with the Brazilian Equestrian Confederation (CBH) on this matter.

The FEI absolutely condemns any form of horse abuse and has strict rules in place to ensure that the welfare of the horse is protected, including Article 142 of the FEI General Regulations which states that "No person may abuse a Horse during an Event or at any other time". This is echoed in the FEI's Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse, which also clearly outlaws the abuse of a horse, and forms the preamble to the rules for every discipline governed by the FEI and the FEI Veterinary Regulations.

The Brazilian Equestrian Confederation (CBH) is pursuing the case and has referred it to the Superior Court of Sports Justice (STJD) for equestrian. In accordance with our regulations, the FEI will recognise and enforce any decision made in Brazil (see art. 41.3 of the FEI Statutes: "*All penalties validly imposed by National Federations which relate to participation in International Events and activities under the jurisdiction of the FEI shall be recognised and enforced by the FEI and all National Federations.*"). We will await the outcome of the STJD case and take any further action as necessary.

Best,

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See you in Tokyo
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