

**FEI BOARD MEETING**

Lausanne (SUI), 21 and 22 June 2022

The first in-person FEI Board meeting of the year took place on 21 and 22 June at the FEI Headquarters in Lausanne (SUI). While the majority of Board members attended in person, those unable to travel due to ongoing COVID-19 pandemic-related restrictions, joined by video conference.

The main resolutions taken by the FEI Board during these two days are summarised below:

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**NOTE:** \*Emergency Board Resolution: A Resolution taken by the FEI Board as per Article 20.3 of the FEI Statutes, whereby in an Emergency Situation - a serious situation or occurrence that happens unexpectedly and clearly requires immediate action - the Board may, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of votes cast, pass Resolutions which are normally the prerogatives of the General Assembly. National Federations are informed of all Emergency Board Resolutions and those eligible to vote have up to 30 days of the date of the notice to declare their disapproval by contacting the FEI Director Governance.

**COVID-19**

In order to minimise the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on international events, in 2020 and 2021 the FEI Board had approved various Emergency Board Resolutions regarding deadlines to submit applications for the FEI Calendar as well as exceptions to the applicable Date Clash Rules.

Experience is showing that some of the exceptions to the Date Clash Rules have been beneficial for the specific disciplines. As a result, all the Discipline Technical Committees had been asked whether they would propose changes to the General Regulations and the relevant Sports Rules and, if applicable, to formalise these exceptions.

After examining the feedback received from the Technical Committees, the Board agreed to the proposed principle.

Specific Rules change proposals will be submitted to National Federations and MoU Stakeholders through the established Rules Revision process for their feedback and comments on 6 July 2022.

**EHV-1 AND HORSE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS UPDATES**

Detailed explanations on the approved updates to the sanctions linked to the Horse Health Requirements, in place in mainland Europe since 1 November 2021 to mitigate the effects of recent EHV-1 outbreaks, are outlined in a separated press release [here](#). The updated sanctions will apply in mainland Europe as from 4 July 2022 and worldwide as from 1 September 2022.

This is an **Emergency Board Resolution**. NFs have until 22 July 2022 to signify their disapproval by contacting the [FEI Director Governance](#).

**FINANCE**

The FEI Chief Financial Officer (CFO) presented the 2021 audited accounts to the Board. Revenues in 2021 amounted to CHF 40,799,713 and expenses to CHF 41,770,892. The portfolio generated CHF 2,711,325. The net profit for 2021 amounted to CHF 3,682,503. In spite of still being affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and the EHV-1 outbreak on mainland Europe, FEI events resumed in 2021 and the FEI was able to return to a profitable situation.

The FEI CFO also presented the 2022 revised budget and explained some of the adjustments.

The 2021 accounts and the 2022 revised budget were unanimously approved by the Board.

**GOVERNANCE**

The Board heard updates on this year's candidacies for elections and appointments.

The list of candidates for positions to be elected by the FEI General Assembly on 13 November and appointments to be made by the FEI Board on 10 November are available on Inside.FEI.org [here](#).

The Board was also updated on the elections for Athlete Representatives on the FEI Athletes Committee. Online voting for Athlete Representatives will take place between 1 July and 31 October 2022 and candidacies per discipline can be consulted [here](#).

There is one Athlete Representative for each FEI discipline on the FEI Athletes Committee. Athlete Representatives also sit for a single non-renewable four-year term on the respective discipline's FEI Technical Committee.

The Board received updates on NF affiliations and MoUs and Official Mutual Recognition with third parties associations.

Further to a request from the European Equestrian Federation (EEF), the Board agreed that Continental Associations can conduct a feasibility study to evaluate the possibility of taking over the management of Continental Championships.

**FEI SOLIDARITY**

The FEI President provided a short update on FEI Solidarity. He reported on applications for the FEI Solidarity programmes, the course for NF Administrators and Secretary Generals, which will be held in October at the FEI HQ, and the support provided to the Ukrainian equestrian community.

The President highlighted the importance of the Youth Equestrian Games taking place in Aachen (GER) from 23 June to 3 July. This special event was put in place further to the postponement of the 2022 Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in Dakar to 2026 and is supported by the FEI Solidarity Department. It is run with the full endorsement of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The young athletes will enjoy a full sports and educational programme modelled on the YOG. The FEI is the only International Federation to have put in place a YOG replacement thereby ensuring a generation of athletes do not miss out on their Olympic dream. More on the Youth Equestrian Games can be found [here](#).

**ALLOCATIONS OF FEI NAMED EVENTS**

The Board allocated key FEI Finals and Championships until 2026.

The Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final 2025, the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final 2025, and the FEI Vaulting World Cup™ 2025 will be organised in Basel (SUI). The FEI Driving World Cup™ Final 2025 will take place in Bordeaux (FRA). In 2026, the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final and FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final will be held in Fort Worth (USA). The FEI Endurance World Championships 2024 will be held in Monpazier (FRA).

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The Board also allocated Championships in Jumping, Dressage, Eventing, Endurance, and Vaulting taking place in 2022, 2023, and 2024.

Additional details are outlined in a separate press release [here](#).

## **RULES REVISION 2022**

The Board reviewed the proposed changes to FEI Rules and Regulations which will be circulated to the NFs and Stakeholders on 6 July 2022.

These included:

- FEI General Regulations
- Jumping Rules
- Dressage Rules (Full Revision)
- Para Dressage Rules (Full Revision)
- Eventing Rules (Full Revision)
- Endurance Rules
- Driving & Para Driving Rules
- Vaulting Rules
- Veterinary Regulations (Full Revision)
- Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes
- Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations

In accordance with the FEI Rules Revision Process Policy, the key dates after the Board meeting are as follows:

- **6 July 2022:** The FEI provides National Federations and Stakeholders with the first Draft of the proposed Rules changes.
- **24 August 2022:** National Federations and Stakeholders are given seven weeks to review the first Draft and the proposed amendments laid down in this first Draft. They make comments and/or propose any changes in relation to the amendments referenced in the first Draft only.
- **14 October 2022:** Final Draft of the proposed Rules changes is provided to National Federations and Stakeholders.
- **12 November 2022:** Rules Session at FEI General Assembly.
- **13 November 2022:** Voting of Rules at the General Assembly.

## **FEI DISCIPLINES UPDATE & RESOLUTIONS**

### **Jumping Calendar Task Force Proposal**

The Board approved the proposals made by the Jumping Calendar Task Force following their teleconference on 13 May and further consulted, discussed and agreed with a number of Jumping stakeholders on 7 June.

The proposals include the following key elements:

- Increase of Calendar application fees for 5\* and 4\* Jumping Events;
- Creation of a Calendar Application Deposit;
- Increase of Late Calendar Application fees and date changes to the approved Calendar;
- Modification to the Calendar applications for 5\* Jumping Events;
- Cancellations penalties for 5\* and 4\* Jumping Events;
- Removal of Date Clash Rule for CSI3\*;
- Allow switching of venues within the same series and on the same date for FEI Named Series and FEI Approved Series.

Further to the Board's approval, these items will be included in the proposed modifications to the FEI Jumping Rules and will be part of the first draft sent to the National Federations and stakeholders on 6 July 2022.

The increased fees will be part of the Financial Charges to be approved by the FEI General Assembly 2022.

### **FEI Dressage World Ranking List Rules and FEI Dressage World Youth Ranking List Rules**

The Board approved the proposed modifications to the FEI Dressage World Ranking List Rules and the FEI Dressage World Youth Ranking List Rules. These proposals include deleting the "Fairness" paragraph from all the Dressage Ranking (including the Olympic Ranking) Rules on the basis that allowing exceptions to the ranking rules is not transparent and not in line with good governance.

Short Grand Prix will be added to the list of events in which Athletes may gain points for the FEI Dressage World Rankings.

The updated Rules come into force on 22 June 2022 and will be published in mark-up and clean version on Inside.FEI.org [here](#).

### **Eventing**

The Board was informed of the North England Series, a new series to be held at CCI2\*-S level in 2022. It has been approved by the FEI Eventing Committee as a lower-level series.

### **PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES**

The Board reviewed the proposed modifications to the Olympic and Paralympic Regulations and the Olympic and Paralympic Ranking Rules for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The key proposals had been presented during the FEI Sports Forum 2022.

The drafts will be sent to the NFs and stakeholders on 6 July 2022 for their feedback.

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The Board heard a short update on various Continental and Regional Games.

The Board was informed of the following Events that will take place in 2022-2025:

- XIX Bolivarian Games, 24 June – 5 July 2022, Vallendar (COL) – equestrian (Jumping, Dressage, Eventing) taking place in Bogotá;
- XIX Mediterranean Games, 25 June - 5 July 2022, Oran (ALG). Jumping on 30 June – 3 July;
- XIX Asian Games, Hangzhou (CHN) - Tonglu County, Yaolin Town – Jumping, Dressage, Eventing. The Asian Games have been postponed due to Covid-19 situation in China. New dates are subject to confirmation by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA);
- XII South American Games (ODESUR), Asuncion (PAR), 1-15 October 2022, (Jumping, Dressage);
- PAEC South American Eventing Championships, Campo de Mayo, Buenos Aires (ARG), 3-6 November 2022. The Championship will serve as a qualifier for the 2023 Pan American Games further to the re-allocation of the South American Games from ESA to PAR;
- XII Central American Games (ORDECA), Guatemala (Jumping, Dressage), Costa Rica (Eventing), 17 October – 13 November 2022;
- XXIV Central American & Caribbean Games (ODECABE). Further to the withdrawal of ESA, the Games were re-allocated to DOM (Jumping, Dressage, Eventing), dates 2023 TBC;
- XXXII South East Asian Games, Phnom Penh (CAM), 5-15 May 2023; Jumping and Endurance TBC
- XIX Pan-American Games, Santiago (CHI), (Jumping, Dressage, Eventing), 20 October - 5 November 2023;
- XX Asian Games, Aichi & Nagoya (JPN), 19 September – 1 October 2026.

**ANNUAL REPORT 2021**

The Board approved the Annual Report 2021, which will be available in the [online FEI Annual Report Library](#) shortly.